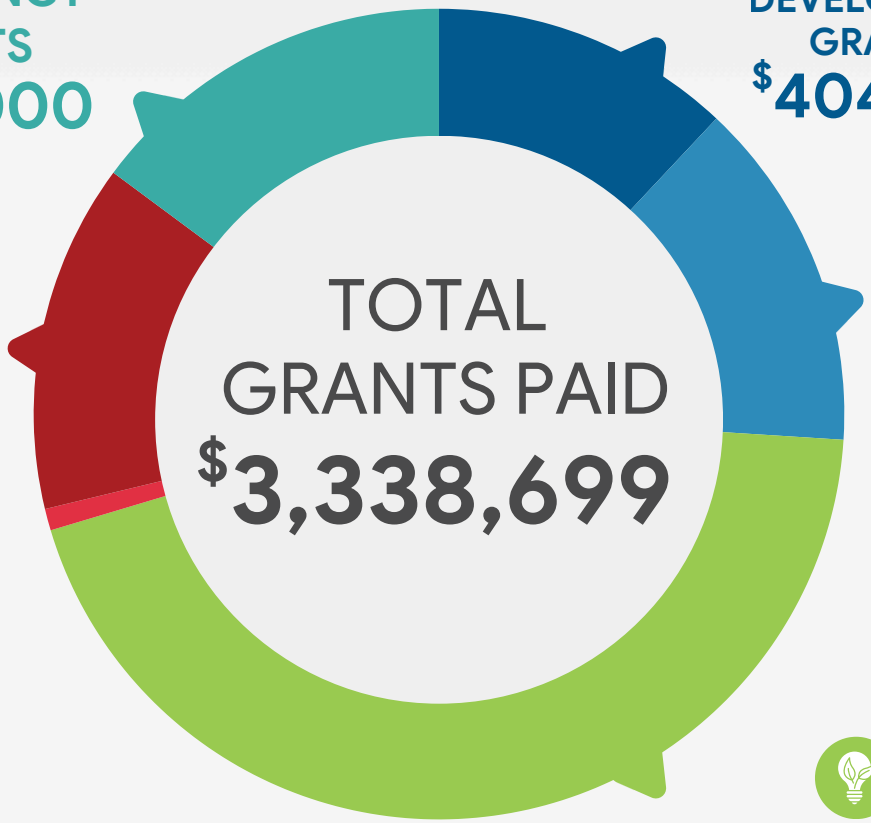
Carolyn Foundation

2025 SNAPSHOT



EMERGENCY GRANTS
$500,000

NEW HAVEN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
$404,000

STRATEGIC GRANTS
$468,718

MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
$471,981

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS
$29,125

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKING
$1,494,000

NET ASSETS AT FAIR MARKET VAUE*

$50,495,256

INCOME $6,776,389 OTHER EXPENSES $655,870

*as of December 31, 2025

OUR VISION

To improve the lives of children, families, communities and the environment through the involvement of successive generations of the family of **Carolyn McKnight Christian.**



OUR MISSION

To partner with programs and initiatives that effect positive change now and in the future.

OUR VALUES

- Civility
- Concern for Community
- Making a Difference
- Inclusion
- Compassion and Reason

GRANTMAKING

MINNEAPOLIS
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

$471,981

Supporting culturally relevant, relationship-rich youth development and leadership out-of-school time programs serving Minneapolis middle school through high-school-age youth (ages 11-18, grades 6-12).

CORE PARTNERS
$50,000

COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSIVE
$421,981

NEW HAVEN
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

$404,000

Supporting culturally relevant, relationship-rich youth development and leadership programs serving New Haven youth ages 13-18.

CORE PARTNERS
$239,000

COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSIVE
$165,000

GRANTMAKING

CLIMATE CHANGE **GRANTMAKING**

$1,494,000

Carolyn Foundation supports both a core group of partners as well as small community-led organizations working to address climate issues within Minnesota and the Indigenous Nations sharing the same geography. In November 2022 the board unanimously approved additional grantmaking funds totaling up to $4 million over four years, from 2023 to 2026. This strategy entails taking aggressive action to accelerate climate mitigation and resilience efforts between now and 2030 to assure a foundation for 100% clean energy by 2040 and net zero emissions by 2050.

CORE PARTNERS

$321,000

COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSIVE

$248,000

SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

$925,000

GRANTMAKING

STRATEGIC GRANTMAKING

$468,718

Carolyn Foundation has been making foundation-initiated grants for the past 25 years, supporting our existing grantmaking priorities of youth development and climate change. We've found long-term strategic grants the best way to make a meaningful difference by addressing root causes and effecting long-term systemic change.

Impact Investing

Carolyn Foundation holds $6.6 million in impact-generating bonds in Minneapolis, MN, and New Haven, CT. We also continue to align our investment portfolio with our climate change objectives by incorporating sustainability considerations across our investments.

EMERGENCY GRANTMAKING

$500,000

In response to unexpected funding challenges facing nonprofit organizations in 2025, Carolyn Foundation established a one-time emergency fund to provide additional support to grantee partners navigating uncertainty. This special funding was intended to help sustain essential community services and support the communities our partners serve.

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