

# Community Solutions Fund Grantee Selection Process Summary

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Thank you for inquiring about the review process for the Community Solutions Fund. The Community Solutions Advisory Council worked hard to embed equity into each step of the review process and to fund as many organizations as possible. Of the 46 applicants, 23 were offered grant awards. For those organizations that did not receive funding, please know that this decision does not reflect your ability to do this work; ultimately, there was insufficient funding to award all of the incredible organizations that applied and are worthy of investment.

The council used the following criteria to determine which organizations would receive funding:

- Organizations whose board, leadership, and staff were each comprised of at least 50% people of color or American Indians
- Proposals focused on prenatal to age 3
- Proposals that had a clear and strong focus on promoting racial equity and improving healthy child development outcomes related to the well-being of children of color and American Indian children

Additionally, the council decided on a funding limit of \$125,000 per organization to ensure funding for as many organizations as possible. All selected organization received a reduction in their funding amount except for those who requested \$50,000 or less.

This process took several weeks, and the council worked meticulously to implement an equity and due diligence lens throughout. If you have further questions about the review process, please contact the Minnesota Department of Health Center for Health Equity at [health.equity@state.mn.us](mailto:health.equity@state.mn.us).

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