

2026 COMMUNITY IMPACT ADVOCACY AGENDA

Advocacy doesn't start or end at the Capitol. It is our collective power to participate in the decisions that shape our lives—where we live, learn, work and play. It is our collective power to dream and decide how we take care of each other. We get to shape our shared future. We get to build a bigger we—engaging with people and ideas different from us and inviting our neighbors whose voices have long not been centered.

At the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, we are committed to a more just Minnesota where all communities and people thrive. We inspire, advocate and invest—all toward advancing community visions. Our advocacy work is deeply informed by community partners and changemakers across our state. As Minnesota's largest community foundation, we seek to leverage our resources, voice and power to shift conditions for our neighbors and drive lasting change. Learn more about our advocacy priorities in 2026 below.

OUR PRIORITIES

Ensure Housing for All

- Support systems change efforts to increase resources for housing solutions
- Advance policies that reduce homelessness and increase access to affordable housing

Realize Our Democracy

- Maintain Minnesota's strong democratic systems and civic participation
- Increase voter and census participation
- Amplify community voice, champion local news, defend public media
- Protect civil liberties of Minnesotans

Drive Inclusive Community & Economic Development

- Accelerate inclusive development in downtown Saint Paul
- Support statewide efforts to increase resources for inclusive development
- Participate in efforts to maintain and grow public benefits
- Support public safety efforts for targeted communities

Strengthen Our Changemaking Ecosystem

- Advance solutions that respond to the current cashflow, workforce and other challenges facing Minnesota's changemakers
- Protect the integrity of nonprofits while dismantling the harmful effects of misinformation