

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NON-PROFITS NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST SIGNATURE INITIATIVE



emPOWERED Non-Profits Willmar was created to serve and support those who serve and support others. Our local non-profits.

Non-profits receive trainings via in-person watch parties and workshop sessions led by consultants with decades of experience.

These consultant-led trainings cover a range of topics from creating human resource policies to effective staff recognition and work place drama. The watch parties are held at the WACF office where the webinars are hosted by organizations specialized in educating and supporting non-profits.

Additionally, non-profit organizations have the opportunity to access the Consultant in Residence service. This service connects them with a skilled consultant who offers guidance on specific challenges they encounter. These sessions, lasting 45 minutes each and termed as 'office hours', incur no cost for our non-profit partners.

Should a non-profit and consultant identify a substantial project or a larger body of work requiring focused attention, they can request up to 10 hours of consulting time subsequent to the initial 'office hours' intake visit. WACF will evaluate each request to determine the feasibility of allocating project consulting time to the non-profit partner.

emPOWERED Non-Profits Willmar is made possible through strategic investments from the Willmar Area Community Foundation board of directors.

GRANT ROUND ALERT!

WILLMAR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Impact Grant is open! The deadline to apply is January 15th, 2024 at 11:59 PM. **Applications at a Difference Maker grant level are no longer accepted.**

The Willmar Area Community Foundation (WACF) supports specific community initiatives through a variety of grants. WACF seeks to make smaller grants for general operations and programs to address changing community needs. WACF also seeks to make significant grants that will be the "Difference Maker" in bringing about community-wide, lasting, and positive changes in the Willmar area. WACF is looking to provide leadership and financial support that goes beyond the grant in order to advance the project or initiative that needs a large dollar amount to get started or completed.

For more information, visit our page.



JANUARY GRANT LIST



These funding opportunities have been identified by WACF staff as potential sources for our local non-profit partners. Please take a look at those that might benefit your work. [Click on the hyperlinks!](#)

ARTS AND CULTURE

[NEA Shakespeare in American Communities
FY2024](#)
Deadline: 01/18/2024

[Media Projects](#)
Deadline: 01/10/2024

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

[Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections](#)
Deadline: 01/12/2024

FOOD AND NUTRITION

[Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program](#)
Deadline: 01/12/2023

HEALTH

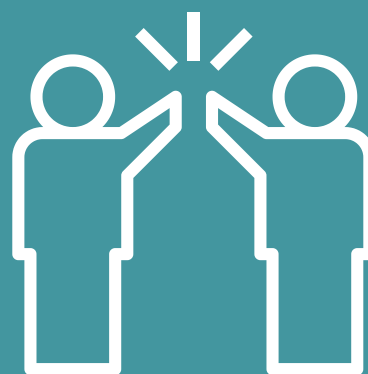
[Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for
Children with Disabilities--Preparation of Related Services
Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-
Intensity Needs](#)
Deadline: 01/16/2024

EDUCATION

[Personnel Development to Improve Services
and Results for Children with Disabilities--
Preparation of Related Services Personnel
Serving Children with Disabilities who have
High-Intensity Needs, Assistance Listing
Number \(ALN\) 84.325R](#)
Deadline: 01/31/2024

emPOWERED NON-PROFITS WILLMAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Monthly e-Newsletter on the first Friday of the month with curated grant lists
- 3 watch parties every month
- Consultant workshops every month starting in February
- Consultant in Residence Office Hours are available on our [website!](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY 2024

REGISTER FOR OUR WATCH PARTIES THROUGH [EVENTBRITE!](#)

Watch Parties 1:00–2:30 PM

January 16: *Grant Writing: Let's Get Funded!*

January 18: *How to Plan Your 12-Month Grants Calendar in Under 60-Minutes*

January 24: *Social Media 101 for Nonprofits*

Bridge Builder's Meeting 12:00 PM–1:30 PM (January 30th)

Every Last Tuesday of the Month

[WATCH PARTY EVENTBRITE](#)



SEEKING GRANTS?

FOUNDATION INFORMATION NETWORK
(FIN)

The FIN grant portal is now hosted at the
Willmar Public Library!

Library Hours are from 9AM–8PM M–TH,
9:00AM–5:30PM on Fridays and
9AM–4PM on Saturdays



BRIDGE BUILDERS

A NON-PROFIT
NETWORKING GROUP

Are you a local non-profit in the Kandiyohi
County Area? Join Bridge Builders!

Meetings are the **last Tuesday of the
month from 12:00PM–1:30PM.**

RSVP in advance for a *free* light lunch!
Register through [EventBrite](#).



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MEET OUR CONSULTANTS!

OVER 60 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE COMBINED

Kim Madsen is the Chief Impact Officer at the Woodland Centers and the Principal Consultant at K. Madsen Consulting. She has a master's degree in Adult Education, is a Certified Gallup Strengths Coach, Certified Psychological Safety trainer, Intercultural Development Inventory Qualified Assessor, and has over 20 years of experience in fundraising, development, community engagement, event management, and leadership training in both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Kim Snyder is the founder of Excelsior Bay Group and has 25 years of fundraising experience within the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota philanthropic communities. She received her Master of Arts in Public Policy from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Over her career, Kim has worked in development operations of all sizes and at various stages of maturity. She has advised organizations in the areas of philanthropy, strategy, and governance across Minnesota since early 2007.

Kate Gorr has over 17 years of experience in human resources and is the Chief People Officer at the Woodland Centers. She has spent many years working in HR in the manufacturing industry. She received her B.A. in Management from the University of Sioux Falls and her MBA from the University of Phoenix. She is also currently working on completing her MBA in Healthcare Administration.



Kim Madsen
K. Madsen Consulting



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Excelsior Bay Group



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Woodland Centers

COMING IN EARLY FEBRUARY

INTRODUCTORY "DITCHING WORKPLACE DRAMA"

Kim Madsen leads Introductory "Ditching Workplace Drama" on Monday, February 5th, 2024 from 12:00PM-1:30PM. Register ahead through our EventBrite!

CONSULTANT TRAININGS AT EVENTBRITE

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