



# Celebrating Progress.

# Planning for Tomorrow.



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# Today's Feats. Tomorrow's Opportunities.



In 2021, our community was still in the midst of a global pandemic and still combating pervasive issues. Our fundholders stepped up, collectively making 16,533 grants, and also took time to reflect and intentionally plan and prioritize their giving efforts. Our Omaha Community Foundation team was no different.

The Foundation invested considerable time completing a three-year strategic plan. Our priorities include investing in internal capacity, leading and engaging our community with focus, and connecting our stakeholders with purpose. Our continued focus on equity remains embedded in everything we do.

But before we leap into the future, we need to pause and celebrate the successes—many of which you see in this piece and all of which wouldn't be possible without our talented team, engaged board, innovative partners, and support from our entire community.

## TOGETHER, WE MADE AN IMPACT HERE

- We granted \$175 million to nearly 3,200 nonprofits.
- Our Community Loan Fund made \$1.8 million in new impact investments to five partners.
- Our resident-led Community Interest Funds—African American Unity Fund, Futuro Latino Fund, Refugee Community Grant Fund, Equality Fund for LGBTQIA2S+, and Neighborhood Grants Fund—provided \$822,000 in support to 76 organizations.
- We continued our government partnerships, distributing \$2 million to support small food and beverage businesses impacted by the pandemic.
- We made The Landscape data easier to access and use.

So many more achievements are highlighted through the numbers in this piece. We thank you for your continued generosity and steadfast partnership with the Omaha Community Foundation.

Sincerely,

**Donna Kush**

*President & CEO*



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**\$188**  
**million**  
in gifts to OCF  
accounts

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**\$175**  
**million**  
in grants to  
nonprofits

# Expanding Philanthropic Avenues

Our impact investing efforts through the Community Loan Fund continue to grow at an impressive pace.

NEBRASKA ENTERPRISE FUND — \$400,000

NATIVE360 LOAN FUND — \$200,000

MIDWEST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND — \$500,000

GRAMEEN AMERICA — \$400,000

SPARK CAPITAL — \$300,000

Now in its second year, the fund has loaned \$1.8 million in total across five organizations. This powerful, new cycle of philanthropy means money made here is staying here. We're advancing the important work these nonprofits are doing every day: building affordable housing, creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and strengthening local communities.

**\$1.8 million**  
invested in our community





# Driving Results

As an Omaha Community Foundation fundholder, you've chosen to invest in our community as a part of a collective, strategic effort. We're proud to report that your philanthropic giving has driven these impactful results in 2021.



## Building capacity of nonprofits to fulfill their missions



**381 nonprofits**  
engaged in OCF programs



**10 nonprofits**  
participated in our Nonprofit  
Capacity Building program

## Cultivating a healthy organization



**88% staff satisfaction**  
on Mindset Culture Health Survey



**4 virtual "Equi-Teas,"**  
hosted by the Staff Equity Committee,  
brought us together to learn and discuss  
racial equity, and our board officially  
established the Board Equity Committee

## Amplifying the voices of residents



**\$822,000** granted to  
**76 nonprofits** through  
**5 resident-led grantmaking  
programs**

- African American Unity Fund  
\$225,000 to 21 organizations
- Futuro Latino Fund  
\$175,000 to 10 organizations
- Equality Fund for LGBTQIA2S+  
\$200,000 to 12 organizations
- Omaha Neighborhood Grants Program  
\$80,000 to 21 organizations
- Refugee Community Grant Fund  
\$142,000 to 8 organizations



## Engaging donors to optimize their giving



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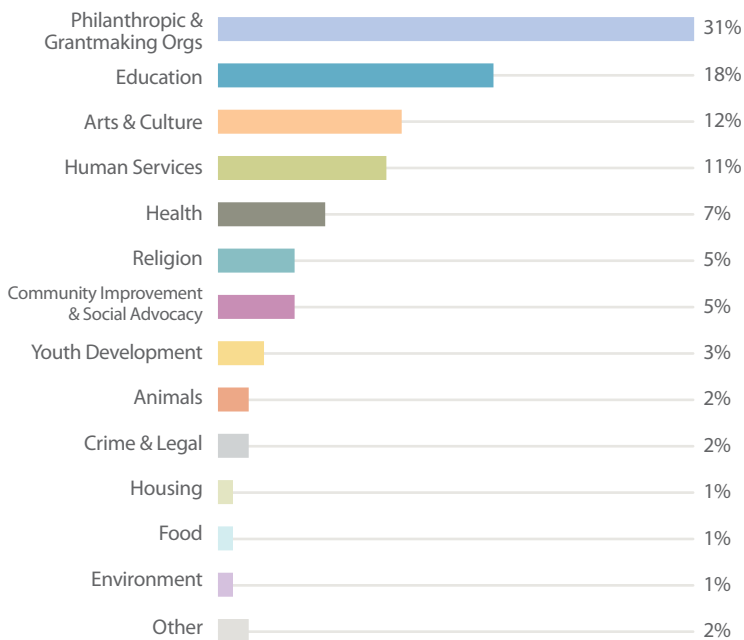


**338 referring advisors**



**\$32,000 granted to**  
**4 nonprofits**  
through the Omaha Venture Group

## Where OCF donors gave



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## Creating a thriving environment for all



**1,356**

fundholders made

**16,533**

grants to

**3,159**

nonprofits



**\$175**

million

in grants to nonprofits





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# Growing Our Programs

Our grant programs and engagement opportunities continued to make great progress. Here are a few of our noteworthy accomplishments.

## Fund for Omaha

In 2020, we shifted the focus of this fund to explicitly support nonprofit organizations promoting racial equity and social justice, particularly for those who are Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We carried on this commitment in 2021—and will continue to do so. Of the applicants, 53% were small organizations with budgets under \$500,000.



**\$525,000**

awarded to 23 nonprofits

## Community Resilience Fund

The Community Resilience Fund evolved from the COVID-19 Response Fund to support Omaha-area nonprofits serving communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Since its launch in April 2021, we received over \$2.7 million in requests from over 100 nonprofits. Grant applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis as funds come in.



**\$527,943**

awarded to 37 nonprofits

## Corner Conversations

Throughout the year, we hosted six virtual Corner Conversations to share our knowledge and activate donors through thought-provoking, locally focused discussions. Topics included resident-led grantmaking, affordable housing, impact investing, community COVID-19 response, Afghan evacuee resettlement, and funding racial equity.



**102**

total attendees