



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA  
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# Community Foundation Professional Development Fund

For all current SMIF community foundation board members

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## WHAT

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is offering a professional development opportunity for our community foundations to promote leadership, continued learning and help grow the philanthropic base of southern Minnesota.

## BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Every board and every person can benefit from further educational opportunities. Maybe there is an expertise lacking on your board, such as planned giving. This fund provides community foundation members an opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge by financially supporting board members to attend educational opportunities.

## DETAILS

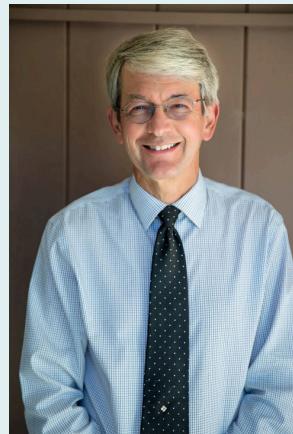
- Board member applicant must submit a completed application to be evaluated for approval
- Applicant must demonstrate how this opportunity will benefit the community foundation
- Applicant must submit receipts to receive reimbursement for approved trainings
- SMIF will only reimburse up to \$750 per opportunity including hotel and mileage when appropriate
- This is a competitive opportunity between all SMIF community foundation board members, and is on a first come, first serve basis
- SMIF has allocated \$5,000 for this opportunity
- Training opportunity and reimbursements must be submitted before June 30, 2020
- Reimbursements should be submitted within two weeks of the training being held

## TIMELINE

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

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## SUCCESS STORY



"When I first got to the Minnesota Planned Giving Council Conference and saw all the big wigs from the colleges and banks and big firms across the rooms, I was not so sure I was in the right place. But everyone was friendly and the classes I attended were very educational. I picked

up a lot of information. I can now tell people what is possible and refer them to their financial advisors or accountants to get the details and save themselves a good amount of money. It did not make me an expert, but it did make me aware of what is available to donors for them to give their charitable dollars smartly. I am glad I went."

Dr. Bob Mann, Wabasha-Kellogg Area Community Foundation President

