



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
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PRESS FORWARD MN HOST COMMITTEE ROLE DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE:

Press Forward Minnesota is a statewide movement to re-center local journalism as a force for community cohesion, civic participation, and government accountability, with a focus on racial equity. Press Forward Minnesota is one of a growing number of [Press Forward local chapters](#) across the country.

HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

The Press Forward Minnesota host committee brings together practitioners and funders who will provide directional guidance and help set priorities and strategies for Press Forward Minnesota. The host committee will consist of eight members.

The host committee will not review grants or make grant decisions, nor will the host committee or any of its members have any advisory privileges with respect to the distribution or investment of amounts held in the Press Forward Minnesota Pooled Fund. Press Forward Minnesota will maintain a separate grantmaking committee tasked with reviewing grant proposals and making funding recommendations.

The [Press Forward Minnesota team](#) will staff the host committee, with the potential for an additional co-chair to be selected from the membership.

IDEAL CANDIDATES:

Ideal candidates for the Press Forward Minnesota host committee have a vested interest in and desire to help shape the vision for a vibrant, sustainable local news ecosystem in Minnesota. They understand the critical role local news and information play in keeping communities informed on the issues Minnesotans care about, and they bring a collaborative spirit to working with a cross-sector team to problem solve and advance community-informed solutions.

Press Forward Minnesota seeks members from a diverse range of backgrounds, including philanthropy, local media, journalism, community leadership, grassroots organizing, and beyond.

All host committee members commit to centering the values of Press Forward National: prioritizing transformation, centering community needs, enabling growth with equity and diversity of thought, and ensuring accessibility, independence, and interdependence. [Learn more about each of these values.](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIME COMMITMENT

Host committee members commit to a 24-month term running from August 2026 through August 2028. The term begins with an in-person kickoff meeting in Fall 2026, followed by regular virtual meetings and occasional in-person convenings. During the first six months, the committee will meet monthly to build a strong foundation and support the successful launch of Press Forward Minnesota. After the initial six months, the committee will meet bi-monthly.

Host committee meetings are meant to provide high-level strategic guidance to Press Forward Minnesota, with a focus on goal setting, strategy development around grantmaking and public policy, and considering other tools and resources that will support deep learning and strong collaboration to maximize impact for Minnesota's local news ecosystem.

The host committee will bring the results of their shared work to the broader field and beyond.

GOALS AND POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF PRESS FORWARD MN HOST COMMITTEE:

- Fundraise to support the ongoing grantmaking fund dedicated to strengthening the local news infrastructure across Minnesota.
- Provide learning opportunities and facilitate connections between communities, the local news field, the charitable sector, and the private sector.
- Optimize philanthropy's role in supporting the local news ecosystem.
- Explore long-term strategies to sustain and enhance Minnesota's local news ecosystem, such as through public policy, increased collaboration, and structural enhancements.

These goals and potential outcomes serve as a starting point for the host committee. The collective wisdom of committee members will refine and expand these outcomes in collaboration with the Press Forward Minnesota team.

To apply to serve on the Press Forward Host Committee:

- [View and submit an application.](#) Applications will be accepted through July 13, 2026.

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