



2017

**Somali Youth Development Fund**  
*Initiative Grants*

**4 Organizations**

**\$250,000**

### **Somali Community Resettlement Services**

**Faribault**

The proposed project seeks to develop a citywide youth development system for Somali youth in Faribault that increases and improves the amount of youth development programming. In addition, the project seeks to improve the youth development infrastructure and support systems that serve as resources for Somali serving organizations.

\$75,000

### **New American Development Center**

**Twin Cities**

The proposed project seeks to support Somali and East African youth in the Twins Cities by providing engaging business and leadership skills training, job readiness education and coaching, and mentoring and professional role model examples.

\$75,000

### **University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development & Ka Joog**

**Twin Cities**

The proposed project seeks to address Somali American youth at risk of disengagement from education and other positive influences. Youth will participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) clubs during out-of-school time in order to re-engage them in education. Funding will strengthen the infrastructure of existing clubs in Minneapolis and St. Paul and create infrastructure for two new clubs in St. Cloud and Coon Rapids.

\$50,000

### **Pillsbury United Communities**

**Brian Coyle Center**

The proposed project seeks to collaborate with the Academic Leadership for International Families Center and other organizations to administer the largest year-round out-of-school time program for Somali and East African youth in Minnesota. The program will focus on creating pathways to success for 300 Somali and East African youth ages 6-21 through a wide variety of age and culturally-appropriate supports, services, and programming.

\$50,000

**June 2017 board approved grants total: \$250,000**