

Kids In Need Foundation



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Kids In Need Foundation (KINF) is the **only** national nonprofit focusing on the nation's most under-resourced schools: those where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals through the National School Lunch Program.

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Kids In Need Foundation creates equitable learning spaces through the distribution of supplies and resources, investing in teachers and students in underserved schools. Promoting equity in schools is an invaluable social investment that gives children a reliable foundation and fosters a broader perspective. A quality education equips students with knowledge about themselves and the world around them and ultimately empowers them to make wise decisions for their futures.

2023 Report Card - Minnesota

With
110,292
students supported



And
4,820
teachers supported



In
351
under-resourced schools



In Minnesota in 2023, Kids In Need Foundation supported over **110,292 students** and **4,802 teachers** in approximately **351 under-resourced schools** across **20 counties**. At the schools served through our programs and initiatives, 50% or more of enrolled students are eligible for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) services.

KINF TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER

Served 67,725 students/3,225 teachers

SUPPLY A STUDENT

Served 16,563 students

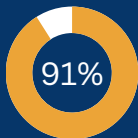
RISE: RURAL AND INDIGENOUS SCHOOL EQUITY

Served 4,810 students/447 teachers

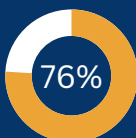
In 2023, there were 1,296 eligible schools in Minnesota,
with 351 (27%) supported by
Kids in Need Foundation (KINF).

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

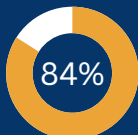
Access to supplies profoundly impacts students' learning experiences and personal development. Teachers reported the resources they obtain from the Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Resource Centers are "critically" or "very" important to their students':



Class
preparedness



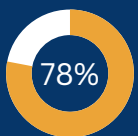
Confidence
levels



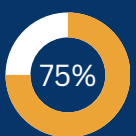
Class
participation



Self-esteem



Interest in
learning



Social
engagement
at school

"I typically spend \$300 at the beginning of the school year. I have shopped at Kids in Needs Foundation teacher resource store for a few years now and have avoided that personal expense. That means a lot"

-Michael Houston, Harding High School
2023 Teacher of the Year

Project Summary

Kids In Need Foundation is seeking \$5 million dollars in state matching funds, to help establish a 60,000-square-foot distribution center for teachers and students in Roseville, Minnesota. The multifaceted facility will repurpose the former Minnesota Department of Education building encompassing the MN Teacher Resource Center & volunteer center (13,000 sq ft), school supply warehouse (35,000 sq ft), general office space (12,000 sq ft). The facility not only provides Minnesota teachers with access to free resources but also supports specialized programs like RISE: Rural and Indigenous School Equity, directly addressing the unique challenges faced by these communities. The expanded infrastructure will enable KINF to offer increased support to a greater number of students and an increased number of communities across the state.



Infrastructure Expansion:

Investment from the state will contribute to acquiring and repurposing an existing building, providing a centralized facility to address the need to reach teachers and students throughout the entire state.



Teacher Resource Center:

Expanded facilities will increase access for more teachers to our Teacher Resource Center, a retail store setting where teachers from the most underserved schools “shop” for supplies at no cost. The center will also serve as a training site for teacher workshops, continuing education, and professional development.



Community Engagement:

The investment will expand our volunteer center, where community members can assist hands-on by packing school supply kits for underserved students and teachers.



RISE: Rural and Indigenous School Equity

The new facility will provide expanded space and resources, allowing Kids In Need Foundation to efficiently scale its' warehouse operations to support the RISE program, dedicated to closing the opportunity gap in Rural and Indigenous communities.

Key Project Details:

- Total cost of project = \$10 million
- State capital request = \$5 million
- Nonstate matching funds = Philanthropic, private financing, individual and household contributions
- 2024 is the first year KINF has pursued capital investment dollars
- This is a one-time purchase and cannot be phased
- Scope = predesign, design, construct, renovate, furnish, and equip a school supply distribution and educator resource center in the City of Roseville to support under-served students and teachers throughout Minnesota.

