# equaspace

A Place & Space for Nonprofits to Thrive!

#### Mission

We at EquaSpace provide affordable, high-functioning workspaces and essential business services to help small and medium sized nonprofit organizations succeed and grow. We create a professional environment where nonprofits can maximize their impact while maintaining financial sustainability, efficiency, and accountability.

## The EquaSpace Model

### **Reimagining How We Work**

- In 2024, we developed a first of its kind in the Twin Cities, 16,000+/sf center in Saint Paul's Court International Building for a group of local nonprofits. EquaSpace at Court, aka, EquaSpace 1, opened its doors in October of 2024 and is now at capacity, housing 21 organizations and their 150+ employees.
- Through affordable workspaces, IT support, HR assistance, and executive services, we help organizations streamline their operations, strengthen their capacity, and focus on achieving long-term goals.

#### **Strengthening the Economy Through Support for Nonprofits**

- Research shows that nonprofits, when given the right tools and collaborative space, have a greater impact on local economies. The work of these organizations support job creation and employer and employee development.
- Through expansion efforts, we will serve systems change work and a holistic approach to providing vital programs and services to ensure that the community is moving towards a more just and vibrant world.

"Minnesota has many nonprofits that serve our state from border to border. EquaSpace works to strengthen the nonprofit sector, make us more efficient, and expand our capacity so that we can better carry out the work that our community asks of us.

Improving the nonprofit sector is in the best interest of all." - Jim Davnie, Executive Director, Minnesota Alliance With Youth

## Legislative Ask

We respectfully request a \$250,000 appropriation from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support EquaSpace's continued work in providing essential workspaces and services to small and start-up nonprofit organizations.

## Why Fund Us

- Increase access to professional development programs, workshops, and networking events. For example, HR, finance, investment, and executive directors support.
- Enable proximity to other nonprofits, we create
  efficiencies that allow small to medium sized nonprofit
  organizations meet the same standards as larger
  organizations.
- Help reduce the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse by
  ensuring that leaders and teams have access to the
  resources they need to comply with local, state, and
  federal regulations. This enables organizations to
  maintain accountability, transparency, and efficiency in
  their work.
- Provide IT and technical support.



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