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For Immediate Release:

Second Round of the MN Immigrant Family COVID-19 Going Live 9.27.20

The MN Immigrant Family Fund announces the launch of our second round of online intake forms which will start on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM Central Time.

Intake forms in English, Khmer, Lao, Spanish, Somali, Swahili, and Vietnamese can be found at this link: <https://mnimmigrantfamilyfund.org/application>

The **Immigrant Family Fund** is a fundraising and mutual-aid effort for immigrant families that don't qualify for any state or federal support AND who because of COVID19 are pushed deeper into the shadows with little or few resources available to meet their immediate needs. Rooted in our commitment to equity and access, Round 2 intakes and funds will focus on:

- **Asian Pacific Islander (API) immigrants** - intakes open regardless of area of residence and/or work in the state of Minnesota.
- **Black immigrants** - intakes open regardless of area of residence and/or work in the state of Minnesota.
- **Latinx immigrants** - intakes open ONLY to those living in rural MN and involved in agricultural labor (fields, farms) and meatpacking in the state of Minnesota.

We will close the fund on October 4, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., or when we overwhelmingly exceed our capacity to support folks.

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[Link to Website](#)

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During the first round, the **MN Immigrant Family Fund**, fiscally sponsored by Navigate MN, successfully awarded \$283,926 to 474 immigrant families (Asian Pacific Islander 8.5%, Black 17.6%, Latinx 73.9%). Every approved individual receives a disbursement of \$599, making this fund one of the largest disbursements directly paid into the hands of affected immigrant families in the state. For the second round, we aim at serving 1,200 more immigrant families in the state of Minnesota with a primary focus on rural areas.

While anti-immigrant deployment of persecution and systemic exclusion remains alive and well, we know we only have one another to care for each other. Our communities have historically done the caring and we will continue to do so from the grassroots until our communities' humanities are legitimized and historically marginalized communities are at the center of decision making.

Our alignment of organizations are humbled to be in a position to distribute needed resources to our community members, and we are pained at the extent of this material and economic crisis. We remain committed to organize for structural changes that center the dignity of all Minnesotans regardless of immigration status. Please share the link to our intake forms in your network.

There are approximately 90,000 folks that were excluded from state, federal benefits and stimulus due to immigration status. Please continue to donate by sending a contribution to Navigate MN our fiscal sponsor, memo IFF or our GoFundMe page here: bit.ly/MN_Immigrant_Fund.

Aligned organizations:

- *Asamblea de Derechos Civiles*
- *Asian American Organizing Project*
- *Black Immigrant Collective*
- *CTUL*
- *Fe y Justicia (Faith and Justice)*
- *ISAIAH*
- *Navigate/UnidosMN*
- *Release MN8*