

# News Release



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## Info Meeting will Cover New Grants & Training Opportunities for Nonprofits

For small nonprofits, faith-based or community groups that are struggling to meet the needs of displaced workers and distressed families, the Initiative Foundation is offering a new opportunity for grant funding and training to help with organizational planning and development.

The foundation's [Strengthening Communities Initiative](#), partially funded through a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is designed to increase the long-term effectiveness and sustainability of nonprofit partners as they help to address economic recovery issues.

More than 80 nonprofits will receive training, technical assistance and grant awards of up to \$15,000. The funding and assistance will allow them to support economic recovery and poverty-reduction efforts such as helping people secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, and gain greater access to government benefits and tax credits.

To learn more about the program, organization leaders should attend one of three identical informational sessions:

- February 3 – (8-10:30 a.m.) at Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Mora
- February 3 – (12:30-3 p.m.) at St. Cloud Library, Bremer Room
- February 5 – (9-11:30 a.m.) at Bremer Bank, Campbell Room, downtown Brainerd

Pre-registration is not required. For more information visit [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org) or contact Tricia at [tholig@ifound.org](mailto:tholig@ifound.org), 320-631-2003.

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