

# Support the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative

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For many years, the self-advocacy movement has helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) understand their human and civil rights, learn about public policy, and share personal stories.

In spite of this training and skill-building, people with I/DD are still fighting to overcome a history of segregation in institutional settings, and face many barriers in securing employment, accessing transportation, fulfilling their right to vote, and being respected as equal members of society.

**Together, we can ensure that people with I/DD are actively & meaningfully included in their communities, and support self-advocates in overcoming systemic barriers to inclusion.**

By establishing microgrants for self-advocacy groups statewide, the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative will support people with I/DD in organizing community-based projects that:

- raise awareness about barriers to inclusion;
- address obstacles to employment, transportation, housing, accessibility, and voting;
- increase engagement of self-advocates in their communities; and
- promote and protect the human rights of Minnesotans with I/DD.

Supporting the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative will help ensure that people with intellectual & developmental disabilities are meaningfully included in all communities.

