

What is the South Minneapolis Community Collaborative?

The South Minneapolis Community Collaborative (SMCC) is a resource sharing structure (or “resource hub”) for neighborhood organizations in South Minneapolis and the populations they serve. Currently, the organizations that are a part of SMCC are the Stevens Square Community Organization (SSCO) & the Phillips West Neighborhood Organization (PWNO).

What is the goal of SMCC?

The primary goal of SMCC is to share administrative and operational resources across neighborhood organizations so that we can focus more of our time, money, and energy on the core functions of our organizations: engaging with our neighbors and supporting neighborhood leadership from the ground up. Through deeper organizational collaboration, we envision SMCC as a vehicle for 1) more effective operation of our programs and 2) building neighborhood power.

What resources will the organizations in SMCC share?

The scope of SMCC is still emerging to give time for the neighborhoods involved to gather input, test things out, and see what works. We are starting out by sharing resources related to staffing. Starting in mid-2022, SSCO and PWNO will share three full-time staff covering outreach, communications, and operations duties.

The SMCC shared staff model will ensure each organization can employ multiple full-time permanent staff with backgrounds and expertise in their specific role’s field. The stability of these staff positions will increase retention of qualified staff, strengthen the effectiveness of programming, and allow organizations to build historical memory in each neighborhood and the community as a whole. In addition to these benefits, participating SMCC organizations will save money through payroll taxes, processing fees, insurance policies, and staff salaries, in addition to savings in time and retention.

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