

Tuesday, November 1 is [Día de los Muertos](#). Día de los Muertos serves as a memorial celebration to recognize and honor loved ones who have passed away to ensure that they are never forgotten. Known in English as Day of the Dead, this holiday has indigenous Mesoamerican origins and is among the oldest continually-celebrated holidays in the Americas.

This year, in partnership with Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs and (Neo) Muralismos de Mexico, artists Mónica Vega and Flor Soto will create and install the first ever Altar de Muertos, or Community Altar, for Days of the Dead at the Minnesota State Capitol. The altar will be on display to the public from **November 1 to 13**. The altar will serve to highlight and represent the cultural traditions of Mexican and Latine communities in Minnesota, create a space for remembrance of loved ones, and offer a space for community healing.

Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs (MCLA) is hosting a press conference and celebration on **November 1** at 10 a.m. to showcase the Altar de Muertos.

MNsure open enrollment

Open enrollment for 2023 private medical and dental insurance through MNsure is open **November 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023**. Here are some things Minnesotans can do to get ready:

- [Compare plans](#) to check out their coverage options.
- People who need help with the application and enrollment process, can make an appointment with a [MNsure-certified navigator or broker](#).
- People who are new to MNsure, can [gather](#) the information they may need to fill out an application.

People who already have a MNsure online account, can make sure they are ready to log in.

African-American Child Well-Being Advisory Council

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Child Safety and Permanency Division's African-American Child Well-Being (AACWB) Unit is establishing an African-American Child Well-Being Advisory Council to help develop and implement prevention and family preservation strategies to keep children from entering foster care, and support families staying together.

The council invites people interested in learning more to join the in-person informational workshop on:

- **Thursday, November 3**, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 p.m. at Rondo Community Library.

Immigrant and Refugee Job and Resource Fair

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, CareerForce, and their partners are hosting the Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Career and Resource Fair on **November 3** from 1-4 p.m at CareerForce St. Paul. The event will feature over 20 employers and community resource providers.

DEED Seeking Community Reviewers

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is looking to recruit about 100 community members to serve as grant reviewers for competitive workforce development grant programs during the fall of 2022 and winter of 2022-23.

DEED is seeking reviewers who can dedicate 20-40 hours to read grant proposals over the course of 2-3 weeks. Grant reviewers will read approximately 6-12 proposals during November and/or December. Proposals are generally 12-15 pages in length, with additional supporting and budget documents that should also be reviewed. DEED will provide a small stipend to community reviewers who meet eligibility requirements, complete training and review on time, and complete the required process to receive payments.

Launch Minnesota Grants

The 2021 Minnesota Legislature reauthorized the Launch Minnesota Grant Program in its Special Session, funding the program at \$1.5 million for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Launch Minnesota Innovation Grants target the most promising, innovative businesses and technology in Minnesota. Launch Minnesota is working to support Minnesota startups and entrepreneurs who are solving problems and growing our state's innovation ecosystem.