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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And basically just to correct me if I'm wrong here, is that essentially what you have is Nebraska-based foundations in the state of Nebraska that individuals give for community betterment, and some of these foundations have different missions. They're multifaceted. You have the AIDS Project in Omaha, all the way to other organizations that have these foundations.

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And they're all Nebraska-based.

SENATOR CONNEALY: They'd have to be.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And they do community betterment projects in the sense that nonprofit organizations, for the most part, apply for some of the funds from these foundations for the scope and for the mission of the individual nonprofit organizations that may provide direct service.

SENATOR CONNEALY: A lot of times it really replaces state revenues if they do social service work or community development, and in some states they're seeing an awful lot more new economic development coming out of community foundations.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Connealy. That is essentially my understanding as well, and from my work outside of here, is oftentimes the nonprofit organization will make an application or apply for grant funding under these foundations, and then the monies that come from these Nebraska-based foundations in many times offset the budget for some of these nonprofits in terms of the services they provide. I know our nursing homes and our hospitals may, in fact, derive a portion of their service money from a private foundation, Nebraska-based foundation. I know a lot of our child welfare services, that are private providers in child welfare services, depend a lot of...to a large degree on these Nebraska-based foundations. And they make applications, they go through the application procedures. I, quite frankly, am not aware of a domestic violence provider in the metropolitan area, and for that matter