2022 Round 2 Grant Info Session

Tuesday, July 26, Friday, July 29, and Thursday, August 4, 2022
Welcome & Introductions
We aspire to create a just and vibrant Minnesota where all communities and people thrive.
SPMF’s Partner Foundations

F. R. Bigelow Foundation

Mardag Foundation
A family legacy. A partner for Minnesota.
Grantmaking

- **Grant types:** All three foundations have continued to adapt grantmaking to be flexible and responsive and will offer **general operating, program, and capital support** throughout 2022.

- **Grant deadlines:** All three foundations **open on August 8, 2022** and remain **open until August 29, 2022.** *(register on the portal ahead of time!)*

- **Current & past grantees:** Current grantees are eligible to apply for funding that would begin after the end of their current grant period. Nonprofits who received grants in **Round 1 of 2022 are NOT eligible to apply.**
Informs, Forms, Benefits

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation believes that our community should not only benefit from our work, but inform and form it as well. Creating solutions to today’s issues requires a collaborative approach. Our work is also rooted in a commitment to racial equity.
SPMF Grant Guidelines

Areas of Community Vitality

• Community Connectedness
• Economic Opportunity & Security
• Education
• Health
• Housing & Transportation
• Human Services & Family Support
SPMF Grant Guidelines

• **Geography**
  • East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties

• **Eligibility**
  • 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions
  • Org working with fiscal sponsor

• **General Operating**
  • 1-year grants
  • At least 50% of organization services benefiting East Metro residents

• **Program**
  • Program or project serving East Metro residents
  • New or established

• **Capital**
  • Project located in East Metro
  • May be paid over multiple years

• **Exclusions**
  • Sectarian religious programs or organizations
  • Work by an individual
F. R. Bigelow Foundation Grant Guidelines

Mission

F. R. Bigelow Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all in the greater Saint Paul area, fostering a vibrant East Metro region. The Foundation will partner, collaborate and invest in opportunities that seek to achieve racially and economically equitable outcomes in the areas of arts & culture, community & economic development, education & youth development, health, housing, and human services.
F. R. Bigelow Foundation Grant Guidelines

Primary areas of interest

• Arts & Culture
• Community & Economic Development
• Education & Youth Development
• Health
• Housing
• Human Services
F. R. Bigelow Grant Guidelines

**Geography**
- East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties
- Additional focus on serving people who live or work in the City of St. Paul

**Eligibility**
- 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions
- Org working with fiscal sponsor

**General Operating**
- 1-year grants
- At least 50% of organization services benefiting East Metro residents

**Program**
- Program or project serving East Metro residents
- New or established

**Capital**
- Project located in East Metro
- May be paid over multiple years

**Exclusions**
- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Grants to individuals
- Medical research
Mission
The Mardag Foundation supports Minnesota nonprofits to remove barriers and create opportunities for low income or traditionally marginalized children, youth and families; older adults with barriers to living independently; and to build capacity of organizations supporting the arts and humanities.
Mardag Foundation Grant Guidelines

Three focus areas

• Improving the lives of low-income Children, Youth and Families that lack access to critical opportunities and resources that they need;

• Supporting older adults across Minnesota who lack access or have barriers to critical opportunities to thrive and create community connections;

• Building capacity to improve community vitality through Arts and Culture.
Mardag Grant Guidelines

• **Geography**
  • East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties
  • Greater MN

• **Eligibility**
  • 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions

• **General Operating**
  • 1-year grants
  • At least 50% of organization services benefiting East Metro or Greater MN residents

• **Program**
  • Program or project serving East Metro and/or Greater MN residents
  • New or established

• **Capital**
  • Project located in East Metro or Greater MN
  • May be paid over multiple years
Mardag Grant Guidelines Cont.

- **Exclusions**
  - Programs exclusively serving Minneapolis and the surrounding West Metro area
  - Scholarships and grants to individuals
  - Sectarian religious programs or organizations
  - Federated campaigns
  - Events and conferences
  - Capital campaigns of private secondary schools
Timeline

What can I expect?

- **Today!** Register for Grant Portal
- **This week!** Email a contact from the grant team.
- **August 8th** Application Opens!
- **August 29th** Application Deadline
- **Early October** Notification of applications moving forward; denial letters sent
- **Mid-November** Board decisions
- **Mid-December** Award letters and checks
The only thing changing is the technology

What is new? What is causing the change?

- The technology system will include adopting a new grant portal for our grantmaking.
- The technology will change, but the grant guidelines have not changed.
- What we fund will stay the same; how grantees will apply will look different – but we are here to support you.
Action Steps

1. Email a grant team member to discuss eligibility and fit.

2. Register on the application portal (ahead of time & even if you were registered on the old one!).

3. Apply.

- SPMF Grants Page
- F.R. Bigelow Foundation Grants Page
- Mardag Foundation Grants Page
- Questions are now available on the website, so you can begin working on them now!
Q & A

Put your questions in the Q&A box
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Thank you!

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