



GRANT GUIDELINES

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANTS

A note from the Foundation

We have continued to adapt our grantmaking to be flexible and responsive and will offer general operating, program, and capital support throughout 2021.

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.

GEOGRAPHY

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation is proud to serve and fund Saint Paul's East Metro region, which is defined as Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties. We will consider grants from organizations based outside the East Metro that serve a significant number of individuals in these three counties, and we will direct our resources only to the East Metro aspects of the work. Capital grants are limited to projects located in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties.

TYPES OF GRANTS

Our current grant opportunity includes funding for general operating support for the whole organization, support for a specific East Metro serving program or project, and capital support.

GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS

These one-year grants provide flexible funding for the overall operations of nonprofits in which at least 50% of the organization's service benefits residents in the East Metro.

PROGRAM / PROJECT GRANTS

These grants are designed to provide support for a specific program or project serving residents of the East Metro. The Foundation will consider proposals for established and/or new programs/projects.

CAPITAL GRANTS

These grants are designed to support your organization's investment in buildings, facilities and equipment. Foundation investments are typically limited to buildings owned by nonprofits or held by long-term lease agreement. These grants are generally paid over multiple years.

We will consider capital grants for projects located in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties for:

- Renovations/repairs
- Land acquisition
- Construction costs
- Technology hardware and software
- Equipment
- Furniture
- Appliances

ELIGIBILITY

Grants can be made to 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions. Grants can also be made to groups working through an eligible fiscal sponsor.

CURRENT & PAST GRANT STATUS

Current grantees are eligible to apply for funding that would begin after the end of their current grant period. Nonprofits who have received three years of consecutive funding **are** eligible to apply for a grant. Questions? Please [call your Grant Team contact](#).

AREAS OF COMMUNITY VITALITY

We support work that addresses at least one of six areas of [community vitality](#). Data and our experience suggest that the following elements play key roles in community health and vitality.

- **Community Connectedness:** creating opportunities for equity in arts, civic dialogue, community problem solving as well as supporting natural and built spaces where people live, work and play.
- **Economic Opportunity and Security:** strengthening support for low-income individuals and families through community development, workforce education and training and creating sustainable employment pathways.
- **Education:** exploring high-quality educational opportunities for everyone, from cradle to career, and more equitable access for racial and cultural communities.
- **Health:** increasing health equity through quality, affordable health services, particularly for low-income, uninsured and under-insured individuals.
- **Housing and Transportation:** strengthening our region through affordable, quality housing, addressing homelessness and investing in equitable transportation options and benefits.
- **Human Services and Family Support:** meeting basic needs for individuals and families, helping them be safe, stable and independent.

GRANT REQUESTS NOT ACCEPTED

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation will not consider grant requests for support of:

- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Work by an individual
- Capital projects located outside Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties
- Programs not primarily serving residents of Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties

IMPORTANT DATES

Grant applications for this cycle open on Dec. 15, 2020, and **close at 3 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2021**. Applicants will be notified if they are being considered for full review by late February. The board meets to make funding decisions in mid-to-late May.

CONTACT US

Before applying, all interested applicants are encouraged to [contact a member of the Grant Team](#) to ensure that your grant fits the requested need.