Small Grants Make a Big Difference

Minnesota Compass reports that more than 22 percent of East Metro households earn $35,000 or less, leaving many people unable to build emergency savings and unprepared to navigate urgent housing costs or unexpected job losses.

Sometimes as little as $50 can make the difference between stability and crisis. For families and individuals living in the East Metro, the Community Sharing Fund can help.

The Community Sharing Fund is a unique emergency grant program that supports thousands of East Metro residents every year as they navigate financial setbacks. Through grants of up to $500, the Community Sharing Fund helps East Metro residents from all walks of life. Our clients are as diverse as the East Metro itself, and include individuals, families, young parents, retirees, homeowners, renters and employees from countless industries.

2020 marks the 40th anniversary of this life-changing fund. Since 1980, the Community Sharing Fund has made more than 38,000 grants. Here’s a look at what Community Sharing Fund accomplished in 2019.
A TRUE BLESSING

“I live paycheck-to-paycheck raising my grandkids; their mother passed away. It’s hard and we struggle. I need my car to get to work because we aren’t on the bus line. When it broke down, I honestly didn’t know what I was going to do. Getting a grant to fix it was the best thing in the world. I consider it a true blessing and appreciate it more than words can even say.”
~Karen, grant recipient

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

“We live in a community where the cost of rent is not affordable for many. Situations are precarious, and it only takes one crisis to make everything crumble: a sickness, an accident, a death in the family, a job layoff.

Community Sharing Fund is often able to help divert disaster, by funding rent or utility money to avoid eviction, or a car repair so someone can get to work. The funds granted by the Community Sharing Fund are not frivolous, but provide the most basic needs for people who are struggling day to day with very little. I am incredibly thankful this resource exists.”
~Wendy Wolf, Energy Program Coordinator, Energy Assistance

TOP 5 Requests for Assistance

- Rent, rental deposits or mortgage payments
- Utility bills
- Moving and storage costs
- Household goods and appliances
- Home repairs and/or house cleaning

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SHARING FUND

100% of donations go directly to emergency grants. Since 1980, Community Sharing Fund has made 38,000 grants.

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