



## OVERVIEW

The Minneapolis Foundation will accept Reimagine Education grant applications from 1 p.m. on May 24th through 4 p.m. on June 28th. The Foundation's education guidelines prioritize efforts to:

- *Elevate student and community voice and power to build bridges between schools, families and communities and improve school climates and academic outcomes.*
- *Provide opportunities for educators to build their understanding of race and equity and implement strategies that create culturally responsive and inclusive schools.*
- *Advocate for policies at the school, local and state level to address systemic barriers to racial equity in Minnesota's education system.*

Our education guidelines were revised in late 2020 and represent a shift in our strategy to a community centric focus on ensuring the wisdom and experiences of students, parents, principals, administrators, teachers, and community members guide efforts to disrupt inequities in our K-12 education system.

We were influenced by the perspectives of the more than 1,500 young people and educators who attended the All-Metro Student Conference in 2019 and the researchers and educators who developed the Reimagine Education reports: Expanding the Vision of Reimagine Minnesota and Education Equity in the Age of COVID-19.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of examples of the types of work the Foundation plans to prioritize student leadership and power building, recruitment/retention of diverse educators with equity-focused mindsets, parent/family/community organizing, principal and teacher leadership and collaboration, developing equity and climate frameworks, and local or state policy advocacy. We are also open to other ideas that help create equitable outcomes for children and youth from local Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities.

Below is a preview of the application for planning purposes. All applications must be submitted online. Please email Patrice Relerford ([prelerford@mplsfoundation.org](mailto:prelerford@mplsfoundation.org)) with questions.

## ORGANIZATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Organization Name
2. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
3. Organization address, website, and phone number
4. Organization background (year established, mission/vision statement, primary goals/services)
5. Head of organization name, title, email, and phone number
6. Are you using a fiscal agent? (If yes, please provide the name, address, and EIN for your fiscal agent.)

7. Contact information for the person completing this application.
8. Has your organization received a grant from The Minneapolis Foundation since April 1, 2019? (If yes, please list the grant program and how much you received.)
9. Is this a collaborative effort? (If yes, we will need a list of your collaborative members and contact information.)
10. Amount of Request (numeric response)

## **STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

The Minneapolis Foundation's Strategic Framework values listening and engaging with community partners. We believe those closest to issues are best positioned to understand and address them.

11. There are four elements which we believe contribute to strong, vibrant communities. Which of the following elements will be incorporated in your work or approach? Please select all that apply:
  - a. Promote civic participation and leadership
  - b. Foster belonging and inclusion
  - c. Actualize access to opportunities that advance upward mobility
  - d. See and dismantle barriers that hold inequities in place
12. Please describe how the work done with this grant will help to advance the elements selected (2,000 characters).

## **PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

13. Please provide an overview or summary of your proposed work. (2,000 characters)
14. Please briefly describe how your proposed work aligns with the Foundation's education guidelines. (1,000 characters)
15. Please describe your organization or project goals
16. Please describe the target population(s) your proposed work impacts. (2,000 characters)
17. Please describe the geographic area (and schools if applicable) where the proposed work will take place (1,000 characters).
18. Please describe your implementation plans and the timeline. (2,000 characters)
19. Please describe how you plan to evaluate your work. Please note we understand evaluation should be agile, responsive, and inclusive to promote equity. (1,500 characters)
20. Please describe how you plan to share the results of this work with key stakeholders and the public if applicable. (1,500 characters)

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Please upload a list of the core individuals who will be involved in your proposed work. Briefly describe their role in the proposed work.
- Please upload your organization's current annual budget.
- If you are submitting a program/project request, please also submit a project budget and list any projected or committed funding sources for this work and the amount.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Funding will be awarded to schools/districts and nonprofits that organize students, parents, and community members, engage in education policy advocacy to advance equity and eliminate disparities, and help educators collaborate to build their understanding of race, equity and culture and create positive school climates.
- The Foundation plans to award \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million to 25 to 30 organizations. Grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000 with an average grant size between \$25,000 and \$40,000. The grant period is September 1, 2022, to June 15, 2023.
- The Foundation will prioritize proposals that impact Minneapolis; however, we will also consider organizations working in communities in the inner ring suburbs (Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, etc.).
- All applicants will be notified by August 14, 2022. Please email Patrice Relerford at [prelerford@mplsfoundation.org](mailto:prelerford@mplsfoundation.org) with questions.
- If you experience technical difficulties with the online application, please contact Grant Administration at [grantsupport@mplsfoundation.org](mailto:grantsupport@mplsfoundation.org) or 612-672-8665.
- The online application will close at 4 p.m. on June 28th. We do not accept late applications or applications submitted via email.
- Grantees will be asked to submit a brief narrative report and itemized budget at the conclusion of the grant period. Please note our grant reports emphasize learning and reflection with our grantee partners, not judgment.