

FUND FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES

Spring 2024 Grant Round: Fostering Resilience to Address and Prevent Community Violence

Grant Guidelines and Application Preview Worksheet

This document is intended to help prospective applicants prepare to apply for a Fostering Resilience grant from the Minneapolis Foundation's Fund for Safe Communities. It includes the grant guidelines for this funding opportunity, as well as a preview of what you will see in our online portal when this grant round opens on March 27, 2024.

Grant Guidelines

The [Fund for Safe Communities](#) supports tangible, specific, and meaningful actions to address and prevent community violence.* Our Spring 2024 grant round was designed with the insight and recommendations of the fund's advisory committee, a group composed of emerging leaders who have personal experience with community violence. Through this funding opportunity, we will support programs and activities that offer prevention, intervention, restoration, and resilience-oriented services to people in Minneapolis, with a focus on youth and young adults between the ages of 11 and 30.

What We Will Fund

The fund will issue between \$300,000 and \$500,000 for this opportunity. Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$30,000, and we plan to award 20 to 25 grants.

The grant period for this award will be up to 12 months. Applicants may request general operating or project support.

Here are a few examples of activities we are interested in supporting:

- Activities that promote wellness and help manage stress and trauma.
- Programs and initiatives that ease the re-entry process for those who are justice-involved.
- Services that address the diverse needs of individuals most proximate to violence.
- Sports or physical activity programming that offers fitness and other coaching-based opportunities.
- Mentor-mentee programming that exposes young people to meaningful and productive relationships outside of school and their homes.
- Art, poetry, writing, design, and other creative media that foster meaningful actions to create safer communities.

We also welcome additional ideas about what is needed to prevent community violence and promote wellbeing. It's important to note that we want to support organizations that are already deeply connected in the community, while investing in new efforts that approach violence prevention using innovative strategies.

Fund Overview

Established in 2018, the Fund for Safe Communities supports direct service programs, communication, advocacy, and organizing efforts led by community-based organizations. We prioritize efforts that are led and influenced by Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and which are grounded in the needs of diverse Minneapolis neighborhoods.

- Prevention: This fund aims to prevent community violence.*
- Systemic Issues: This fund supports organizations and efforts focused on addressing systemic inequities and reforming the criminal justice system.
- Outreach: This fund supports efforts to heal individuals and communities affected by horrific tragedies, including the murder of George Floyd.

*The CDC [defines community violence](#) as violence that happens between unrelated individuals, who may or may not know each other, generally outside the home. Examples include assaults or fights among groups and shootings in public places, such as schools and on the streets. Research indicates that youth and young adults (ages 10-34), particularly those in communities of color, are disproportionately impacted.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted beginning March 27, 2024. All applications must be submitted online. Please use this link to start your application: https://mplsfoundation.smapply.org/prog/fund_for_safe_communities/

If you have applied for a grant from the Minneapolis Foundation in the past, please note that we are using a new online portal for this funding opportunity. You will need to create an account before submitting your proposal. This is a two-step process: 1) create an account; 2) verify your account by email.

Submissions will be reviewed by our staff for eligibility, with final decisions made with Fund for Safe Communities advisory committee members and community grant reviewers. All applicants will be notified of funding decisions by June 10, 2024. The grant period begins on June 17, 2024.

The deadline for this grant round is 1 p.m. on April 19, 2024. We do not accept late applications or applications submitted via email.

Eligibility

Funding will be awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofits, public schools and districts, government entities, churches, and organizations with a fiscal agent or sponsor. We will prioritize proposals that impact Minneapolis. However, we will also consider organizations in inner-ring suburbs (Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Golden Valley, New Hope, Richfield, Crystal, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, Fridley, and Columbia Heights). New applicants and current and past grantees of the Minneapolis Foundation are eligible for this opportunity.

Further Assistance

As you consider applying for this funding opportunity, Sara Lueben and Sam Ndely are available to answer questions about the content of your proposal. Please email **both** at slueben@mplsfoundation.org and sndely@mplsfoundation.org. Please direct any technical questions to Takara Henegar, Director of Grants Administration and Operations, Impact at thenegar@mplsfoundation.org or Maria Andrew, Grants Administrator, Impact at mandrew@mplsfoundation.org. You can also call 612-672-8665.

Application Preview Worksheet

This application has two parts: An application narrative and an organization budget. If applicable, you will also be asked to upload a fiscal agent letter or a project budget. Any answers you provide will be saved as you navigate the application. However, you MUST click "Save & Continue Editing" to save a page as complete. When your application, organization budget, and any additional documents are uploaded (see table below), you will be able to sign and submit your application. When you arrive at the end of the application you will have an option to review your application or submit it. You must hit submit for your application to be considered complete. You will receive a confirmation email after you have confirmed the information, signed your application, and submitted it.

Section 1: Organization information

Section 2: Application contact information

Section 3: Organization and senior leadership composition

Section 4: Population served and geographic location of the work

Section 5: Proposed work

Section 6: Attachments

Section 7: Confirmation and signature

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS			
NAME	MANDATORY	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Organization Budget	Yes	Organization's current annual budget	Financial statement
Project Budget	Yes, if requesting project/program funding	Required if request is to support a project or program. Include projected and committed funding.	Financial statement
Fiscal Agent Letter	Yes, if using a fiscal agent/sponsor	Fiscal agent letter	Fiscal agent letter

Section 1: Organization information

Please complete the following questions.

Legal name of organization

Employer Identification Number

Street address

City

State

ZIP Code

Organization website

Organization phone number
Head of organization first name
Head of organization last name
Head of organization email

Type of organization: Only the following types of organizations are eligible to apply: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, public schools and districts, government entities, churches, and organizations with a fiscal agent or sponsor.

If you have a fiscal sponsor/agent, please complete the following:

- Organization name
- EIN
- Address (street address, city, state, ZIP code)
- Executive director's full name
- Executive director's email

Section 2: Application contact information

Application contact's first name
Application contact's last name
Application contact's email

Section 3: Organization and senior leadership composition

The Minneapolis Foundation is committed to serving organizations that reflect the diversity of the local community they serve. This set of questions asks about the demographics of your organization's senior leadership. Senior leaders are defined by your organization and its structure. Please only count full-time staff members who have self-reported this data.

Total number of senior leaders in the organization

Number of senior leaders by race/ethnicity:

- African
- American Indian or Native American
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian/European
- More than one race/ethnicity
- Identify in another way (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

- Information not available

Number of senior leaders by gender:

- Female
- Male
- Identify in another way (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer
- Information not available

Number of senior of leaders by age:

- 40 and younger
- 41 and older
- Prefer not to answer
- Information not available

Section 4: Population served and geographic location of the work

This set of questions asks about the demographics of the population served. Who will be primarily served by the grant and where will the work take place?

Which race or ethnic populations will be primarily served by this grant? Please share only self-reported information and select all that apply.

- African
- American Indian/Native American
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White, Caucasian/European
- More than one race/ethnicity
- Prefer not to answer
- Identify in another way (please specify)
- Information not available

What age groups will primarily be served by this grant? Please only share self-reported information and select all that apply.

The target population for this opportunity is youth and young adults between the ages of 11 and 30.

- 11-17 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-30 years
- Multi-generational approach
- Information not available

Where will the work take place, and where will it have the most impact (geographic locations)?

Please select all that apply. We will prioritize work that impacts residents of Minneapolis. Please refer to the City of Minneapolis website: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/find-my-ward/>

- Ward 1: NE Minneapolis, including Beltrami and Windom Park
- Ward 2: SE Minneapolis, encompassing Seward and Cedar-Riverside
- Ward 3: E Minneapolis, including Marcy-Holmes and Dinkytown
- Ward 4: N and NE areas, including Como and Holland
- Ward 5: N Minneapolis, covering Hawthorne and Near North
- Ward 6: Central Minneapolis, including Downtown West and Elliot Park
- Ward 7: Central and NE parts, including Bryn Mawr and Lowry Hill East
- Ward 8: SW Minneapolis, covering Kingfield and Lyndale
- Ward 9: S Minneapolis, including Powderhorn Park and Central
- Ward 10: SW and SE areas, including Lynnhurst and Prospect Park East River Road
- Ward 11: SW Minneapolis, covering Fulton and Armatage
- Ward 12: S Minneapolis, including Windom and Hale
- Ward 13: SW Minneapolis, covering Linden Hills and East Harriet
- Inner ring suburbs (please specify)

Is there anything else you would like to share about the target population(s), age groups, or geographic area(s) (including public schools or school districts) served by the proposed work?

Please be brief and remember you will share more narrative details about your work in the next section of this application.

Section 5: Proposed work

This set of questions asks you to describe your proposed work, including the amount you are requesting.

Is this a general operating or project/program request?

Title of application

Amount requested

Please provide an overview or summary of your proposed work. Please emphasize how your organization, program and/or initiative works to address and prevent community violence and promote restoration and resilience among youth and young adults ages 11 to 30. *Maximum 750 words.*

Please describe your organization or project goals, main costs, and timeline.

Please help us understand how you do your work and how this funding would help you to be successful. For example, if you plan to use the funding for a specific program, please describe the program goals, timeframe, and the main costs. If you plan to use this grant for operating costs, share an example of what it might cover (i.e. staff salaries, rent or location costs, etc.). *Maximum 750 words.*

How does your organization collaborate with other individuals or organizations? Please share insights about these partnerships.

Violence prevention and youth focused efforts tend to involve extensive collaboration. Please help us understand how your partnerships strengthen your work. This might include the specific expertise your partners possess and the ways it enhances your work. *Maximum 750 words.*

What does success look like for your organization, program, or initiative? Who do you engage with to define success and how do you measure it?

The Minneapolis Foundation’s Strategic Framework emphasizes that equity is a responsibility, and it requires us to see and remove personal and systemic barriers that hold inequities in place. Please help us understand who you engage with to determine what success looks like, the ways it shapes your work, and how you measure your progress. *Maximum 750 words.*

Section 6: Attachments

- **Organization budget (all applicants)**
- **Program/project budget (required for those requesting program or project support)**
- **Fiscal agent letter (required for those with a fiscal agent or sponsor)**

Section 7: Confirmation and Signature

By checking this box, the applicant confirms the submission of this application and certifies all the information is true and accurate.

Please type the name and title of the person who has authorized the submission of this report to the Minneapolis Foundation.

Please sign.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email. If we have any follow-up questions, you will be contacted by a Foundation staff member.

Organizations selected for this grant opportunity will be required to submit a brief written report and itemized budget at the end of the grant period. Our reports emphasize learning rather than judgment. Specifically, we are interested in hearing the perspectives of people who are most proximate to the proposed work and impacted communities. If your organization, program, or initiative receives a grant, we may also contact you to follow up and briefly interview you about the outcome of the work.