



2026 Economic Mobility Grants

Informational Webinar

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MINNEAPOLIS  **FOUNDATION**

OUR MISSION

Together, we drive collective action to realize strong, vibrant communities.



OUR VALUES

Change is personal.

We work to change ourselves by listening, learning, understanding, and taking responsive action.

Internal mirrors external.

We reflect internally the community we hope to see externally.

Equity is a responsibility.

We see and remove personal and systemic barriers that hold inequities in place.

Proximity is necessary.

The closer we get, the more we understand, empathize, and transform; we can always get closer.

Civic participation is powerful.

Places and systems that value and work for everyone foster the diverse participation needed to solve complex problems.

Hope is essential.

Recognizing the challenges of today does not eliminate our ability to see—and create—a better future.





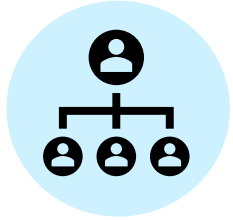
2026

ADVANCING ECONOMIC MOBILITY OVERVIEW

- Building on prior program investments and priorities
- Response to Operation Metro Surge
- Continued funding and policy landscape changes
- **Priority Focus:** 501(c)(3) nonprofits that **primarily** support small businesses through equitable access to capital, technical assistance, and other supports.



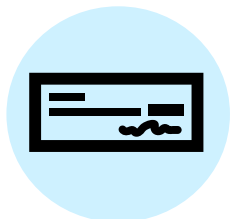
APPLICATION TERMS



Small businesses should have fewer than 40 employees and a gross annual revenue of \$3 million or less.



Technical assistance and small business support: e.g., business strategy and planning, financial management and capital readiness, procurement and contracting, marketing, etc.



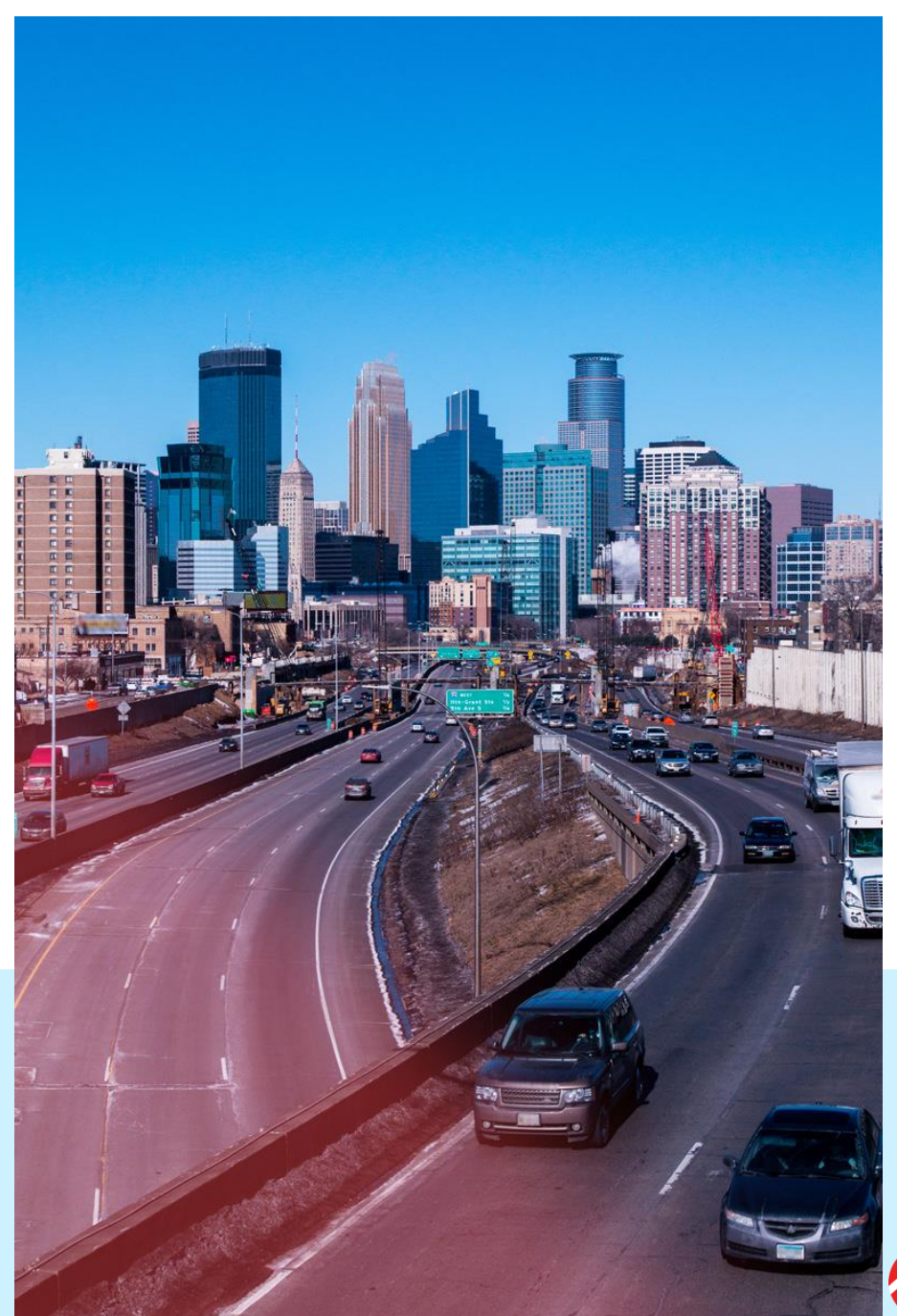
Expanding access to capital: e.g., small business loans, direct grants, alternative financing models, refinancing options, etc.







WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

❖ MUST DEMONSTRATE ALL THREE

- ✓ **501(c)(3) nonprofits** (fiscally sponsored organizations are ineligible.)
- ✓ **50% or more of the organization's work serves Minneapolis or inner-ring suburbs of Hennepin County** (Brooklyn Center, Edina, Golden Valley, Richfield, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park).
- ✓ **50% or more of the organization's work focuses on supporting small businesses** through services such as technical assistance, access to capital, business development, and other supports.



FOR ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING:

-  One request per organization
-  2025 Economic Mobility grant recipients are eligible to apply in 2026 if they meet all eligibility requirements
-  All grants will be designated as general operations support and will have a two-year grant period
-  Organizations awarded funding in 2026 will be ineligible to apply in 2027



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

- Organizations that provide **multiple** services and support to small businesses.
- Organizations that support **entrepreneurs who face systemic barriers** to business ownership and growth.
- Organizations that **invest in historically underinvested communities.**
- Organizations that **invest in key commercial corridors.**



FUNDING OVERVIEW:

Available Funds

Approx. \$2 million

Grant Size

Up to \$150,000

Grants Awards

15 to 30

Grant Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 (2 years)



DEADLINES AND DECISION-MAKING

**Application Deadline:
May 15, 2026**

**Application Reviews:
Late May – Early June 2026**

**Announcement & Disbursements
Late June 2026**



HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: Open your web browser and go to: <https://theminneapolisfoundation.my.site.com/Portal/s/>

Step 2: To use our online portal, you will first need to **Register** an account or **login** to your existing account.

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Welcome

Log in to your account to apply for a grant or check on your application status. New to the System? **Register** to create an account.

LOGIN

[Forgot Password?](#) [Are you an employee? Login Here](#) [Create an Account](#)

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Once logged in, be sure to select your current organization. You can do this by clicking “change current organization”.

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Current Organization:

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**ORGANIZATION
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Current Organization: Salvo Soccer - Test

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Open Funding Opportunities

Before creating a new application, please check if you have one already open.

Name	Deadline	Description	Action
2026 Economic Mobility	May 15, 2026	More Info	Apply Now

Close



HOW TO RETURN TO YOUR APPLICATION

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Name	Grant Program	Deadline	Status	Action
FR-09067	2026 Economic Mobil...	May 15, 2026	In progress	Edit

To continue working on an in-progress application



SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION

The last step of the application is Confirmation and Signature. Please don't forget to complete this step.

When you have submitted your application successfully, you will receive a message in the portal and a confirmation email.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & TIPS!

- Required Documents:
 - Organization Budget
 - Form 990
- Submit all required documents as PDFs
- Refrain from putting links in your documents

- Be clear and concise
- Start early, save often
- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted
- Contact us with questions



FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Reimagine Education: Late Spring/Early Summer

Climate Action and Racial Equity: Summer

Sign up for funding opportunity announcements at:
<https://mailchi.mp/4903a622ebda/grants>



MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION

Check out the Minneapolis Foundation's website:

minneapolisfoundation.org/funding-opportunities/

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