

→ SAINT PAUL & MINNESOTA FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

GRANT PROGRAM	OVERVIEW	APPLICATION CYCLE	GRANT AMOUNT	GEOGRAPHY
Community Solutions	Responsive one-year grants focused on Community & Economic Development; Health & Human Services; and Youth & Education. General operating, program/ project, or capital grants.	Rolling application opens January 2026; awards by June, September and November 2026	Up to \$50,000; anticipate ~50 grants will be awarded in 2026	East Metro
Arts & Culture	Five-year grants focused on cultivating a sustainable, thriving and resilient arts ecosystem. General operating grants.	LOI opens January 2026; followed by invitation to apply; awards by end of year 2026	\$100,000 per year; anticipate ~10 grants will be awarded in 2026	Statewide
Democracy	Five-year grants focused on organizing that builds power, narrative, movement leaders and infrastructure for lasting change. General operating grants.	LOI opens January 2026; followed by invitation to apply; awards by end of year 2026	\$100,000 per year; anticipate ~20 grants will be awarded in 2026	Statewide
Community Sharing Fund	Emergency grants to individuals and families with verifiable needs when other services or funds are unavailable; processed via community partner intermediaries.	Rolling application open; weekly decisions	Up to \$1,500	East Metro
J. C. & L.A. Duke Employees Assistance Fund	Emergency grants to current or retired 3M employees and their families who have experienced financial hardship as a result of a catastrophic illness or accident.	Rolling application open; quarterly decisions	Variable	N/A
Management Improvement Fund	Capacity-building grants funding technical assistance or consultation for organizations with budgets under \$5M and serving low-income communities; BIPOC-led organizations prioritized.	Rolling application open; quarterly decisions	Up to \$15,000	Statewide
Minnesota Community IDEAS	To design, test and spread ideas that make our communities better for everyone and to inspire, equip and connect people through meaningful, community-led change. Implemented as a community grant partner of the Bush Foundation.	Interest form opens January 2026; followed by invitation to apply; awards by end of year	\$125,000 per grantee; anticipate 9 grants will be awarded in 2026	Statewide
Bush Prize: Minnesota	Honors extraordinary organizations that consistently engage and lead their community toward creative solutions. Implemented as a community grant partner of the Bush Foundation.	Application open spring 2026; decisions by end of year 2026	\$250,000 per honoree; \$10,000 per finalist; anticipate I honoree from the Twin Cities Metro Area, I honoree from Greater Minnesota, and 6 finalists will be awarded in 2026	Statewide

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Community Solutions	Responsive one-year or two-year grants focused on Arts & Culture; Community & Economic Development; Health; Human Services; and Youth & Education. General operating, program/ project, or capital grants.	Rolling application opens January 2026; awards by June, September and November 2026	Up to \$50,000 per year for general operating or program/project grants; up to \$250,000 over two years for capital grants; anticipate ~100 grants will be awarded in 2026	East Metro
BIPOC Leadership	Multi-year grants focused on advancing BIPOC leadership in the region (grant periods may vary).	More information summer 2026; applications late 2026	To be announced	East Metro
Systems Change (Invite-Only)	Multi-year grants focused on adapting, transforming and/or disrupting systems to achieve more equitable results (grant periods may vary).	Invite-only; awards by end of year 2026	Variable; anticipate 2-3 grants will be awarded in 2026	East Metro



Mardag Foundation

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Community Emergency	Emergency one-time grants to fill unexpected financial gaps for Food Access or Housing organizations that serve low-income people. Grant periods will not exceed I year.	Rolling requests accepted beginning January 2026	Grants ranging from \$2,500 up to \$20,000	Statewide
Food Access	Five-year grants to fund systems change and/or direct service work to eliminate barriers and increase food access for low-income immigrant/refugee and/or Native American/Indigenous communities. General operating grants.	LOI opens January 2026; followed by invitation to apply; awards by end of year 2026	\$100,000 per year; anticipate ~7 grants will be awarded in 2026 (including 5 grantees from Greater Minnesota)	Statewide

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Our Home State	Five-year grants focused on systems change and/or direct service work to eliminate barriers and increase access to housing. A collaborative grant program of the Foundations.	More information summer 2026; applications late 2026	\$100,000 per year; more details to be announced	Statewide