



Mardag Foundation

A family legacy. A partner for Minnesota.

Grant Guidelines

The Mardag Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations and public entities located within and serving residents of Minnesota. The geographic focus of our grantmaking is the East Metro area of Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, as well as Greater Minnesota.

The Mardag Foundation has three priority focus areas and will consider proposals that address one or more of the following:

- Improving the lives of low-income Children, Youth and Families that lack access to critical opportunities and resources that they need.
- Supporting older adults across Minnesota who lack access or have barriers to critical opportunities to thrive and create community connections.
- Building capacity to improve community vitality through Arts and Culture.

TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Foundation **WILL** consider grant applications for:

- Multi-year funding in some situations, including:
 - Capital projects
 - Start-up costs for promising new programs that demonstrate sound management and clear goals relevant to community needs.
- Support for established agencies with temporary or transitional needs.
- Program expansion and special projects of a time-limited nature.
- Funds to match contributions received from other sources or to provide a challenge to raise new contributions.

GRANT REQUESTS NOT ACCEPTED

The Foundation **WILL NOT** consider grant applications for:

- Programs exclusively serving Minneapolis and the surrounding West Metro area.
- Scholarships and grants to individuals.
- Ongoing annual operating expenses.
- Sectarian religious programs.
- Federated campaigns.
- Events and conferences.
- Capital campaigns of private secondary schools.
- Capital and endowment campaigns of private colleges and universities

CONTACT US

Before applying, all interested applicants are encouraged to contact a program officer to ensure that your grant fits the requested need.

GRANT DEADLINES

We have two grant rounds each year. Specific dates can be found on the [Resources](#) page on the website.