



Mardag Foundation

Community Emergency Grant Program Guidelines

Program Overview

The goal of our Community Emergency Grant Program is to support community-driven solutions to emergent needs in the East Metro and Greater Minnesota.

Funding Priorities

We offer one-time emergency grants to Food Access or Housing organizations filling unexpected financial gaps.

Food Access or Housing organizations that serve low-income children, youth, families and/or older adults in the East Metro or Greater Minnesota, filling an unexpected financial gap in response to:

- Natural and/or environmental disasters
- Unexpected maintenance or repairs for buildings, vehicles, technology and/or equipment

Eligibility

- An organization can only receive one emergency grant at a time from Mardag Foundation and must wait a full calendar year before being eligible for another
- Priority will be given to organizations that have not received a grant from this grant program in the last 18 months
- 501(c)3 nonprofits, government entities, educational institutions, groups working through an eligible fiscal sponsor
- Demonstrated commitment to the geography served with preference for organizations based in Minnesota

Geography

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. We do not fund organizations primarily serving Anoka, Carver, Hennepin or Scott counties.

Grant Details

Community Emergency grants will be awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. Grant amounts will be between \$2,500 and up to \$20,000 per grant depending on the need. Grant periods will not exceed one year.

In 2026, \$250,000 is available for this grant program.



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Grant Requests Not Accepted

Mardag Foundation will not consider grant requests for support of organizations exclusively serving Minneapolis and the surrounding West Metro area or proposals to replace a loss in government funding.

If your organization does not fit the funding criteria for the Community Emergency Grant Program, we encourage you to explore other [Grant Opportunities](#), as well as [Resources Beyond the Grant](#) on the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation website. Mardag Foundation is a partner foundation of the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation.