



REIMAGINE EDUCATION

Spring 2024 Grant Round

Grant Guidelines and Application Preview Worksheet

This document is intended to help prospective applicants prepare to apply for a Reimagine Education grant from the Minneapolis Foundation. It includes the grant guidelines for this funding opportunity and a preview of what you will see in our online portal when this grant round opens on May 22, 2024.

Grant Guidelines

The Minneapolis Foundation announces a call for proposals from nonprofits, schools, and school districts seeking grants for work that advances equity and supports youth voice in local K-12 schools. Our Reimagine Education grants prioritize efforts to:

- Elevate student and community voices and power to build bridges between schools, families, and communities and improve school climates and academic outcomes.
- Provide opportunities for educators to build their understanding of race and equity and implement strategies that create culturally responsive and inclusive schools.
- Advocate for policies at the school, local, and state level to address systemic barriers to racial equity in Minnesota's education system.

These grant guidelines reflect our Reimagine Education strategy, which uses a community-centered lens to ensure that the wisdom and experiences of students, parents, principals, teachers, administrators, and community members guide efforts to disrupt inequities in our schools.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted online by the deadline of **1 P.M. ON JUNE 21, 2024**. We do not accept late applications or applications submitted via email.

All applicants will be notified of funding decisions by August 26, 2024. The grant period is September 2, 2024, to June 13, 2025.

Grantees will be asked to submit a brief narrative report and itemized budget at the grant period's end. Please note that our grant reports emphasize learning and reflection with our grantee partners, not judgment.

If you are applying for a grant from the Minneapolis Foundation for the first time, you will first need to set up an account in our online portal, GranteeView. We strongly encourage each individual grant

writer to have their own GranteeView account, as multiple accounts can be associated with one organization. Please do not share accounts. This helps with the notification process and ensures you will receive timely notice of your grant approval/denial.

What We Will Fund

We plan to award between \$1 million and \$1.2 million to 25 to 30 organizations. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000, with an average award of \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Here's a non-exhaustive list of the types of work we plan to support:

- Student leadership and power building
- Recruitment and retention of diverse educators with equity-focused mindsets
- Principal and teacher leadership and collaboration
- Development of equity and climate frameworks
- Local or state policy advocacy
- Professional development and training to support teachers and school leaders to implement evidence-based literacy instruction
- Development and implementation of strategies to address student mental health challenges and improve school climate and culture
- Efforts to engage students and their families in district and school-level decision-making

We are also open to other ideas that help create equitable outcomes for children and youth from local Black, Indigenous and communities of color.

Eligibility

Funding will be awarded to public schools or school districts and 501(c)(3) nonprofits that organize students, parents, and community members; engage in education policy advocacy to advance equity and eliminate disparities; and help educators collaborate to build their understanding of race, equity, and culture, and to create positive school climates.

We will prioritize proposals that impact Minneapolis. However, we will also consider organizations in inner-ring suburbs (Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, etc.).

Further Assistance

Please email Patrice Relerford at prelerford@mplsfoundation.org if you have questions about your organization's eligibility or the content of your proposal. If you have technical questions about this process, please contact our Grants Administration team at grantsupport@mplsfoundation.org or 612-672-8665. Please allow 1-2 business days for responses from our staff. We strongly encourage applicants to submit their applications prior to the deadline.

Resources

Expanding the Vision of Reimagine Minnesota ([PDF, 3.9 MB](#))
Education Equity in the Age of COVID-19 ([PDF, 2.9 MB](#))

Application Preview Worksheet

Organization and Contact Information

Please provide the following information:

Title of application

Please provide your organization's:

Legal name

Is your organization known by other names? If so, please let us know.

Employer Identification Number

Type of organization

Address

Website

Phone number

Year of establishment

Mission or vision statement(s)

Please tell us about the head of your organization:

Name

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Title

Email

Phone

If you have a fiscal agent, please provide the following:

Legal name of fiscal agent

Employer Identification Number

Address

Street, city, state, and ZIP code

Contact person for fiscal agent: Name, title, email, and phone

Who is the contact person for this application?

Name

Title

Email

Phone

Cell phone

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Additional Information

Total number of senior leaders in your organization:

Senior leaders by race/ethnicity:

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Senior leaders by gender:

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Senior leaders by age:

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

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

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

Strategic Plan Alignment

The Minneapolis Foundation's Strategic Framework calls for us to partner with others to sow and nurture the seeds of strong, vibrant communities using these approaches:

- Promoting civic participation and leadership.
- Seeing and dismantling barriers that hold inequities in place.
- Actualizing access to opportunities that advance upward mobility.
- Fostering belonging, connection and inclusion.

From the list above, please identify at least one approach that is relevant to your work. Tell us about it in the space below. Only respond to questions about the approaches you believe are most aligned with your work.

How do you address barriers that hold inequities in place? *(Maximum 1,500 characters)*

How do you increase access to opportunities that advance upward mobility? How do you know if you are making a difference? *(Maximum 1,500 characters)*

How do you promote civic participation and leadership? Who will you involve in the work, and how will you continue to ensure you are leveraging their experience(s)? *(Maximum 1,500 characters)*

How do you foster belonging and inclusion? Whose voices are embedded, and how will you ensure this is sustained throughout the implementation of your proposed work? *(Maximum 1,500 characters)*

Proposed Work

Has your organization received a grant from the Minneapolis Foundation since October 2020? (If yes, please list the grant program and how much you received.)

Is this project a collaborative effort?

Amount requested:

Please provide an overview or summary of your proposed work.

Please briefly describe how your proposed work aligns with the Foundation's education guidelines.

Please describe your organization or project goals.

Please describe the target population impacted by the proposed work.

Please describe the geographic area (and schools, if applicable) where the proposed work will take place.

Please describe your implementation plan or milestones and timeline.

Please describe how you plan to evaluate your work.

Please describe how you plan to share the results of this work with key stakeholders and the public if applicable.

List of Attachments

| NAME | CURRENT STATUS | REQUIRED? | DESCRIPTION | DATE COMPLETED | ACTIONS |
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| Fiscal Agent Letter | Not Yet Uploaded | No | Needed only if your organization has a fiscal agent or sponsor. This letter should come from that entity and be signed by the leadership of both parties. | | Details |
| Key Staff | Not Yet Uploaded | Yes | Please include a short bio with title and demographics for each key staff member. | | Details |
| Project Budget | Not Yet Uploaded | No | List of expenses and revenue for the project. Please include potential funders. | | Details |
| Organization Budget | Not Yet Uploaded | Yes | A list of expenses and revenue for the organization as a whole. | | Details |