

Grant Guidelines

The F. R. Bigelow Foundation considers grant applications from nonprofit organizations and public entities fostering a vibrant East Metro region and seeking to achieve racially and economically equitable outcomes in the areas of arts & culture, economic & community development, education & youth development, health, housing and human services.

Our primary geographic focus is the Greater Saint Paul metropolitan area, which includes Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, with a particular emphasis on serving people who live or work in the city of Saint Paul.

Primary Areas of Interest:

- **Arts & Culture** - Strengthening the arts & culture sector to serve all individuals and all communities across the region by supporting capacity building, capital projects and community programs.
- **Community & Economic Development** – Building a strong and vital East Metro through community building, physical development and strengthening support for low-income individuals, families and underrepresented communities through workforce development and training.
- **Education & Youth Development** – Supporting under-served children, youth and young adults by investing in access to high-quality education and youth development both in and out of school from cradle to career.
- **Health** - Increasing health equity through quality, affordable, culturally-relevant services, particularly for low-income, uninsured, under-insured and socially marginalized individuals.
- **Housing** – Improving access for low-income individuals and families to affordable quality housing, preventing and ending homelessness.
- **Human Services** – Investing in basic needs for individuals and families, helping them be safe, stable and independent.

Types of Grants Available:

- Program expansions or special projects of a time limited nature
- Established programs or organizations that have temporary or transitional operating needs
- Start-up costs for promising new programs relevant to community needs
- Funds to match contributions received from other sources or to leverage new or increased contributions
- Capital projects that generate important economic impact for the community

Grant Requests Not Accepted:

- Annual operating support
- Sectarian religious programs
- Grants to individuals
- Medical research

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 of the website.