



Community Grant Round

The FM Area Foundation’s Community Grant Round addresses needs throughout Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota, and promotes collaborative efforts to improve life in these areas. In 2025, we will have one grant cycle that aligns with our five areas of impact. Organizations will self-select the focus area that best describes the work of their organization. Please see application deadlines below.

2025 Grant Timeline	
Application Opens:	March 3
Deadline:	April 4
Evaluation Window:	April 7-June 5
Announcement of Awards:	June 23-June 27

Areas of Impact:

<p>ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY <i>Inspiring imagination through arts and culture</i></p> 	<p>BASIC HUMAN NEEDS <i>Building ladders out of poverty</i></p> 	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDING <i>Fostering initiatives that strengthen the community</i></p> 	<p>EDUCATION <i>Lifting lives through learning</i></p> 	<p>WOMEN'S FUND <i>Empowering women and children</i></p> 
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Final Report

Final report forms on awarded 2024 Community Grant Round grants must be submitted prior to submitting a 2025 grant request.

You can find the final report by logging into your grantee portal. A follow-up final report will be assigned to you. If you were awarded a 2024 grant, you will be required to complete a final report by March 2025.



Eligibility

One application will be accepted per calendar year. Nonprofits must choose one focus area to apply to once they begin the application: Arts, Culture & Creativity; Basic Human Needs; Community Building; Education; Women & Children.

Please reach out in advance with questions regarding focus areas.

Applicants must be an IRS-approved tax exempt nonprofit under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue code as described in IRC 501(c)(3), or a church, tax-exempt school or other government entity located in Cass County, North Dakota, or Clay County, Minnesota. Applications will only be accepted for organizations who have been in existence for a minimum of two years and in good standing with the IRS.

Fiscal sponsorships are accepted with the completion and submission of a fiscal sponsorship agreement form.

Any organization currently being Fiscally Sponsored or currently the recipient of a loan from the FM Area Foundation is not eligible to receive grant funding for general operating expenses; they are only eligible to receive funding for programs. Every effort will be made to maintain a reasonable balance in awarding grants to various areas of need.

Please Note:

- **Event sponsorships are no longer managed through the grant round.**
- **If you are applying on behalf of a School, college, or university, please ensure that you go through the appropriate foundation associated with that institution.**
- **Nonprofits must have an office located in Cass County, N.D., or Clay County, Minn., to be eligible to apply.**



In reviewing applications, the Foundation will consider the following criteria:

1. The extent to which the organization addresses a community need, demonstrates broad-based community support, and provides benefits to the community-at-large.
2. The extent to which the proposal maximizes community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and the elimination of redundant services, programs, or projects.
3. The extent to which the proposal and organization prioritizes engaging and serving underrepresented populations.
4. The capacity of the applicant's organization and the staff to achieve organizational success.
5. Grant requests ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 will be considered.
6. You must select if you are applying for general operating support or existing program/project support.
7. Capital Needs/Projects are not accepted.
8. Each year, the needs far outweigh our ability to fund. We strive to support a wide variety of organizations in our community.



Questions?

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