Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for Coronavirus Application

OVERVIEW
The Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) was created to support community recovery needs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Grants are intended to support the recovery and resilience of Minnesota's nonprofit sector. The MDRF envisions a nonprofits sector that is strong, vibrant, equitable and able to deliver in many ways that strengthen our communities, including arts and culture, social services, basic needs, advocacy, education, health and wellbeing, and more.

ELIGIBILITY
The MDRF will provide grants to community intermediaries. Community intermediaries will re-grant the funds as general operating support to nonprofit organizations and/or provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota. Eligible community intermediaries will support multiple nonprofit organizations and have a history and proven capacity to serve in this role. Community intermediaries may include, but are not limited to, the following: community foundations, Minnesota Initiative Foundations, tribal nations, collaboratives, coalitions, networks, associations, or technical assistance providers. Eligible technical assistance providers will deliver services to nonprofits in areas such as financial management, legal assistance, fundraising, language translation, navigating public programs, and nonprofit management.

The MDRF allocates grants through community intermediaries because they have a deep understanding of the needs in their communities and the relationships to distribute resources quickly and effectively to a wide range of nonprofit organizations.

TIMING & HOW TO APPLY
Proposals will be considered approximately monthly through the remainder of 2020, or until MDRF funds are depleted. Those that do not receive funding in a single grant round may be held for future consideration. Proposal deadlines, grantmaking dates, and the online application system link are available at https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus. Questions about eligibility or the application and decision-making process may be directed to coronavirusfund@mcf.org.

FUNDING CRITERIA
The following criteria will be considered when reviewing the proposals:
• **Coronavirus Impact.** Requests should aim to support nonprofit organizations that are experiencing needs specifically created by coronavirus.

• **Equity.** Special consideration will be given to requests that focus on nonprofit organizations serving populations that were already experiencing structural inequities and are currently experiencing disproportionate effects of coronavirus. These may include, but are not limited to, low-income people, those who are black, Indigenous or people of color (BIPOC), undocumented people, rural communities, LGBTQ, seniors, disabled, and those who are uninsured.

• **Nonprofit Community Recovery Focus.** This fund is focused on supporting the recovery and resilience of Minnesota's nonprofit sector. The MDRF envisions a nonprofit sector that is strong, vibrant, equitable and able to deliver in many ways that strengthen our communities, during the pandemic and into the future. The MDRF is no longer funding efforts to support small businesses or provide direct relief to individuals and families.

• **Unmet needs.** Requests that support nonprofit organizations which lack access to other resources will be prioritized.

Advisory Committee members will also consider the total mix of grantees to ensure that resources support a vibrant and equitable nonprofit sector throughout every region of the state.

Grantees will be asked to submit a brief narrative and financial report at the conclusion of the grant.

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

**Organization Name**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Is your organization a public agency/unit of governmental/tribal nation?**

*Choices*

Yes

No

**Primary Contact Name:**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Primary Contact Phone:**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Primary Contact Email:**

*Character Limit: 100*
If awarded, we will be paying the grant by check or wire transfer. Please complete the contact information below for who we can work with on grant payment.

**Name:**
*Character Limit: 100

**Title:**
*Character Limit: 100

**Phone:**
*Character Limit: 250

**Email:**
*Character Limit: 254

**PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
For this application, proper phrasing, language, and exact details are not our main priority. The priority is to provide community intermediaries with the support they need in a timely manner. Please tell us what is happening, what you need, which nonprofits you will be supporting, and the impact it will have.

Character limits are to keep proposals simple and concise.

**Intermediary Role**
The MDRF will provide grants to community intermediaries who will then re-grant the funds as general operating support to nonprofit organizations and/or provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota. Describe your role as a community intermediary. How does your organization support nonprofit organizations? Please see the definitions below to confirm you are eligible:

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**Eligible technical assistance providers** will deliver services to nonprofits in areas such as financial management, legal assistance, fundraising, language translation, navigating public programs, and nonprofit management.

*Character Limit: 2000*
Defining Recovery & Understanding Recovery Needs*
What does recovery mean in the context of your work? What are the recovery needs of the nonprofit organizations that you will support with a grant from the MDRF? How do you plan to address them?

Character Limit: 4000

Sector Resilience*
The MDRF envisions a nonprofits sector that is strong, vibrant, equitable and able to deliver in many ways that strengthen our communities, including arts and culture, social services, basic needs, advocacy, education, health and wellbeing, and more. How will this grant request contribute to the resilience of Minnesota’s nonprofit sector?

Character Limit: 2000

Request Summary*
Please provide a brief summary of your request (2-3 sentences).

Character Limit: 500

Types of Technical Assistance (if applicable)*
If you are applying as a technical assistance provider, what type(s) of technical assistance will you provide to nonprofits in Minnesota with this grant? Please check all that apply.

Choices
Financial management
Legal assistance
Fundraising
Language translation
Navigating public programs
Nonprofit management
Other (fill in the blank)
Not applicable

Types of Technical Assistance - Other (if applicable)
If you chose "other" above, please list in the area below.

Character Limit: 100

Geographic Area(s) Served*
In which regions of the state do the nonprofit organizations you will support do their work? See geographic regions at MN Compass: http://www.mncompass.org/profiles.
Please check all that apply.

Choices
Central
Northland
Northwest
Southern
Southwest
Twin Cities
West Central

**Nonprofits & Populations Served***
Please share more about the nonprofits you will be serving in terms of nonprofit type, geography, and population.

*Character Limit: 2000*

**Grant Request Amount***

*Character Limit: 20*

**Use of Funds***

How will the grant funds be used?

*Character Limit: 2000*

**Method and Timeline***

If you are community intermediary that will be re-granting to nonprofits, describe your method and timeline for redistributing resources to nonprofits. If you are technical assistance provider, describe the type of nonprofit assistance, method of delivery and timeline for use of grant funds.

*Character Limit: 2000*