MINNESOTA - Education Grants

Minnesota Department of Education – Website contains extensive assistance to help locate and apply for federal and state grant funds. http://www.education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html

Federal & State Grants page: http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/Grant/index.html
Current Grant Opportunities: http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/DataSubLogin/index.html

Private & Corporate Foundations

Hugh J Andersen Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $100,000, Avg.: $11,000)  
https://www.srinc.biz/foundations/hugh-j-andersen-foundation/  
Funds school districts, schools, and education programs with general operating, scholarship, and program funds. The foundation's purpose is to give back to the community through focused efforts that foster inclusivity, promote equality, and lead to increased human independence, self-sufficiency, and dignity.

Athwin Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $175,000)  
Org Profile and funding guidelines: http://www.catchcod.com/funding_athwin.php  
Supports private schools, higher education, and education nonprofits. Provides ongoing organizational support; adds few new grantees. Has two funding cycles; deadlines are March 1st, and October 1st.

Beim Foundation  (Grant range: $1,000 - $15,000)  
http://www.beimfoundation.org/  
Interested in literacy and college readiness. Funds throughout MINN.

Best Buy Children’s Foundation  (Grant range: $4000 - $2,900,000, Avg.: $107,000)  
http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_foundation.htm  
Provides grants to expand access to technology for youth.

F. R. Bigelow Foundation  (Education Grant Range: $20,000 - $75,000)  
http://www.frbigelow.org/  
Company foundation with a mission to improve quality of life in the greater St. Paul area. Letters and proposals submitted by mid-April are reviewed in August. Find application instructions on the website.

Charles K. Blandin Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $1million, avg. $87,000)  
http://www.blandinfoundation.org/who-we-are/charles-blandin.php  
The Foundation’s vision is to help build healthy rural Minnesota communities. Focus area: to expand opportunity through educational attainment, economic opportunity and broader inclusion in rural communities. For information about submitting a proposal, go to: http://grants.blandinfoundation.org/

Boeing Company  (Grant range not available)  
http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/community/focus_objectives.html#edu  

Braitmayer Foundation  (Grant range: $1,000 - $35,000)
The Otto Bremer Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $465,000, Avg.: $35,000)
http://www.ottobremer.org/
Funds generally in Minnesota, with priority given to communities that are homes and neighbors to Bremer banks. Funding in the seven-county Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area is focused on supporting building blocks that lead to long-term solutions to helping individuals and families become financially stable and self-reliant. Funds colleges and universities, schools, and nonprofit education organizations.

Cargill Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $5million, Avg. $142,000)
Funds rigorous K-12 education programs in Minneapolis and its northern and western suburbs.

The Carlson Family Foundation  (Grant range not available)
http://www.clcfamilyfoundation.com/about_us.asp
Funds education projects and youth mentoring. Supports 501(c)(3) organizations.

Carolyn Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $75,000, Avg. $17,900)
http://www.carolynfoundation.org/
Focus on urban Minneapolis middle school students. Check the Evaluation Criteria page to see if your organization and project is a good fit (http://www.carolynfoundation.org/index.asp?page_seq=39)

CenterPoint Energy Charitable Contributions Program  (Grant range not available)
http://www.centerpointenergy.com/community/MN/
Funds in areas of company operations: check online map at web page listed above. Supports post-secondary technical education and STEM programs. Applications are accepted June 1-July 31st.

JPMorgan Chase Foundation  (Grant range not available)
http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/corporate-philanthropy.htm  (Scroll down page to find education focus area). Only funds 501(c) (3) organizations; no private schools or higher education. Funds public schools working in partnership with a 501(c) (3) organization. Funds statewide in Washington. Submit online application at: (http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_login.login?x_gm_id=2608&x_proposal_type_id=10400)

Corning Incorporated Foundation  (Grant range: $200 - $400,000)
http://corningincfoundation.org/
Selected public K-12 school districts, community colleges and four-year institutions of higher learning are the consistent beneficiaries of Corning Foundation support. Check with your district or institution to see if you are among those being funded. Grants are used for a variety of projects.

Dow Chemical Company Foundation  (Grant range: $250 - $1,000,000)
http://www.dow.com/sustainability/
Supports education in the communities where the company operates, especially STEM. Interested in improving achievement for underserved populations.
Ecolab Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $500,000, Avg.: $15,000)
http://www.ecolab.com/our-story/our-company/community-involvement/apply-for-a-grant
Funds colleges and universities, public and private schools and nonprofit education organizations in areas of company operations. See website for a list of qualifying communities. For the St. Paul, MN area, applications are submitted online and are due December 1 of each year to be considered for funding for the following calendar year.

General Mills Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $50,000)
The Foundation supports programs that emphasize student academic achievement, particularly at the pre-K through 12 levels. Funds primarily in communities with company facilities, with emphasis on Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties, MN.

Graco Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $200,000, Avg.: $27,000)
Funds many schools, scholarship funds, and education organizations in areas of company operations. Website has notice: not accepting new proposals at this time. Check website for new information or check local operations to engage employees as donors or volunteers. The foundation matches employee donations.

Greycoach Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $600,000, Avg.: $72,000)
No website. Address: 505 Hwy 169 N Ste. 595, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441-6447 Contact: Sid Sehlin, Asst. Secy., Tel: (763) 417-2981
The foundation's purpose is to uphold the principles and truths of Roman Catholicism. Funds mostly Catholic schools. Also supports some private and public schools.

Greystone Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $135,000, Avg. $18,000)
No website. Address: 730 2nd Ave S, Ste. 1300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2416, Tel: (612) 752-1772. Supports private secondary and higher educational institutions, with a focus on the Minneapolis, St. Paul area.

Grotto Foundation, Inc.  (Grant range: $4,000 - $460,000, Avg.: $26,000)
http://www.grottofoundation.org
The foundation's purpose is to benefit society by improving the education and the economic, physical, and social well-being of citizens, with a special focus on families and culturally diverse groups. Supports MN indigenous language education.

Hardenbergh Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $50,000, Avg., $10,000 or less)
No Website. Address: 101 E 5th St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, Contact: Jeffrey T. Peterson, Secretary, c/o US Bank N.A., Tel: (651) 466-8735. Funds a variety of schools and education programs, from preschool through higher education. Types of funding: capital, scholarships, general support and program.

HRK Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $750,000, Avg.: $39,000)
http://www.hrkfoundation.org
Has supported higher education, is now re-assessing strategic plan. No unsolicited. September 15, 2013 grant deadline.
IGT Corporate Contributions Program  (Grant Range Not Available)
http://www.IGT.com/Contributions
Funds in areas of company operations; IGT supports higher education institutions, educational development, and economic and business education programs.

Insperity Corporate Contributions Program  (Grant Range: $500 - $5,000)
Funds Communities within the company's district markets. The company supports various educational programs to aid teachers, contribute to building tomorrow's workforce and serve as role models and mentors for students. Schools and higher-learning institutions benefit from corporate financial contributions, as well as the investments of both time and money by company employees.

The Kern Family Foundation, Inc.  (Grant range: $4,000 - $5 million, Avg.: $115,000)
http://www.kffdn.org/default.asp?CID=Home
Funds colleges and universities, school districts, and nonprofit education organizations on a national level. Does not accept unsolicited proposals.

The McKnight Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $8,500,000, Avg.: $148,000)
http://www.mcknight.org
Education program: Within the cradle-to-career continuum, the Foundation focuses on increasing the percentage of students reading at grade level by the end of third grade; and increasing access to high quality learning beyond the classroom so that all Minnesota's youth thrive.

Mardag Foundation  (Grant range: $5,000 - $75,000, Avg. $20,000)
http://www.mardag.org
The Foundation’s primary geographic focus is the East Metro, which includes Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, as well as Greater Minnesota. A priority area of funding is: Improving the lives of at-risk families, children, youth and young adults. Check website for information about applying for a grant (http://www.mardag.org/apply_for_a_grant/).

Medtronic Foundation  (Grant range: $4,000 - $1 million, Avg.: $40,000)
http://www.medtronic.com/foundation
Funds colleges and universities, state and local public education, and nonprofit schools and education organizations. Supports STEM education, with an emphasis on ensuring access to quality STEM education for under-represented students in primary, secondary and post-secondary institutions.

Milken Family Foundation  (Grant range: $100 - $500,000)
http://www.mff.org
Funded the MN Dept. of Ed (2004 & 2005) $330,000 total. Funds innovative and effective education initiatives.

The Prudential Foundation  (Grant range not available)
http://www.prudential.com/
Funds in communities where Prudential has a significant presence; Minneapolis, MN. The Foundation seeks to develop and support strong educational leaders to manage school systems, schools and classrooms, to develop the whole child to increase motivation and engagement in the classroom to improve academic achievement, and to increase public and parent engagement. They focus on communities where children and families are most in need of a high quality education.
I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation  
(Grant range: $5,000 - $580,000, Avg.: $63,000)  
http://www.iaoshaughnessyfdn.org/  
Foundation’s current education funding interest: Support high quality education that prepares students in disadvantaged communities for educational and life success. Provides Board grants within priority areas, and Regional Discretionary Grants as directed personally by Foundation officers and directors. Not accepting letters at this time. Check website in January 2014.

Securian Foundation  
(Grant range: $4,000 - $200,000, Avg.: $25,000)  
http://www.securian.com/Securian/About+Us/Securian+Financial+Group/Community+commitment/Giving+guidelines  
Mostly funds higher education. Interested in equal opportunity for minorities.

Target Foundation  
(Grant range: $5,000-$2 million, Avg.: $85,000)  
http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-043312  
The Foundation's purpose is to enhance the quality of life in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. Funds field trips, early childhood reading programs ($2,000), and the arts in schools.

James R Thorpe Foundation  
(Grant range: $4,000 - $30,000, Avg.: $10,000-$5,000)  
http://www.jamesrthorpefoundation.org/  
Funds 501c3 non-profit organizations located in and serving the Minneapolis and the western Minneapolis metro suburbs of the Twin Cities. Supports a variety of schools and education organizations. Priorities include academic support programs for middle school students that provide core academic services, scholarships and school based academic and social support services.

Toyota U.S.A. Foundation  
(Grant range: $50,000 - $200,000)  
http://www.toyota.com/foundation  
The foundation's primary purpose is to support education, focusing on mathematics and science.

Xcel Energy Foundation  
(Grant Range Not Available)  
http://www.xcelenergy.com/About_Us/Community  
The Foundation supports math, science, and economic education programs for students in kindergarten through college, with a preference for programs that enrich and improve student performance in math and science in combination with core academic curriculum; community education programs that provide students with economic education and practical business/technical skills to compete effectively in the job market; scholarships focused on mathematics, science, technical, or environmental areas of study; programs that support district, state, or national educational standards; and, programs involving participation and partnership among students, educators, businesses, and nonprofit entities.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS


Central Minnesota Community Foundation, www.communitygiving.org/, serves Central MN.

Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and Region, Polk County, MN; www.gofoundation.org/, serves Grand Forks County, ND.
Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation Inc., www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/, serves the following Northeastern Minnesota counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis and/or Douglas and Bayfield counties in northwestern Wisconsin.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, www.areafoundation.org/, serves Clay County, MN; Cass County, ND.

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation, www.gracf.org/, serves the Grand Rapids, MN area, and Itatska County, MN.

Greater Wayzata Community Foundation, no website. Address: 603 Lake Street E # 210 Wayzata, MN 55391-3717; Contact: 612-723-9647; serves the Wayzata, MN area.

The Minneapolis Foundation Inc., www.minneapolisfoundation.org/, serves the Twin Cities region, MN.

The Minnesota Community Foundation, www.mncommunityfoundation.org/, serves MN.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF), http://www.nwmf.org/, serves Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties, MN.

Rochester Area Foundation, www.rochesterarea.org/, serves Rochester, & Olmsted Counties, MN.

The Saint Paul Foundation, www.saintpaulfoundation.org/, serves Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, MN.

Southwest Initiative Foundation, www.swifoundation.org/, Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties, MN.

St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, http://www.scvfoundation.org/, Chicago and Washington Counties of Minnesota; Polk, St. Croix and Pierce Counties of Wisconsin.

St. Louis Park Community Foundation, www.slpcf.org/, St. Louis Park, MN.

Virginia Community Foundation, www.virginiafoundation.com/, Virginia, MN.

West Central Initiative, www.wcif.org/, Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties, MN.


Woodbury Community Foundation, www.woodburyfoundation.org/, Woodbury MN.