



BUSH PRIZE: MINNESOTA

GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The Bush Prize celebrates organizations that are highly valued within their communities and have a track record of successful community problem solving.

The Bush Prize award is flexible and can be used to build up reserves, test that next big idea or whatever else would best support the organization's ongoing good work. The award amount is up to 25% of an organization's most recent fiscal year expenses, with a maximum of \$500,000.

The application period for the 2024 Bush Prize: Minnesota begins on Monday, April 1, and closes Friday, May 31, at 12 p.m.

The Bush Prize: Minnesota online application is the first step in the application process. Character counts are limited to reduce the amount of time required to complete this initial application. If selected as a finalist, there will be an opportunity to share more information about your organization with the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation and our selection committee.

If you have questions about eligibility or the application process, contact the Bush Prize: Minnesota team at bushprizeminnesota@spmcf.org or [651.325.4202](tel:651.325.4202).

PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONS

Before accessing the full application online, we ask the following qualifying questions to ensure your organization is eligible for the Bush Prize: Minnesota. Eligibility requirements are available on the [Bush Prize: Minnesota website](#).

Is your organization certified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity or a public agency/unit of government or Indian tribal government under Section 7871 of the Internal Revenue Code??

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, but we have an eligible fiscal sponsor
- ☐ No

Is your organization located in Minnesota?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are the innovations you are highlighting in this application focused on benefiting the state of Minnesota?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Has your organization received a Bush Prize award in the past 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the applicant organization. Organizations or programs that are fiscally sponsored may serve as the applicant organization. You will be asked to provide information on your fiscal sponsor separately (below).

- Organization's Legal Name
- Organization ID # (Assigned when registering for GranteeView)
- Organization Doing Business as Name (if different than legal name)
- Org. Employer Identification Number (EIN): XX-XXXXXXX
- Organization Address
- Organization Main Phone Number
- Organization Website
- Executive Director Name
- Executive Director Title
- Executive Director Email
- Executive Director Phone
- Applicant Contact Name (if different than Executive Director)
- Applicant Contact Title
- Applicant Contact Email
- Applicant Contact Phone

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, but we have an eligible fiscal sponsor

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Information (if applicable)

If applying using a fiscal sponsor, an authorized representative of the fiscal sponsor is required to sign and upload a Fiscal Sponsor Agreement. A [Fiscal Sponsor Agreement Form](#) is available on the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation's website on our [Grant Resources page](#). You will be asked to provide the following information for the sponsoring organization:

- Fiscal Sponsor Project Name
- Fiscal Sponsor Legal Name
- Fiscal Sponsor DBA
- Fiscal Sponsor Employer Identification Number: XX-XXXXXXX
- Fiscal Sponsor Year Established
- Fiscal Sponsor Address
- Fiscal Sponsor Website

- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Name
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Title
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Phone
- Fiscal Sponsor Executive Director Email

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

- Provide a brief introduction to your organization, its history and its mission. If you're applying as a fiscal sponsor, briefly describe both your organization and the group you're sponsoring. (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- Provide a brief introduction to the community you serve. What do we need to understand about your community and the opportunity, challenge, issue or need that your organization works to address? Describe how your organization's work benefits communities that have been historically under-served (Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latino, new Americans, immigrants, refugees, people with disabilities, LGBTQI communities, veterans, rural communities, low-income communities, and others). (Maximum of 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)
- The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation is committed to supporting community-led solutions. How do you listen to/involve community to ensure the community you serve informs, forms, and benefits from your work? (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- The Bush Prize is for organizations that have a culture of innovation. What principles and practices allow your organization to innovate? Provide a few brief examples of what this looks like in your organization on a day-to-day basis. (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- How does the leadership of your organization support innovation? (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- Describe your organization's track record of innovation. Provide at least two examples of times when you achieved a community innovation (a breakthrough in addressing a community need that is more effective, equitable or sustainable than previous approaches). Include outcome data or other evidence of the impact of your breakthroughs. If you are selected as a Bush Prize finalist, we will ask you to elaborate on these innovations. (Maximum of 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)
- When you identify a community problem, how do you typically pursue an innovative solution to the problem? Describe specific examples of how your approach is:
 - Inclusive: meaningfully engaging key stakeholders, thoughtfully identifying those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, including those directly affected by the problem.
 - Collaborative: a true joint effort, with partners willing to share ownership and decision-making as they pursue an innovation together.

- Resourceful: using existing resources and assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has.

(Maximum of 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)

- What sets your organization apart in your field? How is your approach different from the status quo? How are you trying to inform and inspire your field with your work? (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- The Bush Prize is for organizations that think bigger and think differently about how they address community problems. What is your dream for the future of your organization and its work? What are you doing now to work towards that dream? (Maximum of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)

RACIAL DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR ORGANIZATION

IMPORTANT NOTE: While the information provided in this section is required, your responses **will not** be used as selection criteria for the Bush Prize: Minnesota and will not be considered during the initial finalist selection process. The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation collects this data from all applicants to better understand the impact of our grantmaking and outreach efforts related to our commitment to racial equity.

- Who does your organization directly serve? (*Choose one: Individuals and/or families or other organizations*)
 - If individuals and/or families, do people of color represent a majority of the population served by your organization (through all its projects/programs, initiatives, services, etc.)?
 - If other organizations, do people of color represent a majority of people served by those organizations/entities?
- What is the primary racial/ethnic group served by your organization? (Select one)
 - ☐ American Indian/Native Alaskan
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ Black/ African American
 - ☐ Latino/Hispanic
 - ☐ Native American/ Pacific Islander
 - ☐ Two or more races/Other
 - ☐ White
 - ☐ General Population/ No Specific Racial or Ethnic Group
- How many people total serve on your board of directors or equivalent governing body?
- Of these, how many identify as Black, Indigenous or people of color?

- How many people serve in your organization's senior level management (including executive director or equivalent position)?
- Of these, how many identify as Black, Indigenous or people of color?