



# 2024 Round 1 Grant Info Session

Tuesday, January  
9 Thursday, January 11

**Q&A Lunch Hour:**

Wednesday, January 17


 SAINT PAUL  
& MINNESOTA  
FOUNDATION



# Welcome & Introductions

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✦ SAINT PAUL & MINNESOTA FOUNDATION



We aspire to create a  
just and vibrant  
Minnesota where all  
communities and people  
thrive.

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# SPMF's Partner Foundations

F. R. BIGELOW FOUNDATION



**Mardag Foundation**

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# Fall 2023 Grant Data

## **SPMF**

- Applications Received: 333
- Grants Approved: 156
- Percent Approved: 47%

## **F. R. Bigelow**

- Applications Received: 288
- Grants Approved: 126
- Percent Approved: 44%

## **Mardag**

- Applications Received: 286
- Grants Approved: 63
- Percent Approved: 22%

# Grantmaking

- **Grant types:** All three foundations have continued to adapt grantmaking to be flexible and responsive and will offer **general operating** and **capital support** throughout 2024.
- The Foundations will not be offering **program support** in 2024
- **Grant deadlines:** All three foundations **open on January 16, 2024 at 10am** and remain **open until February 7, 2024 at 3pm** (*[register on the portal ahead of time!](#)*).
- **Current & past grantees:** Current grantees are eligible to apply for funding that would begin after the end of their current grant period.

# SPMF Grant Guidelines

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## **Areas of Community Vitality**

- Community Connectedness
- Economic Opportunity & Security
- Education
- Health
- Housing & Transportation
- Human Services & Family Support



*For more detail, please visit the [Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation website](#)*

# SPMF Grant Guidelines

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## **Informs, Forms, Benefits**

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation believes that our community should not only benefit from our work but inform and form it as well. Creating solutions to today's issues requires a collaborative approach. Our work is also rooted in a commitment to racial equity.



# SPMF Grant Guidelines

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## **Geography**

- East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties

## **Eligibility**

- 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions
- Org working with fiscal sponsors
- At least 50% of organization services benefiting East Metro residents

## **GRANT TYPES:**

### **General Operating**

- At least 50% of organization services must benefit East Metro residents

## **Capital**

- Capital projects must be located in the East Metro.
- May be paid over multiple years
- At least 50% of overall organization services must benefit East Metro residents

## **Exclusions**

- Program/project specific requests
- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Work by an individual

# F. R. Bigelow Foundation Grant Guidelines

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## **Mission**

F. R. Bigelow Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all in the greater Saint Paul area, fostering a vibrant East Metro region. The Foundation will partner, collaborate and invest in opportunities that seek to achieve racially and economically equitable outcomes in the areas of arts & culture, community & economic development, education & youth development, health, housing, and human services.

F. R. BIGELOW FOUNDATION

# F. R. Bigelow Foundation Grant Guidelines

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## **Primary areas of interest**

- Arts & Culture
- Community & Economic Development
- Education & Youth Development
- Health
- Housing
- Human Services

F. R. BIGELOW FOUNDATION

*For more detail, please visit the [F. R. Bigelow Foundation website](#)*

# F. R. Bigelow Grant Guidelines

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## **Geography**

- East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties
- Additional focus on serving people who live or work in the City of St. Paul

## **Eligibility**

- 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions
- Orgs working with fiscal sponsor

## **GRANT TYPES:**

### **General Operating**

- At least 50% of organization services must benefit East Metro residents

## **Capital**

- Capital projects must be located in the East Metro
- May be paid over multiple years
- At least 50% of overall organization services must benefit East Metro residents

## **Exclusions**

- Program/project specific requests
- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Grants to individuals
- Medical research

# Mardag Foundation Grant Guidelines

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## **Mission**

Mardag Foundation supports Minnesota nonprofits to remove barriers and create opportunities for low income or traditionally marginalized children, youth and families; older adults with barriers to living independently; and to build capacity of organizations supporting the arts and humanities.



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# Mardag Foundation Grant Guidelines

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## Three focus areas

- Improving the lives of low-income Children, Youth and Families that lack access to critical opportunities and resources that they need;
- Supporting older adults across Minnesota who lack access or have barriers to critical opportunities to thrive and create community connections;
- Building capacity to improve community vitality through Arts and Culture.



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# Mardag Grant Guidelines

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## **Geography**

- East Metro – Dakota, Ramsey & Washington Counties
- Greater MN
- **Eligibility**
- 501(c)3 organizations, education or governmental units and religious institutions

## **Capital**

- Capital projects must be located in the East Metro or Greater MN
- May be paid over multiple years
- At least 50% of overall organization services must benefit East Metro and/or Greater MN residents.

## **GRANT TYPES:**

### **General Operating**

- At least 50% of organization services must benefit East Metro and/or Greater MN residents

# Mardag Grant Guidelines Cont.

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- **Exclusions**

- Program/project specific requests
- Scholarships and grants to individuals
- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Federated campaigns
- Events and conferences
- Capital campaigns of private secondary schools
- Mardag does not accept applications from organizations requiring a fiscal sponsor.



A man with dark hair and glasses is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a teal t-shirt with a circular logo that says "HOW DOE YA" and has his arms crossed. He is standing in front of a concrete wall with white graffiti, including a large number "60" and some abstract shapes. A dark teal semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Q & A" and "Put your questions in the Q&A box".

Q & A

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in the Q&A box

# Next Steps & Timeline

- **Today!** Register for GranteeView, if you have not already. If you need technical assistance while registering, please reach out to [grantsadmin@spmcf.org](mailto:grantsadmin@spmcf.org)
- **This week!** Email a member of the Grants Team if you have questions. You may find contact info for specific program officers in the last slide.
- **January 16 at 10 a.m.** Application Opens
- **February 7 at 3 p.m.** Application Deadline
- **Mid-April** Denial emails sent to organizations not moving forward
- **Mid-May** Board decisions
- **June** Award letters and checks

# Your Grants Team

*General Questions? Not sure who to contact?*

Please email

[CommunityImpact@spmcf.org](mailto:CommunityImpact@spmcf.org)  
& one of our Grants Team members will be happy to help!



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Legal Services

An aerial photograph of a vineyard with rows of green grapevines. Two workers wearing white protective suits and hats are visible in the center-right, tending to a vine. A green bucket is on the ground nearby. The background is a dark, dense forest.

# Thank you!



Our Community Q&A  
Lunch Hour is January  
**17 at 12 p.m. via zoom.**

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