



## BUSH PRIZE: MINNESOTA GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

### APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The [Bush Prize: Minnesota](#) program identifies and honors extraordinary organizations that consistently engage and lead their community toward creative solutions, provides them with flexible support to keep doing that work, and supports them to amplify their story to inspire others.

In 2026, two organizations will be selected as Bush Prize: Minnesota honorees. Honorees receive a package of recognition, including an award of \$250,000. The Bush Prize award is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purposes in the state of Minnesota, including operating costs, program-related expenses, capital expenditures or whatever else would best support the organization's ongoing work.

**The application period for the 2026 Bush Prize: Minnesota begins on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and closes at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

The Bush Prize: Minnesota online application is the first step in the application process. 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.

All applications will be submitted using the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation's online grant portal, [GranteeView](#). All applicants must [register for GranteeView](#) to apply for the Bush Prize: Minnesota. Registration is open now and [registration instructions](#) are available. We encourage all prospective applicants to complete registration early.

Once you have begun an application in GranteeView, you can save it and return later to continue working. To return to an in-progress application, login to GranteeView using the username and password you created when registering your account.

The Foundation respects the time and resources it takes organizations to apply for funding opportunities, and we have done our best to reduce the length and number of questions involved in this application. Character counts for narrative questions are *suggested* (not limited) to reduce the amount of time required to complete this initial application. No supplemental materials are required, unless your organization utilizes a fiscal sponsor.

A copy of the full application is provided below for reference.

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

Is the specific work of your organization that 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 County
- Organization Main Phone Number
- Organization Website
- Executive Director Name
- Executive Director Title
- Executive Director Email
- Executive Director Phone

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

### **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 are not required to use the Foundation's fiscal sponsor agreement form, and you can upload your own.

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

## **GRANT REQUEST DETAILS**

- Applicant Contact Name (if different than Executive Director)
- Applicant Contact Title
- Applicant Contact Email
- Applicant Contact Phone
  
- Requested Grant Amount (READ ONLY)\*
  - \*The Bush Prize: Minnesota award is a set amount at \$250,000. You will not need to provide a requested grant amount for this opportunity.

## **NARRATIVE QUESTIONS**

- **INTRODUCTION – ORGANIZATION:** Provide a brief introduction to your organization, its history and its mission. (Character Suggestion: 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
  
- **INTRODUCTION – COMMUNITY:** 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 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). (Character Suggestion: 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)

- **HISTORY OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS:** Provide two specific examples of times when you achieved a creative solution (a process, program or project using creative approaches, technologies, collaborations, and methods to drive sustainable change and solve problems more effectively) with the community you serve. Include outcome data or other evidence to describe the impact of your solution. (Character Suggestion of 5,000 characters—approximately 750 words)
- **COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS** How do you listen to, engage and involve your community to ensure the community you serve *informs* AND *forms* the work of your proposed idea? (Character Suggestion: 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)
  - **Informs:** Work should be shaped by input from the community itself. This means the organization listens to the experiences, needs, and feedback from the community it serves to align its goals and initiatives with the actual needs and priorities of the community.
  - **Forms:** Beyond being informed by the community, the community has an active role in shaping the work. The community is directly involved in designing and implementing programs and solutions, and the organization’s work reflects the values, culture, and strengths of the community.
- **CULTURE OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS-** What values, policies, practices, people and partnerships allow your organization to innovate? How do you utilize community assets and resources in creative ways to develop sustainable solutions to community issues? (Character Suggestion of 1,500 characters—approximately 250 words)
- **TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT** – What is the significant and long-lasting change your organization accomplished throughout its history? How does this set your organization apart in your field? How is your approach different from the status quo? How are you inspiring others in the region and serving as a model for future success? (Character Suggestion of 3,000 characters—approximately 500 words)

## RACIAL DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR ORGANIZATION

No racial demographic data is required for this opportunity. Applicants are encouraged to include this information in their narrative responses as it relates to their work and community served.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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