



# Community Sharing Fund 2025 Impact Report



## 2025 by the Numbers

**\$1.6M**

total granted to the COMMUNITY



**3,741**

number of HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS SERVED



**88%**

grants made to support HOUSING



**\$1,198**

average GRANT AMOUNT

During January 2026, CSF received 45% more requests for Rent/Deposits/Mortgage payments compared to January 2025. A combination of rising rental costs and a reduction in financial assistance resources within the community appeared to drive the increase, leaving more individuals and families seeking assistance from CSF.

## About Community Sharing Fund

The Community Sharing Fund (CSF) is one of the ways the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation responds to emergency needs in our community. Over the years, CSF has in many ways become a stopgap for much broader financial challenges.

CSF partners with more than 100 community organizations to identify families and individuals facing short-term financial setbacks. A small grant from CSF can prevent a tailspin that results in unemployment or homelessness.

"I appreciate the help I received in a moment's notice when I suffered a severe injury to my shoulder and arm, and needed help to cover my December's rent in 2025. The process was easy and it literally saved me from being homeless! Thank you for having a place for me to turn to in a very desperate time in need."

- Anonymous grant recipient

The CSF team developed four strategic goals to guide our work from 2025 - 2027:

- Respond to emerging community needs
- Address systemic issues in addition to immediate needs
- Support the sustainability of community partners
- Ensure the financial future of CSF

Based on these four strategic goals, in 2025 CSF expanded funding eligibility and updated grant amounts ranging from \$100-\$1,000 with up to \$1,500 in grants available for housing assistance. As our community's needs change, the Foundation will continue to align the work of CSF to best meet those needs.



**AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE**

“The Community Sharing Fund has been an invaluable resource to our organization over the past year. With the support of this funding, we have been able to provide critical emergency financial assistance to clients in both Ramsey and Washington Counties facing urgent hardships. Without access to Community Sharing Fund, many of the individuals and families who come to us in crisis would have limited or no options for immediate support. The ability to serve as a referral partner and assist clients in applying for this funding has significantly strengthened our capacity to respond effectively and compassionately to those in need.”

- Caseworker Jodi G., The Salvation Army Lakewood Corp.

**MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT WORRY**

“I was terminated from my previous job on Dec. 1, 2025. I was unable to pay rent and needed some support. I reached out to my rental office asking about resources in which they were able to support me by applying to the Foundation. This helped me and my family out as I was in the process of starting a new job. I’m happy to say my rent was paid and I started my new job a few weeks ago. I can pay my rent going forward and the grant helped ease the stress of possible eviction and being able to go into my new job without worry. Thanks so much for helping me and my family through this hard time.”

- Anonymous Grant Recipient

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Requests for Assistance



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Car payments



Moving/Storage



Household Goods/Appliances