

ABOUT THE FUND

Hunger Solutions Minnesota is offering \$250,000 in emergency grant funds through the generous support of the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for Coronavirus, established in partnership with the Minnesota Council on Foundations and Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation.

GUIDELINES

Emergency funds are available to food shelves and community-based hunger relief partners across Minnesota to support new projects or service expansions that address emerging community food needs and service gaps due to the COVID-19 crisis. Hunger Solutions Minnesota recognizes inequities in the food systems are only exacerbated by this current crisis and will apply an equity lens in the grant review process. The purpose of these funds is to address immediate needs—thus our expectation is that grants awarded will be put to use as quickly as possible.

The average grant size anticipated is between \$5,000 - \$10,000 to ensure an opportunity for resources to be made available to as many communities as possible.

The following are two types of service providers for which funds are intended:

Food Shelves

Resources for traditional food shelves (those eligible for state funds) to address the need for new and innovative expansion efforts, such as opening additional locations as gaps arise and creating or expanding mobile food sites or food delivery systems.

Hunger Relief Partners and Non-traditional Food Programs

Resources for hunger relief partners and nontraditional food programs (such as college campus or faith-based efforts) to initiate new projects or expand services to address gaps in meeting the community's immediate hunger needs as they emerge.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applications received by 4/30/2020 at noon will receive award notification on 5/7/2020.
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3. Additional grant application due dates will be announced based on available remaining funds.
4. Award disbursements will be made via ACH electronic deposit only.

QUESTIONS

Contact Leah Gardner at Hunger Solutions Minnesota with questions.

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Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund COVID-19 Immediate Food Needs Grant Application

NOTE: This is a copy of application questions required to be completed to be considered for the MDRF COVID-19 Immediate Food Needs Grants. This document is for review to help prepare responses for the application. All funding requests must be made electronically via <https://bit.ly/MDRF-Covid-Food>

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of organization	Legal name, if different	
Address	City, State, Zip	Employer Identification Number
Phone	Website	
Name of top paid staff	Title	
Phone	E-mail	
Name of contact person regarding this application	Title	
Phone	E-mail	

Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit? _____ Yes _____ No
_____ Yes _____ No

Amount requested: \$ _____

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

1. Describe your organization's mission and goals. What experience does your organization have addressing food insecurity and/or supporting vulnerable communities? (500 words or less)
2. Describe the impact(s) of COVID-19 in your community. What food assistance needs are currently unmet? (500 words or less)
3. Describe your new project or expansion efforts to address unmet needs. (500 words or less)
4. What geography will you be serving? Please indicate an estimate of the number of people to be served and any specific populations (seniors, communities of color, etc.). (250 words or less)
5. What is the anticipated cost? Are there other funds or partnerships identified to help serve this need? (250 words or less).
6. How will you measure the results of your activities? (250 words or less)