

Request for Proposals

One Minneapolis Fund

Program Description:

The One Minneapolis Fund was created to promote socio-economic equity. This pilot project aims to support diverse leadership development and community engagement in the city.

Organizations should submit proposals for projects that develop leaders and engage communities. The organizations must be both:

- a) Grounded in cultural and/or community organizations and
- b) Actively working toward building an inclusive Minneapolis.

The name “One Minneapolis” is used for the fund as a challenge to create an inclusive community in which all people are valued, all communities are engaged, and leadership mirrors the great diversity of our city.

In Year 1 of the Fund, 2012-2013, the NCEC will engage cultural and community organizations in a pilot project to address the goal of “Many People, One Minneapolis.” The Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) will begin to tap into the innovative and resourceful organizations in our community to learn about what groups are doing to engage community members and build leadership. As a pilot, the NCEC will gather information from both the proposals and the implemented projects, information the NCEC will use to increase the engagement capacity of both the NCEC itself and the city enterprise as a whole.

From the proposal process the NCEC hopes to learn how organizations are connecting with diverse cultural communities, addressing disparities, closing engagement gaps, and building leadership. The NCEC are especially interested in engagement strategies that can:

- Build social capital;
- Promote socio-economic equity;
- Foster partnerships;
- Strengthen leadership
- Increase inclusion

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Organizations who receive funding are expected to support the ongoing One Minneapolis engagement efforts of the city.

Funding Available: For grants awarded in 2012, \$62,000 in funding is available for up to three grants. Proposed budgets should not exceed \$25,000.

Eligibility: Organizations eligible for funding from the fund must meet the following criteria:

- May not be a local, regional or state governmental entity.
- The applicant is non-profit organization registered as a 501(c)(3) with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- Has a history of serving people in Minneapolis
- Must show reliable fiscal agency meeting standards established by the City of Minneapolis
- May not be a recipient of funding from the Community Participation Program.

Organizations that have not been funded before by the City, and that represent diverse communities, are highly encouraged to apply.

Eligible Activities: Funding from the program may be used to develop and implement programs that engage diverse communities and build integrated community engagement in Minneapolis. This may include but is not limited to:

- Leadership development
- Promotion of civic engagement by members of under engaged communities

Ineligible Activities: Fund raising, campaigning, any capital expenditures.

Applications: Please use the application form and submit all required attachments.

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Selection:

In 2012 it is expected that two to three projects will be funded. All project proposals will be reviewed by the NCEC. The NCEC will recommend proposals to be funded to the Minneapolis City Council, which will make final decisions. In reviewing applications, the NCEC will use the following criteria in reviewing and ranking projects:

- Priority will be given to proposals from organizations which receive less than 50 percent of their total funding from Priority will be given to proposals from organizations which receive less than 50 percent of their total funding from a government entity.
- The use of innovative techniques in community engagement.
- The degree to which the results of the project may be applied elsewhere in Minneapolis.
- The capacity of the organization to carry out the project.

Reporting:

Projects will be expected to begin upon receiving the grant, or on the start date given, whichever comes first. The organization will need to provide a letter to the NCEC attesting to the start.

Funding recipients must submit an interim report the NCR Department six months after execution of a funding agreement. This interim report will describe process on achieving the project goals. At the completion of the funding agreement, funding recipients will be expected to submit a report to the Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Development Department. Reports will include a final account of the use of funds, a description of the accomplishments of the project and how they relate to the project goals, and a description issues encountered in the project and recommendations for further work needed to address these issues.

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Funded organizations will be expected to work with the NCEC to evaluate year one of the pilot project and formulate of year two. This may include participating in work groups and promoting One Minneapolis activities.

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked no later than November 30th

For additional information and questions on the One Minneapolis Fund, please contact:

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City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Community and cultural organizations are encouraged to apply.

If you would like assistance with this application or process in another language, please contact the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations Department at the following numbers:

Spanish Line: (612) 673-2700

Somali Line: (612) 673-3500

Hmong Line: (612) 673-2800

American Sign Language Line: (612) 673-3220

TTY Line: (612) 673-2157

Access and Outreach Manager: Ahmed Muhumud, (612) 673-2162 or
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