

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in Community Impact Funds for Nonprofits. We want to make this process as easy and seamless as possible, so we have a few recommendations before you begin.

 Download a copy of the document and open it in Adobe Acrobat Reader. This is standard software on most machines; however, if you don't already have this installed on your computer, you can obtain it for free at https://get.adobe.com/reader/.

This is <u>very important</u> because if you don't use Adobe Reader, but instead complete the document using an internet browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, etc.), you won't be able to save your work, digitally sign the form, or submit electronically.

- Once you have opened the document in Acrobat Reader, immediately 'Save As' from the 'File' menu on the upper left-hand corner. Save often as you work through the document.
- Review your document to ensure everything has been completed. When ready, submit to the Sourcewell contact as indicated.

Please take your time and don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you!

Community Impact Funds for Nonprofits – Eligibility Verification Form 2023

Complete this form to help Sourcewell staff determine if your organization and project are eligible to apply for our Community Impact Funds for Nonprofits.

Community Impact Funding for Nonprofits aims to support 501(c)(3) nonprofits' response to community needs in alignment with Sourcewell's purpose of boosting student and community success. Sourcewell supports nonprofit entities providing services to people in our five-county service area of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. We encourage nonprofits that support student and community success and support initiatives that improve the quality of life for regional members to apply. We require a minimum of two 501(c)(3) nonprofits to collaborate on the proposed project. Each organization must be a Sourcewell participating agency. Each application must request between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Eligibility requirements

- Each applicant organization must:
 - Be a Sourcewell participating agency. Register at sourcewell-mn.gov/register.
 - Be designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity and be required to file IRS Form 990.
 - Provide services in the Minnesota counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, or Wadena.
- The proposed project must:
 - Relate to programs or services authorized under Sourcewell's enabling statute, Minnesota Statutes § 123A.21, subdivision 7, and serve a public purpose.
 - Request between \$10,000 and \$100,000.
 - Request funding for no more than one (1) year.
 - Be a collaborative effort, between two or more 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, that meets the
 organization requirements outlined above.
 - Be impactful within the region and encourage new ideas which seek efficiencies and solutions (i.e., pilot programs, seed funding, startup funds, shared services, or programmatic).
- Not involve:
 - Payment for vehicles, land acquisition, building purchases, or development.
 - Expenses incurred prior to receipt of the award.
 - Loans, or reimbursement to individuals or businesses.
 - Political or religious activities.
 - Discriminatory or illegal activities.
 - Athletic programs.
- To be considered for review, a completed Eligibility Verification form must be submitted by February 28, 2023, and include:
 - Eligibility Verification form (attached).
 - Proof of 501(c)(3) status for each collaborating organization.
 - Completed public purpose analysis (attached).

Inquiry review process

Submit your completed Eligibility Verification form by February 28, 2023, to be considered for review. A Sourcewell staff member will contact you via email by March 10, 2023, regarding the status of the eligibility verification. If a full application is requested, Sourcewell staff will include it in the email along with instructions. Applications are due on April 26, 2023.

Contact information

For more information about Sourcewell, Community Impact Funds, or this eligibility verification form, please contact community@sourcewell-mn.gov.

To ensure your application is considered complete by our Advisory Committee, submit all application documents in either one email to: community@sourcewell-mn.gov or one large envelope via US mail to:

Sourcewell Community Solutions 202 12th Street NE P.O. Box 219 Staples, MN 56479

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Organization information

Please provide the following information for the entity that will serve as fiscal and project manager.

Entity name:

Physical address:

Mailing address:

Project point of contact name and title:

Email:

Telephone:

Are you authorized to make this request on behalf of the organization listed above?

Project information

Please provide the following information specific to the proposed project:

- 1. Project title.
- 2. Approximate amount of Community Impact Funds being requested.
- 3. A description of the proposed project, including your intended collaborator. (600 word maximum)

4. Is this a request to fund a project that received Community Impact Funding in 2022? If yes, please explain in detail the need for a second consecutive year of funding. (450 word maximum)

Public Purpose Analysis

Sourcewell is a local government within Minnesota. Like all local governments, Sourcewell's expenditures of public funds, including this funding opportunity, must comport with a public purpose. Applicants should detail how their proposed project is consistent with this principle in benefiting Region 5, relating to Sourcewell's governmental purpose, and ensuring public funds will not be used to primarily benefit individuals, business, and nonprofit entities. Sourcewell may request additional information to support your application.

- 1. The proposed project must support Region 5 consistent with Sourcewell's purpose. How does the proposed project promote and align with Sourcewell's statutory purpose of supporting the Region 5 community as a whole?
- 2. How will the proposed project primarily benefit the Region 5 community? Please describe how the proposed project primarily benefits Region 5 and not any individuals, businesses, or nonprofit entities.

- 3. The proposed project must relate to Sourcewell's government purpose as defined in Minn. Stat. § 123A.21, Subdivision 7. Please identify all program or service areas to which the proposed project will relate.
 - □ administrative services
 - □ curriculum development
 - □ data processing
 - □ distance learning and other telecommunication services
 - □ evaluation and research
 - □ staff development
 - □ media and technology centers
 - publication and dissemination of materials
 - □ pupil personnel services
 - □ planning
 - □ secondary, postsecondary, community, adult, and adult vocational education
 - teaching and learning services, including services for students with special talents and special needs
 - □ employee personnel services

- □ vocational rehabilitation
- □ health, diagnostic, and child development services and centers
- □ leadership or direction in early childhood and family education
- □ community services
- □ shared time programs
- fiscal services and risk management programs, including health insurance programs providing reinsurance or stop loss coverage
- technology planning, training, and support services
- health and safety services
- □ student academic challenges
- □ cooperative purchasing services