



CONSTELLATION FUND

Grant Application

*Be sure to complete the application prior to submitting it, so you are able to copy and paste your answers into our online platform. You are not able to save your work or return to the application.

Name of organization to which grant would be paid. Please list exact legal name:

If you are known by another name, please list here:

Address of organization:

Website:

Contact person name:

Contact person title:

Contact person telephone number:

Contact person email:

Executive director name:

Executive director telephone number:

Executive director email:

Is your organization tax-exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3)?: Yes or No

If no, please explain.

Check one (based on the organization's priorities):

General operations support

Project/programmatic support

Impact Area: The Constellation Fund invests in and empowers organizations that demonstrably raise the living standards of individuals living in poverty in the Twin Cities. To do this, we focus our support on four key issue areas: education, employment, health, and housing. Please select the issue area and key driver(s) most relevant to this grant request.

Grant Purpose:

[200 words max]

i. Tell us how you would use a grant from the Constellation Fund. Grants can be used to support a specific program or general operations. This summary should articulate the proposed work, define the beneficiaries, and describe the intended impact.

ii. What is your long-term vision for this project or, if applying for general operations funding, your organization?

Estimated Grant Request Amount: [Dollar amount only is required for this field]

What grant amount from the Constellation Fund would constitute a meaningful contribution?

Note: While Constellation seeks to build long-term relationships with its grantees, remember that all of our grants are one-year in length, so please consider that as you estimate your request. During this grant round Constellation anticipates grants will range in size from \$30,000 to \$120,000.

Organization Background:

[350 words max]

Describe your organization and the work your organization does, addressing:

- i. Your organization's mission.
- ii. A brief description of your organization and its history.
- iii. Number of paid full-time staff; number of paid part-time staff; number of volunteers.
- iv. List programs/services directly provided by your organization/program and list services provided by referral.

Challenge:

[300 words max]

Describe the challenge(s) that your organization seeks to address to raise the living standards of people living in poverty in the seven-county Twin Cities metro area. Why does this problem currently exist and what is the scale of the challenge for low-income residents of our community? Explain any barriers that are preventing solutions to the challenge(s) you are addressing.

Approach:

[350 words max]

What approach or approaches does your organization take to meet the challenge you described above and to raise the living standards of people living in poverty in the seven-county metro area of the Twin Cities? What makes your approach successful and how does it stand out from others working in this field? Why does this approach have a high chance for success?

Organization and DEI:

[300 words max]

Tell us about your organization and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) How have your DEI values influenced the work you do and how you do it? What are your goals for DEI?

Data:

[200 words max]

We understand that most organizations are unable to collect longitudinal data on its programs, but would like to know more about your current monitoring and evaluation capacities. Please describe any existing data tracking and reporting processes, especially related to the outcomes this grant would support.

Impact of Recent Challenges:

[200 words max]

We recognize that the past year has presented a host of unprecedented challenges (including COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest on racial justice issues, the presidential election, etc.) How do you think this will continue to impact the community you serve and your organization throughout 2021 and how are you planning for this?

Attachments:

- Please provide your organization's most recent financial statement, audited if available. This statement should reflect actual expenditures and funds received during the most recent fiscal year for which complete financial data are available.
- If requesting project or programmatic funding, please provide a project budget.
- Logic model (if available)