




State Grants-in-Aid Program

Minnesota Historical Society



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Grants & Field Programs Department



State Grants-in-Aid Categories

- ◆ 1—Historic Properties
- ◆ 2—Artifact Collections
- ◆ 3—Interpretive Programs
- ◆ 4—Microform Copies
- ◆ 5—Oral History
- ◆ 6—Photographic Collections
- ◆ 7—Manuscripts
- ◆ 8—Publications & Research
- ◆ 9—Museum Environments
- ◆ 10—Technology



Workshop highlights

- ◆ Keys to writing a successful grant
- ◆ What to include with your application
- ◆ The grant agreement and project budget
- ◆ What to include with your final report
- ◆ The function of a Letter of Agreement
- ◆ Other granting institutions



Keys to writing a successful grant

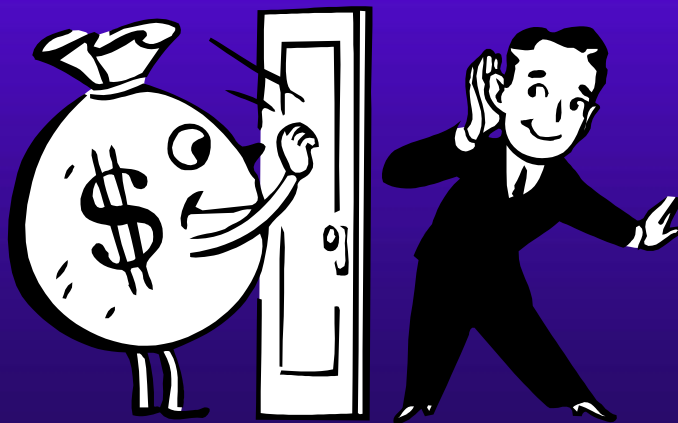
- ◆ Submit a pre-app, even if not required
- ◆ Follow directions
- ◆ Fill out the application completely
- ◆ Answer the questions as if the reader has never seen your organization before—it's possible they haven't
- ◆ Double-check your math, spelling, etc.
- ◆ Include all requested materials
- ◆ Submit on time





What to include with your application

- ◆ *All three* pages of the application—plus Scope of Work for Historic Properties
- ◆ Applicable bids, quotes, price lists
- ◆ Photographs
- ◆ *Federal* letter of determination from the IRS



New forms for 2009!



The Life of a Grant Application





The grant agreement and project budget

- ◆ Sign the budget page and make a copy of the agreement for your records. Return original signed copy to Grants Office.
- ◆ If you received a Letter of Agreement, sign and return.
- ◆ Include your grant number on all correspondence, including e-mails and phone messages.



Letter of Agreement

- ◆ Only applies to Historic Properties grants (and Museum Environments if structural work done).
- ◆ Annual reporting separate from the final report.
- ◆ Annual monitoring report mailed each spring—fill out and return to Historical Architect.
- ◆ Include recent photographs!
- ◆ Reporting required for five years.



What to include with your final report

- ◆ Final report form
- ◆ Final budget form
- ◆ Donated or in-kind time and/or materials reporting sheets, if applicable
- ◆ Photographs





Grant Deadlines for FY 2010

◆ *Tentative* Fall grant cycle

- Pre-applications due July 24, 2009
- Final applications due August 28, 2009
- Grants Review Committee meets October 7, 2009

◆ *Tentative* Winter grant cycle

- Pre-applications due January 8, 2010
- Final applications due February 19, 2010
- Grants Review Committee meets April 7, 2010



Other granting institutions





Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation

- ◆ Box 638, Rochester, MN 55903
- ◆ 507-285-2517
- ◆ Gives funding primarily to southeastern Minnesota organizations.
- ◆ This year the focus is on ‘people oriented’ grants.



Blandin Foundation

- ◆ 100 N. Pokegama Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- ◆ 218-326-0523 or toll free 877-882-2257
- ◆ Over half of grants directly benefit the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area
- ◆ Funding outside of Itasca County is limited, but focused on rural areas.
- ◆ No funding to metro areas.



Onan Family Foundation

- ◆ 435 Ford Road, #310, Mpls, MN 55426
- ◆ 952-544-4702
- ◆ Grants to tax-exempt organizations in education, religion, social welfare, cultural, and civic affairs.
- ◆ Strong interest in Minneapolis/St. Paul.
- ◆ Does not accept unsolicited grant requests.



Operation Round Up

- ◆ Contact your local energy cooperative, e.g.:
 - Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Services
 - Cooperative Light & Power (Two Harbors)
 - Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association
 - Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
 - Tri-County Electric Cooperative Trust (Rushford)
 - Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services
 - Runestone Electric Association
 - Nobles Cooperative Electric
 - North Star Electric Cooperative Community Trust



Xcel Energy Foundation

- ◆ Letters of intent for arts and culture due between June 20 and August 5, 2009.
- ◆ http://www.xcelenergy.com/Company/Community/Xcel%20Energy%20Foundation/Pages/Online_Grant_Application_Process.aspx
- ◆ Application process is online.



Picture It Painted--Valspar

- ◆ <http://www.mcf.org/MCF/whatsnew/archives/Jan2004/valspar040127.htm>
- ◆ Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) non-profits and units of government.
- ◆ Free paint, stains, and sealants for restoration and beautification projects
- ◆ Apply to your regional Minnesota Initiative Foundation.



Allegra Network FootPRINT Fund

- ◆ Contact: local Allegra printing franchises
- ◆ http://www2.allegranetwork.com/mr_pr_apr_1106.htm
- ◆ Eligible nonprofits can be awarded up to \$1,000 in printing services per year.



Virginia Sweatt Preservation Fund

- ◆ Contact: Chris at christina_morris@nthp.org or Erin at ehberg@mnpreservation.org
- ◆ Go to www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/grants/ for application materials
- ◆ Fund offers assistance for planning stages of preservation projects.
- ◆ Provides funding across the state of Minnesota for preservation of historic buildings, sites, districts.



Travelers Grants Program

- ◆ To apply, go to:
<http://www.travelers.com/corporate-info/about/community/newGrant.aspx>
- ◆ Grants are focused mainly on the St. Paul area and other locations where Travelers has a business presence.
- ◆ Two main areas are Arts & Diversity and Arts Education—focused on low-income and underserved communities.



Wells Fargo

- ◆ Wells Fargo Foundation, 612-667-7860
- ◆ For information on guidelines and how to apply:
https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/mn_guidelines
- ◆ Most requests for funding need to go through local Wells Fargo branches.
- ◆ Funding provided for arts & culture.



MN's Lake Superior Coastal Program

- ◆ Contact: Karla Sundberg, Grants Specialist, 218-834-1447 or karla.sundberg@dnr.state.mn.us
- ◆ <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html>
- ◆ Non-profits and units of governments are eligible, but project must focus on coastal issues.



Henry and Sarah Wheeler Historical Awareness Fund

- ◆ Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation
- ◆ <http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/grants/>
- ◆ Available to the 7 counties in NE MN and 2 counties in NW WI.
- ◆ Grant range: \$300-\$1,000
- ◆ Deadline Aug. 1; funds available in Oct.
- ◆ Preserve and promote the region's history.



Green Works!/Project Learning Tree

- ◆ Contact:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/plt.html>

- ◆ Partnership w/ local school—the applicant must be a teacher.
- ◆ Outdoor classrooms? Environmental focus.



Jeffris Heartland Fund

- ◆ Contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, Midwest Office, 312-939-5547 or mwro@nthp.org
- ◆ Historic preservation projects only, available outside WI beginning January 1, 2009.
- ◆ Must have or plan to have an HSR and capital campaign within three years.



The Wallace Foundation

- ◆ Does not fund unsolicited proposals.
- ◆ Can submit 1-2 page letter of inquiry to: General Management, 5 Penn Plaza, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001
- ◆ Funding available for the arts, culture, and education.
- ◆ Website www.wallacefoundation.org has free access to ‘knowledge products.’



Other sources of state funding

- ◆ MN DNR grants:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/index.html>

- ◆ MN Council on Foundations: www.mcf.org

- ◆ MnDOT: www.dot.state.mn.us

- ◆ MN Office of Environmental Assistance:

www.moea.state.mn.us/grants/index.cfm

Another View

	National	State	Local
Government	IMLS MAP, CAP NEH, NEA NHPRC	SGIA, Lake Superior Coastal Program	
Foundations	NTHP, Wallace	Virginia Sweatt	Schmidt, Onan
Private	Save Our History		



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