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Grant Program Summary

The C.H. Robinson Foundation Twin Cities Grants Program is focused on strengthening our local communities in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area by providing general operating and program grants in the areas of hunger, shelter, education and workforce development.

Focus Areas

Hunger

- Serving the local community through food shelves/pantries/banks
- Providing meal service or food programs targeted to specific needs of senior citizens, youth, people living with life threatening illnesses, etc.

Shelter

- Providing transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and efforts to end chronic homelessness
- Offering emergency shelter for those facing homelessness or domestic violence
- Supplying essential household items and furniture for those in need

Education

- Improving educational opportunities for K-12 for students facing barriers to success
- Developing youth to become successful, productive adults through core educational programming
- Supporting systemic improvements to advance education outcomes for students, schools and educators
- Cultivating talent for successful careers in supply chain and technology

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Workforce Development

- Strengthening pathways to quality jobs for low-income workers
- Supporting strategies that move low-wage workers into higher wage jobs including bridge, upskilling, and credentialing
- Improving the quality of low-wage occupations
- Building the capacity of workforce and education organizations to prepare for the future needs of the labor market
- Additional consideration may be given for:
    - Workforce development and talent pipeline initiatives for supply chain and logistics
    - Workforce development and talent pipeline initiatives for technology

Grant Cycle and Deadlines

Grant Program	Timeline	LOI Due	Applications Due	Notification
Twin Cities Grants	April – August	April 3	May 20	End of July

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The C.H. Robinson Foundation grants management software is Grants Connect, a YourCause/Blackbaud portal. Follow this link to apply to the Twin Cities Grant Program.

While the application flow may differ by program, applicants can expect a streamlined process designed to minimize effort for nonprofit staff. The process is outlined below.

1. Login to Grants Connect to access an existing profile or create a new profile.
2. Click on Start New Application. If application does not appear, copy and paste the link in the browser navigation bar: https://apply.yourcausegrants.com/apply/programs/fe4557fa-7d5d-4629-92f3-6d19c3925895
3. Select your organization (search by legal name or EIN)

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4. Complete eligibility form.
5. If you meet the criteria outlined in the eligibility form, you will be prompted to submit a letter of inquiry (LOI).
6. All applications must complete a LOI, with the exception of multi-year grantees.
7. Eligible applicants will be notified of the status of their LOI and, if approved, will be invited to submit a complete grant application.
8. Grant applications will be reviewed by C.H. Robinson Foundation staff and the Twin Cities Grants Committee.
9. Approved applicants will be notified in late July and funds will be disbursed within four weeks of the date of notification.

Resources

- For support with Grants Connect, please contact grantsconnect-support@yourcause.com
- Additional resources for applicants: Welcome to the Applicant Portal Help Center (blackbaud.com)
- For more information on the C.H. Robinson Foundation, visit the website