



MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund: 2018 RFP

Foundation for MetroWest (FFMW) recognizes that there is no singular barrier to food access in our region. As such, its MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund is structured to address hunger as a regional, systemic problem. Our mission for the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund is to invest in local organizations that work across the food system to eliminate hunger and provide food security to all MetroWest residents. Grants are awarded to nonprofits and town agencies to provide immediate aid to residents in MetroWest.

In 2017, FFMW granted more than \$160,000 to agencies that range from food pantries and on-site feeding programs to food recovery organizations and farms that donate a significant portion of crops to hunger relief organizations.

GRANT PROCESS

The 2018 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- March 19 9:00 AM Applications open online: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
- March 23 10:00 AM Information session¹
- May 4 5:00 PM Deadline to submit
- Month of May..... Potential site visits and/or follow-up conversations
- Early June..... Applicants notified of decision

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization **OR** have an eligible fiscal sponsor **OR** be a town/city agency
- Serve the MetroWest region

TYPES OF GRANTS AWARDED

The MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund awards grants in two categories: Supporting Grants and Capital Grants.

Organizations that apply to FFMW are automatically considered for both types of grants – only one application should be submitted per organization.

Supporting Grants

- To specifically support the purchase of food
- For those organizations where this is not applicable (e.g., food recovery organization, farm), a Supporting Grant will cover general operations
- Typical grants range from \$1,000 - \$5,000

¹ To be held at the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority in Framingham. Please register: www.bit.ly/2018-mwhrf-info



Capital Grants

- To cover small capital and technology-based improvement projects (e.g., new refrigeration, shelving to outfit a mobile market, translation systems)
- Typical grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000

HOW TO APPLY

1. Beginning March 19th, applicants will have access to the application form online.
2. If your organization is new to FFMW, please create an account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
 - b. See www.bit.ly/ApplicantTutorial for a short video tutorial.
3. If your organization has applied to FFMW in the past, please log into your existing account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
4. Once you are logged into your account, click on the Apply icon from the top menu bar.
5. Select **2018 Hunger Relief**.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 4, 2018 AT 5:00 PM

If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your application, email grants@foundationformetrowest.org as early as possible to schedule a time to discuss.