



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

Family Support Grant Program: 2019 Guidelines

Through its MetroWest Fund for Families, the Foundation for MetroWest awards discretionary grants that align with our belief that equitable access to opportunities and resources is central to a strong and healthy region. We envision a diverse and inclusive community where there are no barriers to accessing resources and services in MetroWest.

One-year grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded.

GRANT PROCESS

The 2019 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- June 24 9:00 AM..... Applications open online: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
- August 5 5:00 PM..... Deadline for proposals
- September 16 – October 4..... Potential site visits and/or follow-up conversations
- Mid-November..... Applicants notified of decision

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization OR have an eligible fiscal sponsor
- Not discriminate in the hiring of staff or the provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability
- Serve the [MetroWest region](#)

Ineligible organizations include:

- City/town agencies, including libraries
- Individuals
- Schools – private, public, pre-K, charter, or Chapter 766

Please note, the Foundation for MetroWest reviews youth-serving programs through the Youth Development Grant Program and food insecurity efforts through the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund. These programs will not be considered through the Family Support Grant Program. To learn more about the Youth Development Grant Program and MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund, please see our [website](#).

WHAT WE WILL FUND

We seek to support organizations whose strategies address current and emerging community issues related to:

- The aging population
- Housing and transportation
- Domestic violence
- Mental health and special needs
- Community education and outreach for newcomers

We also seek those proposals that particularly benefit:

- Immigrants
- LGBTQ people



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- Low-income populations
- People of color
- Refugees
- Women

The Foundation for MetroWest will consider capacity building and general operations requests.

SELECTION CRITERIA

When reviewing proposals the Foundation considers:

- Programs that meet a documented need, are well planned, and have clear, measurable goals
- Organizations that are financially sound and have the capacity to support the proposed project
- Potential impact on the intended beneficiaries
- Potential for sustainability and impact beyond the grant period
- Clearly indicate how the requested funds will be used within a specified timeframe
- Organizations who prioritize serving the MetroWest region or a specific community within the region

SPECIAL NOTE FOR PRIOR GRANTEES

To be eligible for funding, a prior grantee must have completed its project and/or spent all funds from Foundation for MetroWest, and submitted its final report. Foundation for MetroWest does not accept interim reports. Final report forms are available by logging into your online account. If you have questions or would like to request an extension for your final report, please email grants@foundationformetrowest.org.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Beginning June 24th, 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 **2019 Competitive Grant Program**.

GRANT AWARDS

Awards will be determined by mid-November. Grantees will be notified by email of decisions and grant recipients will receive necessary paperwork and funding within two weeks of the notification date.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 5:00 PM

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