

TCGM - Tier 2 Competitive Grant Application

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Thank you for your interest in the Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. Please complete this application for a Tier 2 grant. Before starting your application, please be sure to review the [grant guidelines](#).

As you prepare your application, keep these points in mind:

- This online application will take approximately 1 hour to complete. Gathering the required information may take an additional 4-5 hours.
- You need not complete your application in one sitting. HOWEVER, you must hit the green "Save Draft" button in the lower left-hand corner before exiting. You can return to this application at any time via the link sent to you in your email.
- Before starting this application, we recommend that you download this [preview document](#) of the application questions, use it to draft responses, and then copy and paste them into the online application.
- You can download the required budget template [here](#). Please fill out this spreadsheet and save it to your computer so you can upload it into the application form.
- If you are submitting applications for more than one funding tier, be aware that you will be asked many of the same questions. For example, responses you provide in a Tier 1 application will not carry over to a Tier 2 application. Copying and pasting individual responses is acceptable as long as each application you submit makes a distinct case for your funding needs.

Please reach out to [\[redacted\]](#) if you have any questions or if you encounter technical difficulties.

[Begin Survey](#)

* Do you need assistance accessing or completing this intake form (e.g., assistance with language translation, visual accessibility, technological challenges, or internet access)?

Yes

No

* Tell us what help you need, and we will contact you to follow up.

Thank you for submitting this information. A representative of The Minneapolis Foundation will follow up with you in the next 3-8 business days.

[Click here to request for assistance and exit.](#)

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Yes

No

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Lead Applicant Information

❶ If you are applying on behalf of a project that you host or fiscally sponsor, a partnership, a coalition, or another type of collaboration, please choose one organization to serve as the lead applicant and submit only their information in this section. If you are applying as an individual organization (without partners), please submit your own information.

* Please select the category that best describes your application:

- Single applicant
- Fiscal sponsor or host of a community-led project
- Partnership (2-3 partners that all receive funding from this grant)
- Coalition (4+ partners that all receive funding from this grant)
- Other

* 1. Lead Applicant Name

* 2. Lead Applicant Address

* Street

* City

* State/Province

* 3. Website Address or Primary Social Media Handle (Write N/A if you don't have any of these.)

* 4. What type of organization is the lead applicant? (Choose one of the eligible entity categories below)

Federally recognized Tribal government

Local government

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

State-recognized nonprofit organization

Institution of higher education

* 5. Lead Applicant Employer Identification Number (EIN) (Write N/A if you do not have an EIN.)

* 6. Do you have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) for the lead applicant?

No yet, our registration is in progress

No, we would like support in obtaining this

Yes, we have a UEI

* 7. What are the lead applicant's total organizational expenses for the previous fiscal year?

USD ▼

8. Please share the following for the lead applicant:

* Number of paid full time equivalent (FTE) staff

* Number of unpaid staff (i.e., volunteers with staff roles)

* If you are hosting or fiscally sponsoring a community-led project, what are their total projected expenses for the current fiscal year?

USD ▼

* 9. Please explain how your organization or project's board, advisory committee, and staff reflect the disadvantaged communities you work with. (750 characters max)

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Project Description

* 10. What is the name of your proposed project? (75 characters max)

* 11. Please provide a 4-6 sentence summary of the project you are applying for. Identify the disadvantaged community(ies), project goals, and key activities you will undertake with this grant." (750 characters max)

* 12. What environmental justice, climate, and/or public health need(s) will your project address? (750 characters max)

* 13. What does success look like for this project? List up to three outcomes you seek to achieve (750 characters max)

* 14. In your own words, describe the disadvantaged community or communities this project will benefit (e.g., location, environmental and social conditions, population, etc.). (750 characters max)

* 15. Please list the zip codes of the disadvantaged community or communities that you will be working in. At least 70% of funded activities must take place in these locations.


16. Will some of your work take place in communities that are not considered disadvantaged, as defined by the EPA? If so, please list their zip codes. No more than 30% of funded activities can take place in these locations.

* 17. Please explain how your proposed project is informed by residents and representatives of the community or communities where you will be working. (750 characters max)

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18. If you are applying as a partnership or coalition, please list up to 5 project partners that will receive funds from this grant.

Summarize the work and role of all project partners listed below.

Name	Work	Role with this Project	Do you have a signed agreement in place?	If not, please explain.
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div> 
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">+</div>				

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Project Description Continued

* 19. Briefly describe your work on climate, environmental justice, and/or public health issues. (1,200 characters max)

* 20. Explain how this project will strengthen relationships with some or all the project partners. Examples might include, but are not limited to: Increased partner capacity as measured by fundraising, communications, or programming outcomes; closer relationships as documented by signed partnership agreements or signed memoranda of understanding. (750 characters max)

* 21. Upload a PDF of your workplan that describes the key activities, milestones, and outcomes for this project. Click on this link for a workplan template. (Please note that the use of this template is optional. The EPA will not penalize or withhold a benefit from the respondent for providing the requested information in another format.)



[Download Workplan Template](#)

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* 22. Will you be using this TCGM grant as matching funds or to complement another federal, state, or local government grant?

Yes

No

* If yes, please briefly explain.

* 23. Explain how you will be tracking and measuring progress for this project. (750 characters max)

* 24. What are the main challenges you anticipate for completing this work in the allocated timeframe? What are the areas where we can offer assistance and support? (750 characters max)

* 25. In this tier, we will award one- to two- year grants of up to \$250,000. How much funding are you requesting?

USD

* 26. What timeframe are you requesting the funds for? This grant period must align with the activities and timelines noted in your workplan.

12 months

18 months

24 months

* Provide a budget for your project using this template. Grant dollars can be used for program management, staff and fringe benefits, contracts, communications, meeting expenses, supplies, equipment, and other related costs. Up to 50% of the grant can be used for property acquisition. You can also use up to 15% of direct project costs for indirect or overhead expenses. Please allocate sufficient resources for partners (via contracts), staff, project management, and financial oversight.

[Download Budget Template](#)

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* 26. Please upload a PDF of your organizational budget for the current fiscal year.

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27. Please upload a PDF of the current budget for your fiscally sponsored project, if applicable.

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28. Please upload a PDF of a signed fiscal sponsorship agreement or fiscal agent letter, if applicable.

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29. Optional: Is there anything else you would like to share about your proposal? (750 characters max)

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Please have the authorized executive at the lead applicant organization sign and date this submission.

* Authorized Executive

First Name

* Last Name

* Title

* Organization

* Best phone number to reach you.

* Can we text you at this number?

 Yes No

* Email

* Please check here to confirm that this application is being submitted with the approval of the Authorized Executive named above.

* Date

Next

Please provide the name of the person who completed this application.

* Name

First Name

* Last Name

* Title

* Organization

* Email

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Thank you for completing this application!

Please be aware that if your organization is selected for this grant, you must be willing to engage in regular conversations with [REDACTED] staff to provide updates on your progress, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. You will also be required to submit quarterly, annual (for multi-year grants), and final reports that include an itemized budget showing actual expenditures.

Our reporting questions emphasize learning rather than judgment. Specifically, we are interested in hearing the perspectives of people who are closest to the proposed work and the communities it impacts.

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