

2025 Community Grant Applicants

Community Performing Arts and Music			
Organization and/or Requestor	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding	Summary of project profile (as submitted by applicant)
Mankato Area Community Band	\$2,400	\$2,400	Mankato Area Community Band will perform 5 free concerts of concert band in Sibley Park at the Leas Schwickert Pavilion and 1 free patriotic concert at Lincoln Park on the Tues. before July 4th.
Mankato Symphony Orchestra	\$3,000	\$0	The MSO requests support for its Music on the Hill Chamber Music Series, which offers 4 concerts at Trinity Chapel, on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.
Mankato Area Arts Council	\$5,000	\$3,000	The Carnegie Art Center will present monthly listening experiences, free of charge, to the Greater Mankato Community. These performances, highlighting diverse Minnesota musicians and styles, will provide experiences not otherwise programmed or readily accessible in Mankato.
Mankato Eagles Aerie 269	\$5,000	\$0	Christmas concert featuring Anthony Shore and his All-Star Band. As part of our ongoing mission to give back to the Mankato community, we aim to offer a high-quality musical performing arts event to the community while furthering our charitable efforts. Anthony Shore, an award-winning performer with an extensive international career, will headline this concert planned for December 2025. This event will bring the magic of Elvis Presley's music to the community, offering a one-of-a-kind experience that will enrich the cultural fabric of Mankato. The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 269 is uniquely positioned to host this concert in our large Ballroom and Event space, ensuring accessibility for all member of the community.
Minnesota Valley Chorale	\$2,500	\$0	Minnesota Valley Chorale is a community choir based in Mankato, MN. Funds from this grant would be used to rent rehearsal and performance spaces, purchase music, and compensate guest musicians.
Total:	\$17,900	\$5,400	

Community Beautification and Public Art			
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Theresa (Terri) Michels	\$2,500	\$2,500	My proposal for the 2025 Community Grant project is to cover two utility boxes, further enhancing the beauty of Old Town.
Twin Rivers Council for the Arts	\$3,625	\$0	"Lean Back" a community funded public art piece located at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater is in need of repair and refurbishing. Twin Rivers has been asked to manage the process of obtaining funds and administering the project.

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Mankato Community Grant- Anthony Wayne Chapter, NSDAR	\$300	\$0	Placing a stone bench at the Boy in Blue Memorial in Lincoln Park, Mankato MN
Total:	\$6,425	\$2,500	

Community Social Services			
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Key City Bike	\$2,500	\$2,500	Key City Bike is seeking funding to support our Kids' Bike Program which aims to reduce barriers to cycling for families.
A Fresh Start	\$2,500	\$2,500	AFS has a 2025 goal of providing beds to every client that requests one. We receive donations of twin size beds more often, so it will be easier to fulfill that goal for children. Adults receive full and queen size beds. Those are donated less frequently. The requested grant will allow us to purchase beds for adults through either retail stores or FB Marketplace.
Living Earth Center	\$5,000	\$2,000	Through our Community Food Connection Program, Living Earth Center (LEC) Directly connects people to the land, healthy organic produce, and to each other. We confront the issues of food insecurity and sovereignty in our community collaboratively through a multi-faceted approach. From youth educational programming to navigating ways for emerging growers to enter the local food economy, LEC works with our Community Partners to create pathways to food and land access and agency over food choices. We are requesting funding from the City of Mankato for our Community Garden Program, which is located at 170 Good Counsel Dr.
Mankato Area Zero Waste	\$2081.00	\$1,600	This Proposal includes five events in 2025. Each of these events is aimed at providing education, reducing waste and community advocacy. 1. April 12: Downsize/Reuse Exchange 2. May 3: Compost Giveaway 3. September 14: Zero Waste Clothing Swap and Mending Event 4. November 1: Pumpkin Smashing Event 5. Ongoing: Supplies, tabling, and presentations (approximately 12 per year).
South Sudanese Community	\$2,500	\$0	South Sudanese Community of Minnesota have about 10 to 15 youth homeless in Mankato and they need treatment and job training and counseling to get them off the street. This can help them with job training and drug counseling.

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Sudanese Help Organization	\$2,500	\$0	SHO's plan involves employing trusted community members, fluent in both Sudanese and English, to provide clear and culturally relevant education for after school children and youth programs. Our outreach will take place in spaces where Sudanese children, other immigrants children and families who will participate in programs feel safe and comfortable during after school program and cultural events for youth, these including churches, and community centers. Necessities are needed for normal and healthy community growth.
Total:	\$17,081	\$8,600	

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Total:	\$41,406	\$16,500

Historical Funding Levels

2024	\$17,500
2023	\$16,500
2022	\$15,000
2021	\$15,000
2020	No funding (COVID-19)
2019	\$ 12,500
2018	\$ 8,700
2017	\$ 12,600
2016	\$ 14,188
2015	\$ 7,800