

2025 CDBG Public Service Grant Applicants



Organization and/or Requestor	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding	Summary of Activity
A Fresh Start	\$6,500	\$0	Services individuals and families emerging from homelessness by providing household items and furniture once they've obtained housing. A Fresh Start delivers items when necessary.
Connections Shelter	\$10,000	\$10,000	Overnight homeless shelter. Provides a hot meal, bed, and continental breakfast each morning. Each guest has a systems navigator to help them work towards their goals related to housing and stability.
Feeding Our Communities Partners	\$5,000	\$5,000	FOCP has 5 hunger relief programs: Backpack Food Program for K-5 students, Power Pack Program for 6-8 grade, Summer Pack Program K-12 students, and Summertime Outreach Meal Program for K-12 students residing in area food deserts. Also provides onsite food pantries for High School students. Programs provide youth hunger relief on weekends, during school breaks, and during summer months. Programs are for food-insecure students and their families.
Lutheran Social Service Crisis Nursery	\$15,000	\$15,000	Crisis Nursery provides support and resources for parents and safe child care options for children ages 12 and younger. Reasons for child care placement include employment, mental/medical health, emotional exhaustion, housing, and education. Care is arranged with licensed in-home or center-based providers and ranges from a few hours up to 72 hours. Program facilitator's also work as a case manager for families working through crisis.
Makerspace	\$4,800	\$4,800	Art for All program would supply qualifying participants art and trade skill classes and memberships at no cost. Memberships give access to shops in the Makerspace after participants have completed required classes and are critical to continued skill development. Makerspace provides classes in metalwork, woodworking, leatherwork, textiles, technology (3D printing and laser engraving), painting and finishing, jewelry, ceramics, lapidary, and more. This would be an extension of their prior scholarship program.

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Minnesota Council of Churches, Mankato Refugee Services	\$6,000	\$0	Tapestry Project is a 8 week (24 hours) community inclusion program facilitated through an interactive education framework to increase knowledge and build social connectedness among neighborhoods. Purpose is to address cultural barriers to inclusion that new refugee and immigrant members of the community experience. Another goal is to foster connections with the Mankato community by including community leaders. Facilitated small and large group discussions on parenting, housing, safety, and health to help with creating stronger and more inclusive neighborhoods and builds relationships between police, firefighters, and individuals with refugee status.
Minnesota State University Public Dental Clinic	\$10,000	\$10,000	Public dental clinic offering dental hygiene, restorative, and advanced dental therapy services. Accepts all dental insurance plans, including all Medicaid programs, and offer a sliding fee to patients that are uninsured. Provides comprehensive dental care to uninsured or underinsured. Would cover costs of dental exams, assessments, radiographs, dental cleanings, and fluoride varnishes. CDBG funds would be used entirely for patient care.
Minnesota Valley Action Council	\$65,000	\$0	Provides employment opportunities year-round to youth ages 16-24 with a focus on work readiness skills, academic and occupational learning through paid work experiences. Focus to help youth identify a career interest area to align with a worksite where they can explore a possible future in this type of work. MVAC works with participants to establish an individual plan that is beneficial for their future, reflects the current labor market and participants interests, skills, and abilities.
MY Place	\$5,000	\$5,000	Provides after school and summer programming for school age youth and also offers a food pantry and free store.
Salvation Army	\$56,990	\$0	Increase day shelter staffing, to extend their open days during the winter months, and to enhance their case management and service coordination for participants. Day shelter currently operates 9 AM - 5 PM 5 days a week (week days) from April 1 - October 31, and 7 days a week during winter months from November 1 - March 31. Proposing to extend their winter hours (open every day) to begin October 18 instead of November 1, and to end April 19 instead of April 1.
VINE Faith in Action	\$25,000	\$15,200	To support 5 programs: Chore program assists adults age 65+ and those with documented physical disabilities to provide seasonal lawn mowing, snow removal, and home repairs as needed. Door2Door provides transportation services to adults 60+ and to individuals with waivers through Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties. Transportation is provided for medical appointments, socialization, errands, etc. Caregiver support groups and individual one-on-one

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			coaching sessions with those providing care. Meals on Wheels provides low-cost meals that are delivered to homes.
Total:	\$209,290	\$65,000	

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