

# **Great People. Great Causes.**



# C.H. Robinson Foundation Twin Cities Grant Program

# How to Apply

## Grant Program Summary

The C.H. Robinson Foundation Twin Cities Grants Program is focused on strengthening our local communities in Minneapolis – Saint Paul by supporting basic needs of hunger, shelter, education and workforce development.

## Focus Areas

Hunger

- Serving the local community through food shelves/pantries/banks
- Providing meal service or food programs targeted to specific needs of senior citizens, youth, people living with life threatening illnesses, etc.

#### Shelter

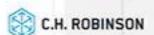
- Providing transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and efforts to end chronic homelessness
- Offering emergency shelter for those facing homelessness or domestic violence
- Supplying essential household items and furniture for those in need

#### Education

- Improving educational opportunities for K-12 for students facing barriers to success
- Developing youth to become successful, productive adults through core educational programming
- Supporting systemic improvements to advance education outcomes for students, schools and educators
- Cultivating talent for successful careers in supply chain and technology



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Workforce Development

- Strengthening pathways to quality jobs for low-income workers
- Supporting strategies that move low-wage workers into higher wage jobs including bridge, upskilling, and credentialing
- Improving the quality of low-wage occupations
- Building the capacity of workforce and education organizations to prepare for the future needs of the labor market
- Additional consideration may be given for:
  - Workforce development and talent pipeline initiatives for supply chain and logistics
  - Workforce development and talent pipeline initiatives for technology

### **Grant Cycle and Deadlines**

Grant Program	Timeline	LOI Due*	Applications Due	Notification
Twin Cities Grants	April – August	April 1	May 20	July

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The C.H. Robinson Foundation grants management software is Grants Connect, a YourCause/Blackbaud portal. <u>Follow this link</u> to apply to the Twin Cities Grant Program.

While the application flow may differ by program, applicants can expect a streamlined process designed to minimize effort for nonprofit staff. The process is outlined below.



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- 1. Login to Grants Connect to access an existing profile or create a new profile.
- 2. Click on Start New Application. If application does not appear, copy and paste the link in the browser navigation bar: <u>https://apply.yourcausegrants.com/apply/programs/fe4557fa-7d5d-4629-92f3-6d19c3925895</u>
- 3. Select your organization (search by legal name or EIN)
- 4. Complete eligibility form.
- 5. If you meet the criteria outlined in the eligibility form, you will be prompted to submit a letter of inquiry.
- 6. All applications must complete letter of inquiry, with the exception of multi-year grantees.
- 7. Eligible applicants will be notified of the status of the letter of inquiry and, if approved, will be invited to submit a complete grant application.
- 8. Grant applications will be reviewed by staff and Twin Cities Grants Committee.
- 9. Approved applicants will be notified and funds will be disbursed within four weeks of the date of notification.

#### Resources

- For support with Grants Connect, please contact <u>grantsconnect-support@yourcause.com</u>
- Additional resources for applicants: <u>Welcome to the Applicant Portal Help Center (blackbaud.com)</u>
- For more information on the C.H. Robinson Foundation, visit the website.