



2023 Hunger Relief Grant Program

Foundation for MetroWest (FFMW) recognizes that there is no singular barrier to food access in our region. As such, its MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund is structured to address hunger as a regional, systemic challenge. Our mission for the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund is to invest in local organizations that work across the food system to eliminate hunger and provide food security to all MetroWest residents.

In 2023, the Foundation will be providing general operating grants that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Grant amounts will be determined based on a variety of factors, including:

- Organization size & location(s) of impact
- Organization impact and reach, including population served, number of households served, type(s) of programming offered, etc.
- Alignment with the Foundation’s priorities outlined below

This year, the Foundation will be prioritizing organizations that are demonstrating a commitment to one or more of the following:

- Creating and sustaining models that increase access to food, including but not limited to:
 - mobile or neighborhood-based food programs & markets
 - food recovery and redistribution initiatives
 - local agriculture efforts (community gardens, land use, CSAs)
 - gap meal initiatives for youth and families
- Accepting, increasing access to, or actively connecting clients to SNAP, WIC or HIP benefits
- Offering client-centered programs that provide food that is locally grown, culturally relevant, nutritious, or diet-sensitive
- Promoting and fostering collaboration across communities and sectors to benefit and improve the entire food system

GRANT PROCESS

The 2023 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- Monday, April 3rd 9:00 AM [Applications open online](#)
- Thursday, April 6th 1:00 PM [Information session](#)
- Friday, May 5th 5:00 PM Deadline to submit
- Mid-May to Early June Follow up conversations, as needed
- End of June Applicants notified of decisions via email

ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation will consider applications from organizations that:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization **OR** have an eligible fiscal sponsor

- Are based in and/or serve one or more of the following MetroWest cities/towns: Acton, Ashland, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Framingham, Harvard, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Milford, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Westborough, Weston, Westwood
- Do not limit service based on individual's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or disability.

Please note: Agencies with multiple service sites should submit only one application for all sites.

Ineligible organizations or requests include:

- City/town agencies
- Individuals
- Schools – private, public, pre-K, charter, or Chapter 766
- Pass-through grants

HOW TO APPLY

1. Beginning April 3rd, 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 **2023 Hunger Relief**.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, MAY 5th AT 5:00 PM

If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your application, please send a detailed email to grants@foundationformetrowest.org as early as possible. We may provide additional guidance via email or schedule a brief call to discuss.

If you need assistance or accommodations to access this application process, please contact us at grants@foundationformetrowest.org or 508-647-2260.