



Minnesota Microgrant Partnership FAQ

What is the Minnesota Microgrant Partnership?

The Minnesota Microgrant Partnership offers small amounts of money to persons with disabilities to achieve their goals around competitive, integrated employment; accessible, inclusive housing; and community integration. The program is administered by The Arc Minnesota and is funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

Minnesota residents with disabilities, age 18 and older, who are receiving Home and Community-Based Services or transition-age youth who have an active Level 3 or 4 Individual Education Plan (IEP), are encouraged to apply for funding.

How much money is available per application?

Microgrant awards range from \$100 to \$1000. Requests above \$1,000 may be considered. The maximum award allowed is \$2,000.

What are some examples of opportunities that will be considered?

The following list includes only a few examples of opportunities eligible for funding. We expect applicants will have other creative, exciting ideas about how to use funds to overcome financial barriers to their person-centered goals around competitive, integrated employment; inclusive housing; and community integration goals.

- Job coaching or training
- Job related uniforms or tools
- Application fees and moving expenses when an individual is pursuing independent, accessible or inclusive housing
- Home furnishings to establish a safe, healthy living space
- Class registration fees
- Membership fees
- Assistive technologies

Are there any opportunities that will not be considered?

In most cases, camps, conferences, vacations, and out-of-state travel, are not eligible for funding through the Minnesota Microgrant Partnership. Some out-of-state travel may be considered for residents living near state borders.

What if an applicant needs help completing the application?

Applicants may receive help with the application from a friend, family member or supporter. The Arc regional offices serve as local contacts to assist with application completion.



Who determines if a grant request will be funded?

A review panel, including self-advocates, will review applications to make decisions on which applications receive funding. The Department of Human Services also reviews requests for more than \$500 and may recommend other opportunities to achieve applicant goals.

How long will it take to find out if a grant is funded?

The award process may take up to 45 days, therefore grants are not intended for emergency or crisis situations.

How will funds be distributed?

Awards that are granted will be paid directly to third party entities such as vendors or landlords. Funds will not be distributed directly to individual grant recipients.

What happens if a request is not granted?

Applicants are encouraged to re-apply if their request is not funded.

May I receive more than one grant?

Applicants may receive one grant per calendar year.

How can an individual apply for a grant?

The fastest way to apply is online. You may go directly to bit.ly/Apply4MMGP. Or visit www.arcminnesota.org. Go to the **Ways We Can Help** tab, select **Minnesota Microgrant Partnership**, and click on **Apply for a Microgrant** here. If required, request a paper application from Susan Sochacki at microgrants@arcmn.org or **952-920-0855**. Response times may be longer for a paper application.

Is there an application deadline?

We expect to accept applications through August 31, 2018. The application may be closed if all funds are dispersed before September 1, 2018.

Who can answer any other questions about the Minnesota Microgrant Partnership?

Contact Wendy Gerlach or Susan Sochacki at **952-920-0855** or microgrants@arcmn.org with your unanswered questions.