



Capacity Building Grant Program

Informational Webinar – October 16, 2025

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Background and Context



WHY?

- Strong Nonprofits = Thriving Communities
- Established Nonprofit Stability Collaborative Fund
- Responsive Capacity Building Grant Program



Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant Program

WHAT?

- Responsive Grant Program
- Capacity Building Defined
 - *Investing in an organization's ability to grow, **sustain** impact, and **adapt** — whether through refinement, expansion, collaboration, or even sunseting — in service of its mission and the greater good.*



Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant Program



WHAT? (cont'd)

- Four Funding Avenues
 - Experiences – up to \$10,000
 - Planning – up to \$25,000
 - Implementation – up to \$100,000
 - System-Wide Infrastructure – up to \$250,000

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant Program

WHAT? (cont'd)

- **Have one active application under review.**
- AND, you CAN apply more than once!
- Complete a brief close-out report when reapplying.



Eligibility

WHO?

Eligible

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that:
 - Have been in existence for at least five years
 - Have a current submitted IRS Form 990
 - Are **LOCATED** in the St. Croix Valley Foundation service area including Chisago and Washington counties in Minnesota and Burnett, Polk, St. Croix and Pierce counties in Wisconsin.



Eligibility

WHO? (cont'd)

- Ineligible:
 - Private foundations, government entities, sectarian religious programs/organizations, and fiscal sponsorships
 - Organizations headquartered outside our service area currently delivering programming in or looking to expand into SCVF's six-county service area.
 - Capital projects / General Operating Expenses



Eligibility



WHO? (cont'd)

- Capacity-building work varies greatly!
- Organizations of **ALL** sizes encouraged to apply.

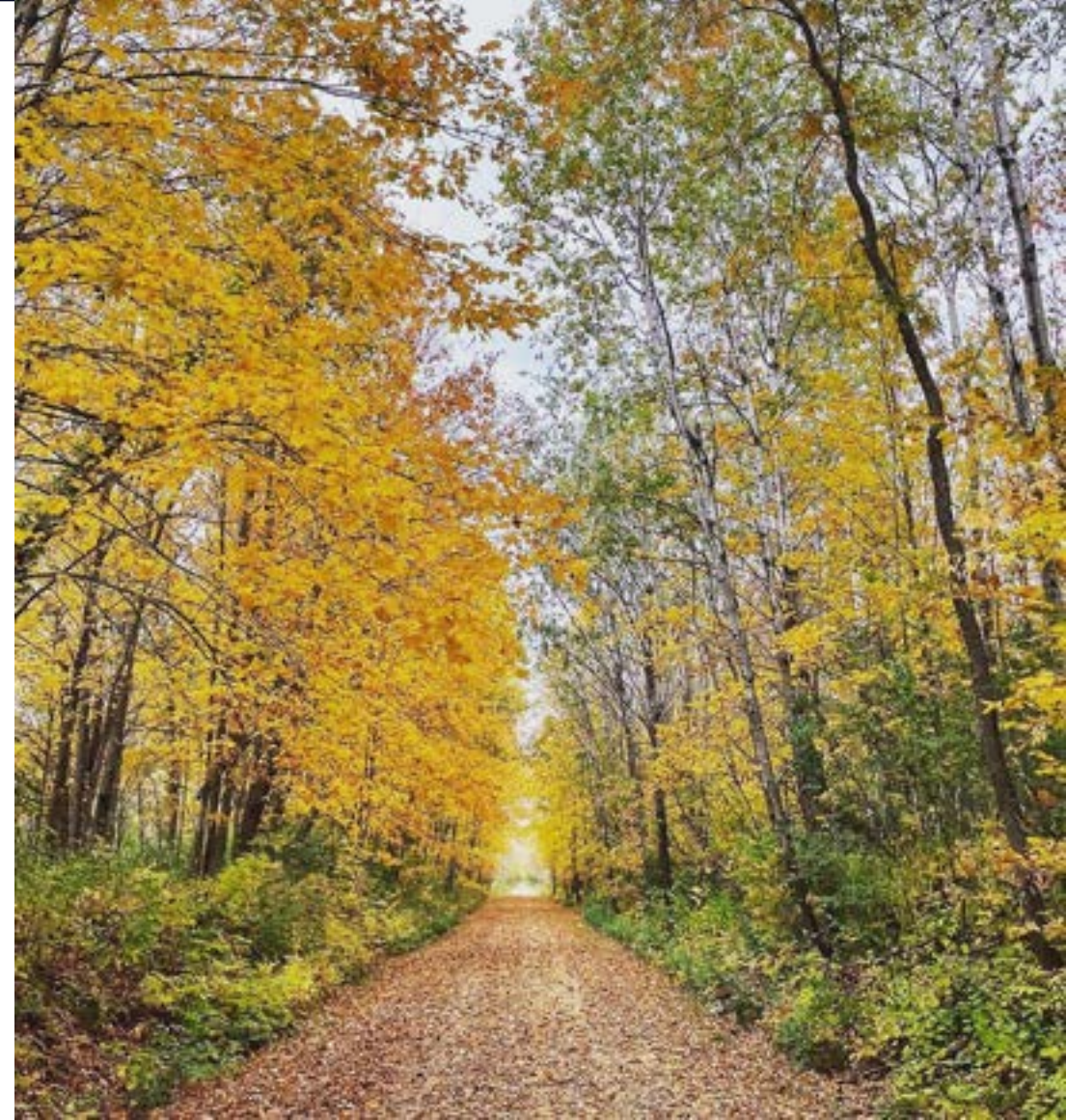


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Timeline

WHEN?

- **Applications Open:** October 13, 2025
- **Deadline:** Rolling!
- **Review Schedule:** Reviewed quarterly. To be considered in a review cycle, applications must be received by:
 - **November 30** (notifications sent in **December**)
 - **February 28** (notifications sent in **March**)
 - **May 31** (notifications sent in **June**)
 - **August 31** (notifications sent in **September**)
- **Grants:** Awards processed shortly after notifications.



Timeline



WHEN? (cont'd)

- ROLLING BASIS AND,
 - Funding is limited
 - The opportunity will eventually close
 - **Please apply when you are ready!**

Information

WHERE?

Guidelines: <https://www.scvfoundation.org/grants/capacity-building>

Online Application Portal:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=scvf>

1. Setup an account in the online portal.
2. Take the eligibility quiz
3. If confirmed, the application will become available



Resources

HELP!

- FAQ's: Still have questions, please submit the [FORM](#)!
- [Consultant Office Hours](#): *Strategic*
- [Staff Office Hours](#): *Technical*
- [Other capacity building resources](#)
- [Consultants](#)



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