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In 2017, Mardag Foundation made 108 grants totaling \$2.4 million across Minnesota in its four priority areas. The following is a complete list of our 2017 grantmaking by area:

- To see grants made in the area of building the capacity of arts and humanities organizations to benefit their communities, [click here](#).
- To see grants made in the area of improving the lives of at-risk families, children, youth and young adults, with an emphasis on early childhood development, [click here](#).
- To see grants made in the area of supporting community development throughout Saint Paul, [click here](#).
- To see grants made in the area of supporting seniors to live independently, [click here](#).

Building the capacity of arts and humanities organizations to benefit their communities

Grantee	Purpose	Approved Amount
A H Zeppa Family Foundation	Uniting Our Building And Our Community	\$20,000
Ananya Dance Theatre	Buniyaad/Foundation II	\$5,000
Arts Center of Saint Peter Inc	Building Capacity & Enriching the Visitor Experience	\$9,000
Boys & Girls Club of Central Minnesota	Youth Arts Initiative - Quality Arts Programming for Underserved Youth	\$15,000
Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota	Building the Capacity of CMSM to Ignite Curiosity, Inspire Early Learning, and Benefit Our Community	\$25,000
ComMUSICation	Crescendo Year 3	\$10,000



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Cultural Data Project	DataArts in Minnesota	\$7,500
Grand Marais Arts Inc	Capacity Building	\$25,000
Gremlin Theatre	St. Paul Performance Space at Vandalia Tower	\$20,000
IFP Minnesota	IFP MN Organizational Development	\$10,000
In Progress	Hmoob (Stranger)	\$22,000
Lakes Area Music Festival	LAMF Development Director Position	\$30,000
Minnesota Museum of American Art	New facility for the Minnesota Museum of American Art in the Pioneer Endicott Building	\$75,000
Minnesota Public Radio	The Campaign for Minnesota Public Radio American Public Media (MPR APM)	\$90,000
Northfield Arts Guild	Matching Donors with our Mission	\$20,000
Ordway Center for the Performing Arts	Propelling the Friends of the Ordway and our Leadership Circle forward	\$20,000



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Saint Paul Ballet	Setting the Stage for Collaborative Growth: Feasibility	\$15,000
Selby Ave JazzFest	Transitioning to a 501c3 Organization	\$9,000
St Paul Conservatory of Music	Increase Student Enrollment through Strategic Marketing Campaign	\$15,000
Stepping Stone Theater Co	Building capacity to fully engage the Saint Paul community in SteppingStone Theatre's programming	\$10,000
The Arts Partnership	Building the Capacity of the Arts Partnership	\$50,000
The History Theatre Inc	Telling Our Stories: Personal History Play-Making Residency for Adults at Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)	\$12,000
Theater Mu Incorporated	Theater Mu Organizational Rebranding	\$25,000
Theatre Unbound Inc	Donor Communications Initiative	\$10,000
Twin Cities Catalyst Music Inc	THE GARAGE Studio	\$11,000



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Twin Rivers Center for the Arts	Twin Rivers Council for the Arts Staff Capacity Building	\$20,000
Walker West Music Academy	FY2017 - FY2018 Executive Transition & Support for Incoming Leadership	\$25,000

**Improving the lives of at-risk families, children, youth and young adults,
with an emphasis on early childhood development**

Grantee	Purpose	Approved Amount
American Indian Family Center	Bimaadiziwin Mikana (The Path of Life) Parent Mentor Program	\$15,000
Ampersand Families	Expansion of Post-Adoptive Placement Support for Youth and Families	\$25,000
Anu Family Services Inc	FastTrack to a Family	\$10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities	Better Futures Capacity Building Campaign	\$25,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities	Groves Academy Partnership	\$15,000
Children's Defense Fund	Voices and Choices for Children Coalition - Year 3	\$10,000
Churches United in Ministry	Early Childhood Program	\$15,000



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Conservation Corps	Youth Outdoors: Expanded Job Training and Community Revitalization Initiative	\$10,000
Evergreen Youth & Family Services Inc	Evergreen YFS Crisis Shelter Fireproofing Sprinkler Install	\$15,000
Frogtown Neighborhood Association	Frogtown Pantry	\$30,000
Habitat for Humanity International Inc	Strategic Planning for Future Programming	\$15,000
Habitat for Humanity International Inc	Operation Social Enterprise Procurement	\$25,000
Habitat for Humanity International Inc	Habitat for Humanity ReStore Parking lot expansion	\$25,000
Heart of Dance	Dancing Classrooms	\$15,000
Hispanic Outreach Program of Goodhue County	Capacity for a Second Decade of Success!	\$25,000
Initiative Foundation	Early Childhood Initiatives (ECI)	\$15,000
Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul	Project Home Social Work Expansion	\$15,000



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Jeremiah Program	Sustaining High Quality Early Childhood Education through Child Development Center (CDC) Improvements	\$16,800
Keystone Community Services	Keystone Family Navigator	\$30,000
Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership Inc	Pathways to Quality	\$90,000
Men as Peacemakers	Building a community space for collaborative gender violence prevention efforts	\$25,000
Minnesota Literacy Council Inc	Community Supported Navigation for Adult Learner Success	\$20,000
Neighborhood House	Adult Education West 7th/Highland Park Expansion	\$35,000
Open Doors for Youth	Connections Program	\$15,000
Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota	Preventing Child Abuse Through Community Based Education and Support	\$22,000
Project for Pride in Living Inc	PPL 2017 Matching Grant for Program Support	\$25,000
Project Friendship Inc	Everyone Needs A Mentor	\$10,000



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Reading Partners	Reading Partners Twin Cities: Individualized literacy interventions for low-income students in St. Paul	\$10,000
Rivers of Hope	School Based Family and Teen Dating Violence Intervention and Prevention Services for Youth	\$23,000
Ruths House of Hope	Raise the Roof and Repairs Campaign	\$20,000
Saint Paul Public Schools, Independent School District #625	Strengthening Innocent Classroom Implementation in SPPS and the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood	\$15,000
ServeMinnesota	Family Child Care Reading Corps	\$15,000
Solid Ground	Children's Services Specialist	\$30,000
St Peter Community Childcare Center Inc	Come Grow With Us	\$25,000
The Family Place	Casa de la Bella Montessori	\$10,000
The Karen Organization of Minnesota	Karen Empowering Youth for Success (KEYS) Program	\$15,000
The Link	C.O.R.E. Drop-In Center and Street Outreach Program	\$10,000
The Saint Paul Foundation	Management Improvement Fund	\$50,000



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The Saint Paul Foundation	Community Sharing Fund Support	\$50,000
The Sanneh Foundation Inc	Comprehensive Capital Campaign for The Sanneh Foundation at the Conway Community Center	\$75,000
Think Small	Project Inclusion: Preventing Child Care Expulsion and Strengthening Families	\$15,000
Think Small	A collaboration to expand the Innocence Spoken Here initiative to child care providers in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood.	\$30,000
Twin Cities Public Television Inc	Food For Every Child	\$15,000
Ujamaa Place	Expanding Evening Class Curriculum to Strengthen Education/Job Skills & Employment Outcomes	\$25,000
Union Gospel Mission Association of St Paul	Naomi Family Residence Heat and Air Conditioning Renovation Project	\$30,000
Urban Boatbuilders Inc	Building Fund Development Capacity	\$15,000
Voyageur Outward Bound School	Outward Bound and Gordon Parks STRIVE Forward	\$20,000
Yes Network	I Have A Dream	\$8,000



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Youth Frontiers Inc	In Partnership with the School Communities of St. Cloud & Red Wing: Supporting the Social-Emotional & Leadership Development of Students	\$15,000
Youthprise	Youthprise Accelerator Initiative Campaign	\$25,000

Supporting community development throughout Saint Paul

Grantee	Purpose	Approved Amount
Frogtown Gardens	Frogtown Farm Start-Up: Year 3	\$20,000
Housing Link	Housing Hub Software Development	\$20,000
Rondo Community Land Trust	The Selby Milton Victoria Commerical Land Trust and Senior Housing Project	\$50,000
Trust For Public Land	The Park at Griggs Street	\$50,000
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Inc	Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity homeownership expansion	\$60,000
West Side Citizens Organization	West Side Rising: A Commercial Corridor Revitalization Project	\$15,000



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Supporting seniors to live independently

Grantee	Purpose	Approved Amount
Adult Day Services Inc	Assure safety and access to effective long term care opportunity for rural area seniors	\$11,750
Aeon	Como By the Lake Capital Request	\$25,000
Angels - A Living at Home Block Nurse Program	McGrath Expansion Project	\$7,500
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging Healthy Living Training and Leadership Capacity Building	\$12,806
Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf	Raise the Roof Capital Campaign	\$20,000
Community Partners-Two Harbors Living at Home/Block Nurse	Filling the Gap - Building Community for Older Adults in the Two Harbors Area	\$20,000
Community Thread	Village Program Development	\$10,000
County of Todd	Hilltop Regional Kitchen	\$20,000
DARTS	DARTS LOOP Transportation Service Expansion	\$10,000
Elder Network	Companion and Volunteer Recruitment	\$15,000
Engage Inc	EngAGE in Creativity	\$20,000



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HealthEast Foundation	East Side Table Senior Program	\$20,000
Help Our Neighbors	Caregiver Connection	\$19,558
Hubbard County Developmental Achievement Center Inc	Adult Day Services Development	\$22,500
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	LSS Healthy Eating	\$19,594
Merrick Community Services	Merrick Capital/Capacity Campaign	\$20,000
Metro Meals on Wheels Inc	Kitchen of Opportunities	\$20,000
Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program	TASC! (Technology And Support for Caregivers!)	\$25,000
Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program	A Comprehensive Communication & Education Program for Senior Services throughout Steele County	\$16,000
Presbyterian Homes Foundation	Central Towers, PHS Community	\$25,000
Store to Door	Volunteer-based supplementary ride pilot for metro area seniors	\$20,000
Vine Faith in Action	The Kindred Gathering: Day Programming for Elders from Diverse Cultures	\$26,442
Wright County Community Action Inc	Mobile Food Shelf for Seniors in Wright County	\$14,603