



## Home Visitation Grant Program Guidelines and Procedures

Since 1986, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has been a catalyst for economic growth in 20 Minnesota counties. We work to build a prosperous region with vibrant communities, innovative businesses and a skilled and valued workforce. We invest in strategic efforts in **emerging business** and **emerging workforce** including early childhood initiatives.

### About the Home Visitation Grant Program

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is pleased to announce grants to support existing Home Visitation programs as part of its Youth Trust Fund, an endowed fund started in 1998 by Founding Cornerstone contributors: IBM Corporation, Mayo Foundation, Red Wing Shoe Company, and Wells Fargo Bank.

SMIF is committed to ensuring that all young children thrive and have a healthy life of learning, achieving, and succeeding. Evidence shows a key ingredient to that goal is making certain children and their families are safe, healthy, self-sufficient, and connected to community resources. One way to support families and meet the crucial needs of young children is through home visitation.

### Priority Considerations

SMIF is interested in organizations that currently provide a home visitation program in their community or county and would like to strengthen their program or serve more families by adding or enhancing any one of the 12 Essential Elements from the Prevent Child Abuse America's Healthy Family America Program.

### Eligible Organizations

Your program may apply if you are:

- A 501(c) (3) nonprofit, a local unit of government, or a public school district
- Located in the 20-county area or from organizations dedicated to serving within the area
- An existing home visitation program
- Already meeting at least 8 of the 12 essential elements (see Essential Elements attachment).
- Collaborating with other existing home visitation programs and early childhood programs and intending to expand or strengthen partnerships.
- Evaluating the impact of your home visitation program
- Able to meet the dollar-for-dollar match. At least 50% of the match must be cash. Documentation of match must be submitted before the release of any grant funds.

**If you checked all the above boxes, you are eligible to apply for the grant.**

## Application Guidelines

### Geographic Area

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation considers applications from organizations with main or branch offices located in the 20-county area or from organizations dedicated to serving within the area. The counties are:

Blue Earth	Fillmore	Le Sueur	Olmsted	Wabasha
Brown	Freeborn	Martin	Rice	Waseca
Dodge	Goodhue	Mower	Sibley	Watsonwan
Faribault	Houston	Nicollet	Steele	Winona

### Funding

- Grants ranging in size from \$5,000 - \$20,000 are available.
- All grants require a dollar-for-dollar match. At least 50% of the match must be cash. Documentation of match must be submitted before the release of any grant funds.
- Eligible expenses may include salaries, evaluation, training, technical assistance, and collaboration.

## Application Process

For further information or questions regarding the application, call Anni O'Neill at 507-455-3215 or email at [annio@smifoundation.org](mailto:annio@smifoundation.org)

For grant award consideration, submit a completed application by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010** via email to [jenniferh@smifoundation.org](mailto:jenniferh@smifoundation.org) or mail to:

Grants Associate  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation  
PO Box 695  
Owatonna, MN 55060

Incomplete grant applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

For those submitted electronically, a hard copy of the signature page must be received within 7 days of the grant deadline.

All applicants will be contacted via email or telephone to confirm receipt of their application.

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