

## **Ecolab St. Paul, MN Area NPO (Non-Profit Organizations) Grant Program**

To qualify for community grant from the Ecolab Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization (per the [IRS Pub 78](#)) must fall within one of our four strategic areas of giving for organizations in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN area that provide services to individuals in St. Paul, MN.

*Please note: These instructions pertain to **St. Paul, MN**. If you are interested in other locations, please refer to the [Other U.S. Locations information](#).*

### **Focus Areas of Giving**

- Youth and Education: programs that promote youth development, particularly to ensure all students are successful
- Civic & Community Development: affordable housing, work readiness, crisis assistance and hunger relief
- Environment & Conservation: environment and conservation organizations, hands-on environmental learning programs
- Arts & Culture: arts education for children and youth as well as support for museums and the performing arts

### **Restrictions:**

Contributions will **not** be made to or in support of:

- Individuals
- Sectarian/denominational religious organizations, except where funds are to be used in direct interest of the entire community
- Loans or investments
- Political/lobbying organizations
- Industry, trade or professional association memberships
- Disease-specific related organizations
- Sports/athletic programs and facilities
- Fundraising events/sponsorship
- Private non-operating foundations

### **Application Process:**

- **The application process is now OPEN for 2024 grant requests (for funding in 2025) for CURRENT Ecolab Foundation grantees only**
- **Applications are due Dec. 2, 2024, 11:59 pm central time**
- **Access the [Ecolab Applicant Site](#) to submit an application**
  - The Ecolab Applicant Site is called GrantsConnect, powered by our vendor partner YourCause/Blackbaud
  - For best results, use Google Chrome and a desktop or laptop computer
  - If you have issues signing in, please use the help features available on the site
- Download the [Applicant Reference Guide](#) to help you through the online application process (this includes a list of all the questions)
- Grant result notifications will be sent via email in March 2025
- Questions? Contact [ecolabfoundation@ecolab.com](mailto:ecolabfoundation@ecolab.com)

**Grant Disbursement Information:**

If you have questions about grant disbursements/payments, please visit [NPOConnect, the Nonprofit Portal](#), powered by our vendor partner YourCause-Blackbaud. This is a separate site just for financial administration of grant awards. Please note that the Ecolab Foundation staff does NOT have access to this site because it contains confidential payment information. If you need assistance, please use the email and chat features available on the NPOConnect sign-in page or fill out the [Nonprofit Platform Service Inquiry form](#).

Click [here](#) to download additional information/instructions about signing into the Nonprofit Portal.

**Code of Conduct**

In accordance with Ecolab's [Code of Conduct](#), contributions will not be made to organizations that discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnic origin, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, other personal characteristics or conditions protected by national, state or local law