

- **Name of Requesting Organization or Entity:** (The recipient's name should be the legal name of the organization that will be receiving these funds.)*

City of Northfield

- **Type of Entity:***

State, local, or tribal government

- **Primary Leadership Contact Name and Title**

Erica Zweifel, Mayor

- **Primary Leadership Contact's Phone Number:***

- **Primary Leadership Contact's Email Address:***

- **Address of Organization:***

801 Washington Street, Northfield, MN 55057

- **Website link:***

www.northfieldmn.gov

Your request must contain all of the the required information and answer each question listed below. *To assist applicants, we have utilized an example of a successfully funded project in FY23. You can read descriptions for all of our funded FY23 projects [here](#).*

- **Project Name:** Short Summary of the project as publicly referenced.
(*Example: City of Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Corridor Project – Phase II*)

City of Northfield Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC) Building Upgrades

- **Name, Amount, and Location of Project:** Please help expedite our potential submission to the Appropriations Committee by providing here the amount requested, the title, and address of the recipient. (*Example: I am requesting \$750,000 in funding for the City of Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Corridor (SRCC) – Phase II*)

Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Shakopee, located at 485 Gorman St., Shakopee, MN 55379.”)

We are requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the City of Northfield for upgrades and improvements to the Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC), a multi-use community center that houses various government and non-profit service organizations.

Project is in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Northfield, located at 801 Washington Street., Northfield , MN 55057

- **Summary of project:** Please provide approximately 150 words best describing your project capturing the purpose of the project, the benefits it would bring to the community, and why it is a good use of taxpayer dollars. (*Example: “The funding would be used for the repair of city owned trails in the Cultural Corridor and installation of interpretive nodes, individual interpretive elements, an augmented reality application and research, scripting, design, and production of said elements. Of notable significance, the riverbank area contains burial mounds of the ancestors of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). Phase II will bring people together to (re)discover Shakopee and the Minnesota River’s historical, cultural, and ecological significance and build a cross-cultural understanding among those who live in and visit the Shakopee area.*

The SRCC project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because upon completion, it will produce innovative ways for the corridor to be accessible to and enjoyed by members of the community and all visitors, while positively impacting the economic development of Shakopee and the surrounding area.”)

The requested funding will support critical repairs and upgrades to the Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC), ensuring it remains a safe, accessible, and functional space for community services. Planned improvements include security and technology upgrades, new flooring and paint, renovated public restrooms, and replacement of the boiler, chiller, and air handling units. Locker room and pool updates are also included. With additional funding, improvements to organization-specific areas—such as the food shelf and senior center—can be made.

The NCRC houses several key government and non-profit service providers, including Healthy Community Initiative (HCI), Community Action Center (CAC),

FiftyNorth, Rice County United Way, Rice County satellite offices, WorkForce Development, and a satellite location of the Northfield Public Library.

These organizations deliver essential services to Northfield and surrounding communities. Upgrading the NCRC will enhance the efficiency, accessibility, and long-term sustainability of these services, maximizing public benefit and supporting community well-being.

- **Postal address of project (or general location if not applicable):** The location of the project's activities may or may not be different from the mailing address of the recipient organization.

1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN 55057

- **Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Minnesota or Minnesota's 2nd District? How does it fit into the region's job and economic development efforts?** Briefly explain any additional community benefits not yet covered.

The noted improvements and additions to the NCRC building would allow for more capacity for current organizations within the building and for the potential addition of new organizations. This would allow more members of not just the Northfield community, but the neighboring areas to benefit from the services provided.

- **How would this project benefit the public?** This answer can be an expansion from your summary of the public benefits for us to consider and be aware of.

Given the broad reach of the organizations housed in the NCRC building, almost all demographics benefit from the services provided. Expansion of and improvements to the building will increase the number of residents and neighbors who are served by NCRC partners.

- **Why would this project be a good use of taxpayer dollars?** This answer can be an expansion from your summary as to the wise use of taxpayer dollars.

Upgrading the Northfield Community Resource Center is a strategic and responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it directly strengthens the well-

being, resilience, and economic stability of the entire community. By modernizing this facility, we ensure that the vital programs housed there can operate efficiently, safely, and sustainably.

This investment will improve service delivery for thousands of residents, reduce long-term operational costs through energy-efficient upgrades, and allow for expanded programming to meet the needs of the community. The value received from these upgrades will significantly increase from every dollar put in.

- **Please provide a breakdown of how this funding would be used (salaries, construction, etc.)**

Infrastructure upgrades/maintenance	\$1,061,000
Physical upgrades	\$410,000
Security and safety upgrades	\$150,000
Energy Upgrades	\$950,000
Organization specific upgrades	\$2,429,000

- **Is this a new or ongoing project?***

Maintenance of the NCRC building is an ongoing project, as the building continues to age and as the demand for the services within the building expands.

- **What is the timeline of completion for this project and will this project require additional federal funding in future fiscal years?**

The project is currently slated to start in 2025 and be completed over six years, with most projects planned for 2026. No further funding is expected to be required in future years.

- **If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?**

Yes. The project is divided into various phases. More critical aspects, such as routine maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and upkeep, will be completed utilizing any funding received. Any additional funding provided would go towards lower prioritized, yet important areas, such as security upgrades or organization-specific projects, such as upgrades for the Community Action Network (CAC) food shelf.

- **Is this project currently authorized in law? Where? If not applicable, please write “N/A”.**

N/A

- **If this project has been included in a presidential budget request, please indicate that here and detail how much in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)? If not applicable, please write “N/A”.**

N/A

- **If this project has received any funding in the past, from either a public or private source, please detail that here. If not applicable, please write “N/A”.** This would include information about funding from a federal agency or agencies and program(s).

N/A

- **If you are proposing report language to accompany this CPF request, please write that language here and indicate if similar language has ever been included in a previous year. If not applicable, please write “N/A”.**

N/A

- **If this project requires a non-federal cost-share, please indicate that here and explain how you can demonstrate that the non-federal share will be met:**

N/A

- **Does any derogatory information, as well as any potentially mitigating information, exist that would render the entity potentially unsuitable for receiving community project funding? Please explain if applicable.**

N/A

- **If submitting multiple requests to our office, please rank this request in terms of priority. If this is your only request, please write "N/A."**

This request should be ranked as #1 if multiple entities from the City of Northfield apply for projects.

- **Please list all Members of the House and Senate who are receiving this request.**

Representative Angie Craig
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Tina Smith

- **Relevant House Appropriations Subcommittee:** Please select one of the appropriations bills from the dropdown menu.

7. Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies.

- **Relevant Executive Agency:** Please select from the list of eligible agencies in the dropdown menu.

16. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **FY25 Community Project Funding Account:** Please refer to the list of eligible accounts within those agencies from the dropdown menu. Due diligence on the part of requesting entities is **strongly encouraged** to ensure the funding is eligible for the account prior to submission.

35. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiatives