

Safety of Minors Micro Grant RFP

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Safety of Minors Department Mission

The University of Minnesota prides itself on being a safe, welcoming, and nurturing place for youth and families. As a leading institution in research and community development, the university values connecting with youth and families to promote community engagement and growth, illustrating the university's commitment and active status across the state as a pillar for education and community vitality.

The Safety of Minors department strives to ensure university-sanctioned programs operate safely and within policy compliance. The department also seeks to support program development around best practice youth work and youth safety. *To support this development, the SOM department is beginning a reimbursement initiative for programs and events whose primary participants are minors.*

Programs that meet this criterion should complete and submit the Reimbursement Request Form. Reimbursement recipients must provide the following information to the Safety of Minors department after eligible purchases have been made.

- Proof of payment (receipts, invoices, etc.)
- Chartstring information

Reimbursement awards are up to \$500, specifically supporting programs in and around enhanced youth safety work. Examples of sample funding opportunities could be course training in areas of first aid or youth mental health, enhanced program first aid kits, or other various safety projects. This funding could also go to support larger program safety initiatives. After documentation is received by the Safety of Minors department, funds will be transferred to the provided chart string.

The SOM department will open the request process on March 9th, 2026, and close submissions on April 13th, 2026. Reimbursement recipients will be announced by April 30th, with reimbursements distributed by May.

If your program meets the above criteria and has a specific need around youth safety that could be fully or partially funded through a SOM reimbursement program, please complete the request application. If you have questions or would like to speak more specifically about your proposal, please contact Sammy Loeks-Davis (she/her), the youth safety and compliance manager, at loeks001@umn.edu.

