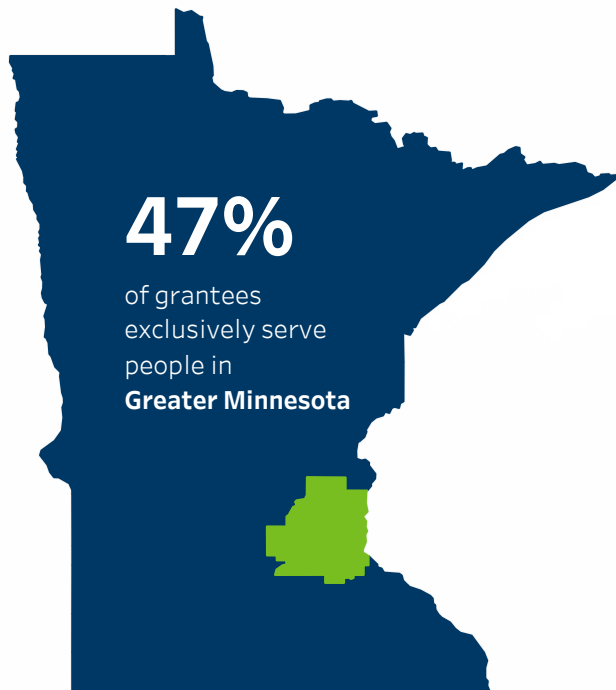


HCBS Provider Capacity Grants for Rural and Underserved Communities

Round Three Grantees At-A-Glance

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Grants, Equity, Access, and Research (GEAR) Division awarded the **third round of Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) provider capacity building grants** funded by the Minnesota Legislature to increase the number and capacity of HCBS providers serving rural and underserved communities.

The project period for this grant is December, 2024 – June, 2026.

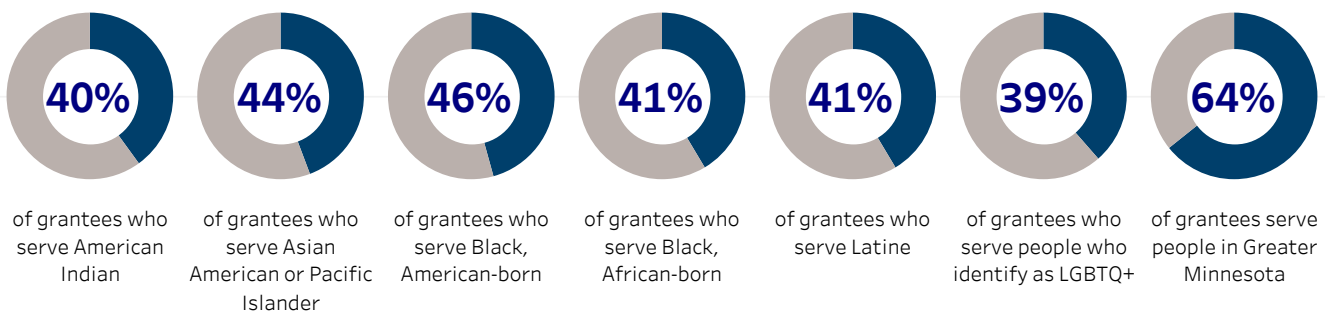


70 grantee organizations funded across the state

Over **\$8.9** million in funding awarded

A first DHS grant for

30% of grantee organizations



The GEAR Division of DHS is working to increase access to HCBS for rural and underserved communities in Minnesota by increasing the capacity of providers to meet the needs of these communities. GEAR does this primarily by equitably making new state grant funding, technical assistance, and other supports available to small, new, rural, and culturally specific HCBS providers, or organizations interested in becoming HCBS providers. GEAR is committed to simplifying and innovating DHS' grant making and contracting practices to address the barriers that potential HCBS providers face in accessing state funding. GEAR will memorialize and share best practices for inclusive and equitable grant making and contracting with other divisions of DHS, as well as other state agencies.