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How to Get Involved

FAIM is offered in Minnesota through partnerships with local Community Action Agencies, Minneapolis Urban League, Neighborhood Development Alliance, Asian Media Access, and Cornerstone

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Coordinated by:

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FAIM Funding Sources

Funding for the project has been provided by:

- ◆ **McKnight Foundation**
- ◆ **Office of Economic Opportunity, Minnesota Department of Human Services**
- ◆ **Northland Foundation**
- ◆ **Northwest Minnesota Foundation**
- ◆ **Southwest Minnesota Foundation**
- ◆ **Twin Cities Federal**
- ◆ **United Way**
- ◆ **Office of Community Services, US Department of Health & Human Services**
- ◆ **Wells Fargo**
- ◆ **Bremer Bank**
- ◆ **West Central Minnesota Initiative**

Matched Savings Accounts



FAMILY ASSETS FOR
INDEPENDENCE
IN MINNESOTA

Building Assets For:

- ◆ Home Ownership
- ◆ Small Business
- ◆ Education

What is FAIM?

The Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) Program is a **matched savings project** that helps Minnesota low-wage earners build assets through:

- ◆ purchase of a home
- ◆ pursuit of higher education
- ◆ starting a small business

After completing the FAIM application process the goal is met by the participant placing up to \$40 of their earned income each month for two years into a Family Asset Account (savings account) which will be **matched 3:1** by the program.

Example:

Save \$40 per month for 2 years	\$ 960
FAIM match funds of 3:1	<u>2,880</u>
Total Asset Funds Available	\$3,840



FAIM funding is appropriated through state and federal legislation, and by contribution from both public and private funds. FAIM is part of a national initiative to promote Individual Development Accounts (IDAs).

- ◆ Provide subsidies through matches rather than through tax breaks
- ◆ Require accountholders to attend financial education classes
- ◆ Target group is the working poor

Purpose of FAIM?



FAIM helps people change **spending and savings** behavior, including consumer debt reduction. Participants are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours of financial management classes and an additional 10 hours of asset-specific classes before accessing FAIM funds.



Approximate Maximum Hourly Wage at 40 Hours Per Week*

Family Size	200% of Poverty Guideline
1	\$11.59
2	\$15.62
3	\$19.63
4	\$23.37
5	\$27.67
6	\$31.69
7	\$35.71
8	\$39.73

Add \$4.00 Per Hour
For Each Additional Family Member

Eligibility for FAIM?

FAIM participants must:

- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age
- ◆ Have earned income to deposit in savings
- ◆ Be a resident of Minnesota at time of participation in FAIM, (the asset can be used, developed, or secured in another state)
- ◆ Household income must be at or below 200% of the poverty guideline (see table)
- ◆ Have assets of \$10,000 or less

Participant income and assets may increase **after** enrollment into the FAIM program.

200% of Poverty Guideline*

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$24,120
2	\$32,480
3	\$40,840
4	\$49,200
5	\$57,560
6	\$65,920
7	\$74,280
8	\$82,640

**Add \$8,320 For
Each Additional Person**

* based on 2017 federal HHS poverty guideline

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Anoka County CAP Judy Bond Ph: (763) 783-4851 jbond@accap.org	Anoka
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CAP of Ramsey & Washington Counties Nasser Mussa Ph: (651) 645-6445 nmussa@caprw.org Shanelle Hall shall@caprw.org	Hennepin, Ramsey & Washington
CAP of Hennepin County Azucena Ortega Ph: (952) 933-8016 aortega@caphennepin.org Ahmed Artan aartan@caphennepin.org	St. Louis County-Duluth area only
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