Minnesota FAIM Agencies	Counties Served	
African Career, Education & Resource	NW Metro	
Denise Butler (612) 217-00282 dbutler@acerinc.org	Suburbs	
Anoka County CAP	Anoka	
Judy Bond (763) 783-4851 jbond@accap.org		
Community Action - Duluth	Duluth and	
Ted Hoffman (218) 726-1665 ted@communityactionduluth.org	surrounding area	
CAP of Hennepin County	Hennepin	
Samantha Forliti (952) 953-9639 sforliti@caphennepin.org		
CAP of Ramsey & Washington Counties	Ramsey &	
Velissa Vang (651) 645-6445 vvang@caprw.org	Washington	
Cornerstone Advocacy Service	Agency specific statewide	
Aimee Muhire (952) 646-6511 aimeem@cornerstonemn.org		
Emerge Community Development	Hennepin County & Minneapolis	
Nina Coleman (612) 642-2352 colemanN@emerge-mn.org		
Lakes & Pines CAP, Inc.	Aitkin, Carlton,	
Sandra Currie (320) 679-1800 x 1975 sandrac@lakesandpines.org	Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Mille Lacs	
Lakes & Prairies CAP, Inc.	Clay, Wilkin	
Robin Christianson (218) 512-1575 robinc@caplp.org		
MAHUBE-OTWA CAP, Inc.	Becker,	
Sara Nelson (218) 530-1125 smnelson@mahube.org	Hubbard, Mahno- men, Otter Tail, Wadena	
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Aanjibimaadizing	Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Chisago,	
Karen Pagnac (320) 362-4139 Karen.pagnac@millelacsband.com	Crow Wing, Hennepin, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Morrison, Pine, Ramsey	
Minnesota 8	Twin Cities Metro & Rochester	
Montha Chum (651) 387-1065 montha@minnesota8.org	& ROCHESTEI	

Minnesota FAIM Agencies	Counties Served	
Minnesota Seeds of Justice	Nobles	
Aida Simon (507) 329-8475 Aida.simon@mnseedsofjustice.org		
Minnesota Valley Action Council  Ann Macgregor (507) 345-0459 ann@mnvac.org	Blue Earth, Brown, Martin, Le Sueur, Faribault, Sibley, Nicollet, Waseca, Wantonwan	
Mni Sota Fund	Minnesota	
Roxanny Armendariz (612) 225-0480 roxanny@mnisotafund.org		
Neighborhood Development Alliance	Hispanic & Latino	
Janet Barraza (651) 292-0131 jbarraza@nedahome.org	Communities in seven-county Metro area	
Northfield Healthy Community Initiative	Rice County	
Candace Godfrey (507) 403-1743 candace@healthycommunityinitiative.org		
Northwest MN Multi-County HRA Mandy Abeld (218) 309-0025 mandy@nwmnhra.org	Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Polk, Norman, Roseau, Pennington, Red Lake	
Three Rivers Community Action	Goodhue, Rice,	
Jeremy Emmi (507) 254-0011 jemmi@threeriverscap.org	Olmsted, Wabasha	
Tri-County Action Program	Benton, Stearns, Sherburne	
Kelly Holtz (320) 257-4515 kelly.holtz@tricap.org		
Tri-County Community Action	Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd	
Danette Ringwelski (320) 632-0551 danette.ringwelski@tccaction.com		
West Central MN Communities Action	Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse	
Megan Radermacher (320) 304-3458 meganr@wcmca.org		
Youthprise	Minnesota	
Fayise Abrahim (507) 351-8031 fayise@youthprise.org		

CAP = Community Action Partnership / Program

## **FAIM Coordination**

## **FAIM** is administered by:

West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. 411 Industrial Park Boulevard Elbow Lake, MN 56531 www.wcmca.org

(218) 685-4486 or 800-492-4805



## FAIM funding is provided by:

Office of Economic Opportunity, Minnesota Department of Human Services

# **Matched Savings Program**



# **Building Assets Through:**

- ◆ Home Ownership
- ♦ Business Development
- Vehicle Ownership
- ◆ Post-Secondary Education
  - ◆ Emergency Savings
  - ♦529 College Savings

#### What is FAIM?

The Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) Program is a matched savings project that assists low-income working Minnesota state residents with building assets through participation in a 30-month program for one of the following asset goals:

- first home purchase
- small business start or expansion
- personal vehicle purchase
- post-secondary education
- emergency savings
- ♦ 529 college savings

Program participants reach their goal by making monthly deposits from earned income (wages) into a Individual Development Account (IDA) opened through the program. Deposits made to the account within 24 months of opening may be matched 3:1 by the program.\* The participant has up to 6 additional months (if needed) after their saving period ends to obtain their asset <u>in</u>

<u>Minnesota</u>. Program payment toward purchase of the asset is completed to a third-party vendor, not the participant.

#### <u>Saving + Match Example</u>:

Save \$125 monthly for 2 years FAIM 3:1 match on \$3,000 \$9,000 Potential funds toward asset \$12,000

\*Previous household enrollments affect eligibility for the program and/or match funds. Lifetime maximum of two enrollments or \$4,000 total savings per household/dwelling.

## **Purpose of FAIM**

FAIM helps participants change their saving and spending habits, including consumer debt reduction. Before accessing FAIM funds, the participant must successfully complete:

- Financial management course with 1:1 coaching totaling 12 hours *AND* 10 additional hours of asset-specific education.
- requirements of the asset track.
- minimum enrollment period.
- deposits to account within 24 months (2 years) to earn match.
- all requirements and exit within 30 months (2 1/2 years).

## Contact a local FAIM agency to be screened for eligibility and program readiness.

- FAIM's target enrollment is low-income working Minnesotans.
- ◆ The program provides financial counseling and requires clients to complete financial management and asset-specific training.
- ◆ FAIM provides subsidies through a matched payout rather than through a tax break.

FAIM funding is appropriated through state legislation.

## **Eligibility for FAIM**

# The FAIM applicant must:

- be 18 years of age or older
- be and remain a Minnesota resident (with valid MN license/ID)
- have earned income (wages) to deposit monthly
- ♦ have household annual gross income below 200% of the federal poverty guideline
- ♦ have household net assets under \$10,000
- have ability to use program funds for the chosen asset within 30-months

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

#### \*200% of 2025 Poverty Guideline

Household (HH) Size	Maximum HH Annual Income
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300

Add \$11,000 for each additional person in the home

### **How to Get Involved**

FAIM is offered across the state through partnerships with Minnesota Community Action Agencies and non-profits.

A full list of FAIM participating agencies is located in this brochure and is available online at:

www.minnesotafaim.org



Find more information at: www.minnesotafaim.org

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<sup>\*</sup> based on 2025 federal HHS poverty guideline