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Three Rivers Community Action Ojoye Akane (507) 696-5755 oakane@threeriverscap.org	Goodhue, Rice, Olmsted, Wabasha
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Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Maureen Hams (218) 281-5832 mhams@tvoc.org	Marshall (West), Norman, Polk (West)
Urban League Twin Cities Nicholas Jaeger (612) 302-3164 njaeger@ultcmn.org	Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey
West Central MN Communities Action Adam Palan (320) 304-3458 adamp@wcmca.org	Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse



FAIM Coordination

FAIM is coordinated by:

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How to Get Involved

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FAIM is offered in Minnesota
through partnerships with:

- Local Community Action Agencies
- Asian Media Access
- Cornerstone
- Emerge
- Urban League Twin Cities
- Neighborhood Development Alliance
- Rice County Dollars & Sense / Northfield HCI

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provided by:**

- ◆ Office of Economic Opportunity, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- ◆ Office of Community Services, US Department of Health & Human Services

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Matched Savings Accounts



FAMILY ASSETS FOR
INDEPENDENCE
IN MINNESOTA

Building Assets For:

- ◆ Home Ownership
- ◆ Small Business
- ◆ Higher 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 first home
- ◆ pursuit of higher education
- ◆ starting a small business

After completing the FAIM application process the goal is met by the participant placing \$80 or more of their earned income each month (up to \$960 maximum) into a Family Asset Account (savings account) which may be **matched 3:1** by the program.

Example:

Save \$80 per month for 1 year	\$ 960
FAIM match funds of 3:1	<u>2,880</u>
Total Asset Funds Available	\$3,840



Home Purchase

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



Higher Education

FAIM helps participants 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 training before accessing FAIM funds.



Startup of Small Business

*Approximate 2020 Maximum Hourly Wage Based on 40 Hours Per Week

Family Size	200% of Poverty Guideline
1	\$12.27
2	\$16.58
3	\$20.89
4	\$25.20
5	\$29.50
6	\$33.81
7	\$38.12
8	\$42.43

*Add \$4.31 Per Hour For Each Additional Family Member

Eligibility for FAIM

FAIM participants must:

- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age
- ◆ Be a Minnesota resident while enrolled in FAIM
- ◆ Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- ◆ Have earned income to deposit in savings monthly
- ◆ Household gross annual income below 200% of the poverty guideline (see table)
- ◆ Have net assets under \$10,000

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

*200% of 2020 Poverty Guideline

Family Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$25,520
2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280
8	\$88,240

Add \$8,960 For Each Additional Person

* based on 2020 federal HHS poverty guideline

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Anoka County CAP Judy Bond (763) 783-4851 jbond@accap.org	Anoka
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Asian Media Access Ange Hwang (612) 376-7115 Ange.hwang@amamedia.org	Minneapolis, Saint Paul
Community Action - Duluth Cassy Burr (218) 726-1665 x 217 cassy@communityactionduluth.org	Duluth area
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MAHUBE-OTWA CAP, Inc. Sara Nelson (218) 847-1385 smnelson@mahube.org	Becker, Hubbard, Mahnommen, Wadena, Otter Tail
Minnesota Valley Action Council Ann Macgregor (507) 345-0459 ann@mvac.org	Blue Earth, Brown, Le Sueur, Martin, Faribault, Nicollet, Sibley, Watonwan, Waseca