



# ISUROON

STRONG WOMEN, STRONG COMMUNITIES

Isuroon is a women-led, community-driven, grassroots organization working for the health and connectedness of Somali women and girls so they and their families can thrive in Minnesota and globally. With us, women and girls build their own health and wellness, economic self-sufficiency, community engagement and leadership.



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About Isuroon:

**Isuroon is a 12-year-old ethnic-led ethnic impact organization. Isuroon is dedicated to building Somali women and their families' social connectedness and self-sufficiency, so that they can lead healthier, more productive lives. Our goal is to help Somali women and their families to move out of poverty. Isuroon takes its name from a Somali word meaning "woman who cares for herself." Because the strengths of Somali immigrant women were not being recognized by existing social services models, Isuroon developed strengths-based and holistic programs and services to meet the immediate and long-term needs of immigrant women and their families in relational approaches.**

**Major Programs:**

- **Afghan Refugee ESL classes**
- **Homeownership and Housing Stability Services**
- **Legal Center**
- **Halal Food Shelf**
- **Women's/Family Health**
- **Mental Health Clinic**
- **Sexual Assault Services**
- **System's navigation for all social services.**

**Isuroon building provides services to families residing in 67 zip codes from the 7-county metropolitan area. For example, in January and February 2023, our food shelf served close to 600 families per month. 30% seniors; 70% families with an average size of 7.**

**What is unique about Isuroon? We focus on solutions out of crisis mindset; therefore, we develop relationships built on trust and identify both challenges and opportunities. Our families say, "Isuroon is reliable." We stayed open during COV-19, which helped not only Somalis but all Americans in need of food and social services. Relevant: We listen and follow the community's current issues and needs. Relational: Our 1st interest is the person who walks in our door. Then we listen and co-create solutions or interventions.**

**Our accomplishments:**

- **We own our building- we believe in asset building.**
- **We are trusted and transparent in how we work.**
- **We are a good financial steward; therefore, our funders trust Isuroon.**
- **Locations: in St.Paul and Burnsville**
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**Our current need: Isuroon is requesting project funding to renovate our nonprofit space at 1600 E. Lake Street in South Minneapolis. The purpose of the renovation project is to enhance the use of our building space to improve program delivery, provide additional privacy for our legal and mental health clients/staff, and reconfigure space for cooking demonstrations/classes and doula training. Our basement isn't up to city code; therefore, we can't use 4,000 sqf.**

**Funding:**

**It will make Isuroon building all the necessary services done efficiently, safely, and effectively. We will be able to earn income from the mental health services, increase our food shelf capacity with teaching kitchen attached to teach healthy eating to combat the diabetic and hypertension epidemic in the community. Most importantly, the investment will worthwhile because Isuroon's asset will be increased. Financial audits have been done. We will provide as requested.**

**Our funders:**

**Otto Bremer Foundation**

**Pohlad Family Foundation**

**Mortenson Family Foundation**

**Minneapolis Foundation – Racial and Economic Justice**

**St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation**

**F.R. Bigelow Foundation**

**Greater Twin Cities United Way**

**Target Foundation**

**Marbrook Foundation**

**WCA Foundation**

**Contracts**

**ORR ECSH**

**Minnesota Housing – Homeownership**

**Minnesota Housing – Housing Stability Services**

**Hennepin County Culturally Specific Mental Health Services**

**MNSure Health Navigators**

**Hennepin County**

**MN DOJ Crime Prevention**

**City of Minneapolis East African Homebuyer Financial Wellness**

**Minnesota Housing - Capacity Building**

**National Organization of Sisetters of Color Ending Sexual Asault  
(SCESA)**

**Hennepin County Food**

Thank you for your trust and support.

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