



2020 Community Investment Grant

Grant Requests & Applications

- Grants applications are due February 28, 2020, by 11:59 pm
- Grant requests can range from \$3,000 - \$15,000 (this includes collaboration grants)
- One grant submission accepted per agency
- Grants awarded in 2020 will be of 1-year duration

Collaboration Grants

- Collaboration between and amongst agencies working towards common outcomes will be encouraged, and joint proposals are welcomed
- Each agency may only apply for one collaboration grant
- If you are part of a collaboration grant your organization may also apply for a grant for your agency
- If applying for a collaboration grant, all agencies must be listed on the grant application and appoint a fiscal agent who will be held responsible for the grant application requirements
- All collaboration grants will adhere to the guidelines and the terms of use

Guidelines

- Maintain eligibility as a public agency, including Indian tribes and nonprofit private organizations, both secular and faith-based, which serve individuals in Greater Grand Forks Area. This requires that private nonprofit organizations obtain and maintain a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service
- Abide by Federal and State laws regarding anti-discrimination, Equal Opportunity, affirmative action, and anti-terrorism
- Have an administrative structure with defined lines of responsibility, a mission statement, and bylaws
- Must be an approved partner with a signed partnership agreement.
- Be financially stable and able to ensure appropriate stewardship of the funds entrusted, perform a regular budgeting process and be able to submit audited financial statements and/or IRS form 990
- To receive funding, proposed programs must align closely with one or more of the focus areas: Live, Work, Learn
- Programs/projects must serve participants in Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area
- Be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of programs and projects through measurable outcomes
- Be willing to cooperate with collaborative partners and other organizations to meet community goals and create measurable lasting change for individuals in the Greater Grand Forks Area
- Be willing to fully participate in United Way marketing efforts regarding program/client success
- Allow United Way the right to use data from all its funded programs at will to "Tell the Story"
- All grantees will submit written midterm and final reports
- Funding will be a competitive process based on the potential impact of the program for the community
- Programs in areas where there is a duplication of work by multiple agencies may be less likely to receive funding
- Funding for 2020 does not guarantee future funding
- All proposals, regardless of the amount requested, will be held to the same principles and practices of accountability





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Terms of Use

- All information supplied to United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area through this grant application is the property of United Way and can be used in accordance with the United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area Partnership Agreement
- Should programs fail to meet contracted outcomes at the midterm or final evaluations, United Way reserves the right to recall prior funding (and agencies agree to return such prior funding (and agencies agree to return such prior funding upon request) and/or withdraw future funding





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- Have you submitted your final report for last year's grant?
- If you were awarded a grant last year what was the name of the grant and the amount awarded?
- If you received a grant last year, what were your successful and/or unsuccessful outcomes of the grant request?
- Is your organization a 501(c)3, 501(c)4 or public agency?
- Will another organization be your fiscal Agent?
- Is yes, please indicate who they are, their IRS Status, and attach a letter from the organization stating their willingness to be the fiscal agent for this grant.
- Have you completed an IRS form 990 or audit in the past 12 months?
- Is this grant request in United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area service area?
- Have you created/updated your 2-1-1 Profile?
- Agency Name
- Agency Website
- Address
- City
- State
- Zip
- What is your agency Tax ID (EIN)?
- When does your fiscal year begin?
- Grant Contact Name
- Grant Contact Phone Number
- Grant Contact Email
- Executive Director/CEO Name:
- Executive Director/CEO Email:
- When was your organization founded?
- Agency Mission Statement or Purpose
- What is the total number of clients your organization served last fiscal year?
- Has this grant request been approved by the agencies Board of Directors?
- If yes, please state the date the Board of Directors approved this grant.
- Grant Request Title
- Grant Request Amount
- What focus area does this grant request fall into? Live, Work or Learn
- Why do you feel this grant request falls into the selected category?
- Brief summary of your grant request
- Total number of paid FTE's for this grant request



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- Number of volunteers this grant request will engage
- List key staff and years of experience who are responsible for your grant request
- Grant request would be described as: New, Established/Continuing, Pilot
- Primary geographic location and target population that will be served through this grant request
- What is the estimated number of participants for the funded grant request?
- What is the estimated percentage of grant request participants living under the federal poverty level guidelines?
- How do you intend to verify poverty level?
- How does this grant request further your mission/purpose?
- Describe the impact of this funding
- Outline key strategies of the grant request with timeline and staff structure
- Identify at least (3) or more measurable goals and outcomes of the grant request?
- What tools will you use to measure outcomes?
- How would the community, as a whole, benefit if your grant request receives funding?
- Describe what collaborations outside your agency the grant request will utilize to be successful.
- Do you have other sources of funding?
- If so, please list with amounts and status (i.e. Bremer, \$50,000, Pending)
- Will this grant request be used as a match for other funding?
- If so, please explain.
- If United Way cannot fulfill your grant request, will you still be able to offer this program and how will that program be affected?
- Required File Upload
 - 501c3 Determination Letter
 - Most recent Audit/990
 - Program/Project Budget
 - Agency Previous Year Budget vs. Actual
 - Agency Current Year Budget vs. Actual
 - Agency Current Year Total Budget
 - Agency Previous Year vs. Current Year Balance Sheet
 - Board of Directors List
 - Letter from Fiscal Agent if your agency is not a nonprofit

Please note that the 2020 Community Investment Grant must be submitted via online portal. This link can be found through the “Submit Application” button at givefegf.org/investment. Applications submitted in any other form will not be accepted.