

Community Impact Response Grant Application Process

Description for CI Response Grant:

This pool of funds will be determined annually and approved by the UWS Board of Directors, from donor contributions from the annual community campaign. The intent of the Community Impact Response fund is to award one-time grants to tax exempt health and human service organizations and community partnerships and collaborations that identify a strategy for impacting current issues related to the Agenda for Community Impact.

- This funding pool is meant to respond to a major community-wide issue through the support of significant planning, intervention or other problem solving efforts.
- Priority will be given to applications that include leveraging opportunities such as matching funds needed to participate in local community partnerships or collaborations.
- Start-up money for pilot projects (service delivery in a new, improved or creative way) with a community partnership or collaboration or UWS itself which, given success, may serve as a model for others
- Initiatives that address an identified community objective that United Way has taken a leadership role to address. The initiative funding will be included in ongoing funding after the first year. Initiatives will be decided through CIT discussions with partners and evidence of community momentum in the area of the initiative.

Currently the identified community objectives are:

- ✓ Reduce violence and bullying in our schools and community
 - ✓ Ensure all children read at their age level by 4th grade
 - ✓ Increase financial stability for families through training and resources
 - ✓ Continue to meet basic human needs through “Safety Net” services
- All Community Impact Response Grants (except for Initiatives) will be limited to a one-year period. Funding may be carried over to the next year, but may not exceed a 14-month period. Agencies may apply annually, but no project will receive more than three years (total) of annual funding.

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- Tax exempt organizations requesting a Community Impact Response Grant consideration may submit completed applications to:
 - United Way of Siouxland, 701 Steuben Street, Sioux City, IA 51101
- Questions should be directed to: United Way of Siouxland, Vice-President/Director of Community Impact @ 712-277-0519.
- Each Community Impact Response Grant application should consist of a brief narrative explaining the request and resulting outcomes, funding sought, organization name, address, email, date of request, director’s name and signature, organization’s Board Chair name, signature, phone number, and e-mail.

- Briefly describe the organization and the services provided (maximum of 1 page).
- Depending on the application, additional information may be required.
- A 45 day timeframe is needed for review/approval of submitted proposal.

It is helpful to address the following in the organization narrative:

- How requests ties to the Agenda for Community Impact
- Brief description of the nature of the request, resulting outcomes and how the funds will be utilized.
- What other funding sources are being pursued?
- Describe proposed activity, program, or project – purpose, area of service it is designed to address and target population.
- If the requested funds will leverage additional resources please explain.
- How will you measure success? What are the specific, measurable outcomes expected.
- Please explain whether this program/project is a new or existing effort and the plans for continuation in the future.
- Include fiscal agent (if applicable)

Include the following attachments:

- Most recent balance sheet and program budget for year in which funds are being requested. Agency budgets and financial information may be requested upon the discretion of the Community Impact Team.
- Most recent Board of Directors list with professional affiliations, addresses and terms listed.
- Budget for the project or program, if applicable.
- One copy of your agency's IRS determination letter certifying your organization is tax-exempt – unless already on file with UWS.
- Most recent audited financial statement, if the organization conducts and annual audit – unless already on file with UWS.
- Most recent IRS 990- if organization is required to file.