



Grant Application Information for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Background

Beginning with the 2007-08 grant year, the Le Mars United Way implemented a new strategy more focused on measurable community impact. This focus will be reflected in how United Way distributes funds raised in the community campaign. This is an exciting opportunity for local agencies, organizations, businesses, government, and United Way to partner in making a real difference in the Le Mars area. To accomplish this task, the Le Mars United Way has set two goals for our community:

- 1. Ensure children grow into successful adults**
- 2. Provide for “Safety Net” services to those in need.**

Grant Process Description

The following points summarize the grant process that will be administered by local volunteers serving on the Le Mars United Way board.

- The Board will determine the amount of funding for each of the two goal areas listed above.
- For organizations seeking funding in the *Ensure children grow into successful adults* goal area, your request for funding should focus on at least one of the following:
 - Reducing child abuse
 - Reducing juvenile crime and at-risk behavior
 - Improving early childhood development (newborn thru age six) for academic success.
- For organizations seeking funding in the *Provide for “Safety Net” services to those in need* goal area, your request for funding should focus on at least one of the following:
 - Providing basic services (food, clothing, shelter) to those in need.
 - Helping special needs populations (elderly, disabled, mentally ill).
 - Providing emergency and crisis services.

- Organizations may apply to both goal areas, if they chose. All applications are due by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd**. Applications can be delivered to the Le Mars Area Chamber offices or the United Way of Siouxland offices. Late applications, regardless of reason, cannot be considered.
- An information and assistance meeting will be held **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10th** at the Le Mars Chamber Offices. This is a valuable meeting to attend, since applications submitted improperly or with incomplete information will not be favorably reviewed.
- Applying organizations will be notified of the status of their application no later than June 1st.

Questions or concerns? Please contact:

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Application Process

Directions

Organizations applying for Le Mars United Way funding in the *ensure children grow into successful adults* and “*Safety Net*” goal areas should complete the 2 page grant application contained in this packet. The first page of the application is for program information, while the second page is where budget information will be listed. The budget should be for the service(s) that you are requesting United Way fund.

Eighteen copies of the completed application, 3-hole punched to allow United Way to place the applications in notebooks for the Board, should be submitted no later than **Friday, April 2nd by 4:00 p.m.** to:

Le Mars Area Chamber
50 Central Avenue, S.E.
Le Mars, IA 51031

OR

United Way of Siouxland
701 Steuben Street
Sioux City, IA 51101

The Le Mars United Way Board will review all applications to determine which will receive funding and for how much. Additional information may be sought; accordingly, organizations should be prepared to meet with a Le Mars United Way volunteer if called to do so.

Organizations seeking funding in the *ensure children grow into successful adults* goal area should focus on:

- Reducing child abuse
- Reducing juvenile crime and at-risk behavior
- Improving early childhood development (newborn thru age six) for academic success.

Organizations seeking funding in the “Safety Net” goal area should focus on:

- Providing basic services (ex. food, clothing, shelter) to those in need.
- Helping special needs populations (ex. elderly, disabled, mentally ill)
- Providing emergency and crisis services

Review Criteria

Some of the items the Board will be looking for when reviewing applications in this area are as follows:

- Need for the service(s)
- Need for Le Mars United Way funds
- Number of people to be served
- Demographics of people to be served (age, income, race, etc.)
- Other resources (staff, funds, facilities) leveraged to make the service successful
- Service quality and how program success will be determined

Funding Application

Budget Information

List all program revenue amounts and sources

\$ Amount

Source

List all program expenses

Total Cost of Program: \$

Budget Narrative (Use to clarify any budget information listed above):

Date of agency's last financial audit:
By whom?;

Amount requested from the Le Mars United Way: \$