



Community Impact Grant Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General -

Is my organization eligible for a UWWC community grant?

Check out the Eligibility Checklist to find out – United Way of Windham County partners with human service organizations that provide programs that align with target community outcomes in the areas of Health, Prosperity and Education. Both of these lists can be found online at www.unitedwaywindham.org.

How did UWWC arrive at its target outcomes?

The Impact Areas of Education, Health, and Prosperity align with the 2009 Windham County Community Assessment. The focus areas and target outcomes for each were developed and proposed by the Community Impact Teams who met from summer 2010 through winter 2011. The Community Investment Committee of UWWC recommended the final outcomes for the UWWC Board's approval after careful consideration of community rating data and the work of each Impact Team.

What if my program does not align with any of the UWWC target outcomes?

We are only funding programs and investing in initiatives that align with these outcomes. However, if your organization or program is working with people in Windham County, you probably have valuable information/data/resources to share and we would like to get to know you – contact Ruben R. Garza, Development and Community Investment Associate, at 802.257.4011 x118 or ruben@unitedwaywindham.org to discuss.

Are early educators/child care providers eligible for a community grant?

No, but UWWC has established the Fund for Quality Early Education to support early educators' professional development, program improvement, and program enrichment. Our partner in this work is Winston Prouty, who serves as the fiscal agent and administrator of the funds. Applications are accepted by Winston Prouty on a rolling basis, reviewed by a volunteer committee, and accepted until funds are exhausted. Awards average \$500-\$1,000 each. If you are a child care provider interested in applying, visit winstonprouty.org to find out more or contact Winston Prouty at 802.257.7852

Is UWWC funding operating expense grants?

No, our community grants are for programs only, but program budgets can include appropriate allocations of operating expenses.

How many programs can I apply for?

Eligible organizations can apply for up to THREE programs.

What's the maximum \$ my organization can apply for?

Programs related to the two BASIC NEEDS outcomes may apply for up to \$2,500 per program:

1. All people have to an adequate supply of nutritious food
2. All people have access to shelter.

Programs related to the other 12 target outcomes may apply for up to \$10,000 per program.

Organizations may only apply for 3 programs maximum.

What's the next community grant deadline?

The deadline is midnight on March 14, 2019.

Will Education, Prosperity, and Health applications each be given a set amount of funding?

No, each program application will be reviewed and evaluated on governance, finance, and community impact criteria and the strongest programs will be funded.

Can my program serve people outside of Windham County?

Yes, but your application will be evaluated based on the program's potential impact in Windham County and only programs that include service to Windham County are eligible to apply.

If I don't get funded in the first round, can I reapply?

Yes, as long as your organization is eligible and willing/able to comply with the Partner Agreement and Fund-Raising Policy, you are welcome to reapply. These policies will be included in the agencies' Community Impact Grant notification.

What is a UWWC Partner?

A UWWC Partner is any organization/group/entity that has a role to play in achieving the community target outcomes in Education, Prosperity, and Health for Windham County.

What if we have an idea or project that's aligned with a target outcome, but is not part of a program?

The HOPE Team of volunteers in the areas of Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education, as well as members of our Community Investment Committee, will have an ongoing role in building relationships, partnerships, collaborations, and resources through which United Way of Windham County will build meaningful strategies to achieve our community outcomes.

The UWWC's Spark Fund is available as a resource for ideas/projects that fall outside of our community grants guidelines. Contact Ruben R. Garza, Development and Community Investment Associate, at 802.257.4011 x118 or ruben@unitedwaywindham.org to discuss your idea or project and to find out more about our Spark Fund. The application guidelines are available at www.unitedwaywindham.org and the Spark Fund has a rolling deadline until available funds are exhausted.

What other kinds of resources does UWWC have that could help my organization?

UWWC's resources include, but are not limited to:

- Volunteer/staff time
- Convening power
- Issue expertise/data analysis
- Strategic grant making
- Advocacy/public policy

Your organization is a key resource in achieving our Community Impact goals – we look forward to building a positive relationship!

Specific to the community grant application -

How do I access the grant application?

The Community Impact Grant application opens in late January each year. Go to unitedwaywindham.org – Funding-Community Impact/Community Grants Application. Instructions are posted there according to whether you are a RETURNING organization (one that has applied through our online application system in the past) or a NEW organization (one that has never applied through our online system before).

Can I print and/or save the entire application before and/or after I complete it?

Yes, each form of the application can be printed and/or saved to your computer once you have opened and saved the form in the application system (it does not need to be complete).

Can more than one person from my organization work on the application? If so, should they use the same username/password?

Yes, more than one person from your organization can work on the application and everyone should use the same username/password.

What if I don't have electronic versions of my financial documents or they are too large to upload?

If your document is too large, consult the Shared Files library in the application system for the document "Reducing Large PDF Files" for instructions. If you do not have electronic versions of your documents, contact the UWWC office and arrange to come in and scan your documents – we are open Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm.

Will applications be accepted by mail/in-person?

No, only application submitted online will be accepted.

Will applications be accepted after the deadline?

No, all applications must be submitted using the online system by midnight on March 14.

Whom do I contact if I've forgotten my username/password or am having trouble? Contact Ruben R. Garza, Development and Community Investment Associate, at 802.257.4011 x118 or ruben@unitedwaywindham.org.

What if I submit my application by accident, before I was ready?

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Grant Review -

How and by whom will my grant be reviewed?

Grants are evaluated on governance and finance criteria by United Way staff/volunteers and then reviewed by the appropriate Community Impact Team (Education, Prosperity, or Health), which evaluates the application on community impact criteria (alignment, impact, resources).

Does the application or review process involve a site visit?

UWWC staff and volunteers will schedule an annual site visit with all funded programs to coincide with your progress reporting, which happens every six months.

For more information:

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