



United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County

Community Investment Grant Request for Proposals

The mission of the United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County is to improve lives in the areas of education, self sufficiency and health.

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United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County (UWMSJC) recruits people and organization who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite those agencies with programming supporting our three part focus of Education, Income and Health and meeting the stated requirements below to apply for grant funding.

Applying

Agencies not currently affiliated with the UWMSJC that wish to apply should write a letter of interest that includes the nature of their program(s) seeking consideration. The letter should be received no later than January 2, 2012, if they wish to be considered for inclusion in the 2012-13 Community Investment Grant Forum on January 20, 2012. Agencies currently affiliated will receive a letter of invitation to the Community Investment Grant Forum on January 20, 2012.

During the 2012-13 Community Investment Grant Forum a introduction to the application format, outcomes measurements discussion, UWMSJC policies review, and application process will be held. Following the meeting those in attendance will receive their application packet. Those not in attendance will need to submit a request for the application packet that will be released no earlier than February 1, 2012.

Funding Cycle

Our funding cycle begins July 2012 and will conclude June 2013.



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Eligibility & Selection Criteria

The United Way concept is based on an expectation that desirable community needs/services for the zip codes 77619, 77627, 77640, 77641, 77642, 77643, 77651, 77655 (Groves, Nederland, Port Arthur, Port Neches, and Sabine Pass) which cannot be totally funded from other sources may be funded by the United Way.

Applications will be reviewed only if the packet submitted is completed and all requested documentation is included at time of submission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the committee.

Eligibility Requirements

1. An active local or regional governing board (primarily residing in Jefferson County) of adequate size, background, and diversity to represent the community, serving without compensation, holding regular, documented meetings (at least quarterly) and demonstrating effective administrative control.
2. Clearly stated, measurable objectives for each program seeking Community Investment Funds.
3. A program that addresses a clearly demonstrated community need in reference to at least one of the three areas of United Way focus of Education, Income and Health.
4. A satisfactory past record of providing community services demonstrated by
 - a. two years of service utilized by the community as evidenced by service utilization figures;
 - b. individual program financing during this time period from several sources (including at least one that is inherent to the community.)
5. A categorized operating budget system which
 - a. translates program plans into financial terms;
 - b. uses proper financial accounting procedures;
 - c. regular annual financial reviews/audits, as outlined in the Annual Financial Reporting Policy of the UWMSJC, showing all income and disbursements in reasonable detail prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant.
6. Evidence of consultation and cooperation with established, related agencies to prevent duplication of effort and achieve efficiency and economy of operation.
7. Programs available to citizens of the community without regard to race, religion, national origin, or political creed;
8. Incorporated, non-profit corporation status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue code.
9. Demonstrated compliance with all applicable statutes and licensing, accreditation, and governmental code requirements.