

June 15, 2018

Dear Larimer County Nonprofits, Collective Impact Partners and United Way Stakeholders:

We are pleased to report that United Way of Larimer County will be able to expand its grant opportunities for fiscal year 2019.

With the implementation of these new grant opportunities, we remain committed to reducing poverty through support for programs and services in the areas of Youth & Education and Financial Stability.

Further, we are firmly committed to collaboration and will continue to support the work of current collective impact groups and those who strive to work in partnership with others to solve complex social problems.

This expansion will allow United Way to provide additional funding through two new grant opportunities:

- **Innovation Grants** will allow us to respond to time-sensitive needs in the community, support new/pilot projects, and capitalize on opportunities to leverage matching funds from community funders.
- **Nonprofit Excellence Grants** will increase capacity throughout the nonprofit sector in Larimer County via trainings, technical assistance support and through strategic participation with committees, collaborative groups and initiatives to convene cross-sector community partners.

A total of \$3,607,662 is budgeted for community investment in fiscal year 2018-2019.

This amount includes:

- Donor designations to nonprofits
- Community Impact and Innovation grants
- Funding for technical assistance and training (Nonprofit Excellence grants)
- Volunteer recruitment and placement services for Larimer County agencies
- 2-1-1 resources and referrals
- Community disaster preparedness training
- Estes Park United grants
- WomenGive scholarships and support for single mothers
- Facilitation of the federal Emergency Food & Shelter Program
- Support for the Colorado Continuum of Care and Coordinated Assessment & Housing Placement System
- Winter Overflow Shelter programs
- Education and activities that strengthen and build a philanthropic and engaged community

This amount does not include:

- The value of below-market rent to nonprofit tenants of the United Way building
- The economic value of the volunteers placed with Larimer County nonprofit organizations and public schools
- Facilitation we provide for collective impact partners

Of the \$3.6 million total, the Board of Directors has specifically approved \$1,079,117 for grants for fiscal year 2019. These funds will be used to continue the important work of the collective impact groups; support tutors through the Colorado Reading Corps program in the Estes Park and Thompson school districts; grant

scholarships, emergency funds and new projects through WomenGive; and provide new Community Impact, Innovation and Nonprofit Excellence grants.

Community agencies and members who are interested in learning more should visit our grants webpage and note the following information and dates:

- We value community input as we finalize our application for new applicants and invite you to provide input in writing at impact@uwaylc.org or in person by scheduling an appointment with Annie Davies by contacting Executive Manager, Sarah Bromley at sbromley@uwaylc.org.
- The comment period for the new application is open from June 15 – July 7. At that time, all responses will be compiled and the United Way's volunteer Community Impact Committee will make recommendations to finalize the application based on community input.
- In July and August, United Way staff and facilitators will meet with current collective impact partners to assist them with updates to their current workplan and provide support for outcomes reporting.
- On August 1 the new grant application will open.
- On August 2, United Way will host a meeting for all prospective and currently funded agencies. At this meeting, we hope to introduce the new Vice President of Community Impact, provide an overview of the grant application and answer questions from potential applicants.
- The Community Impact grant application will close on August 31, and at that time, the Community Impact Committee will begin the hard work of evaluating applications and determining the best use of community funds.
- Grant decisions will be announced in December and funds will be distributed to grantees in March and September, 2019.

During the summer months, the staff and Community Impact Committee will also be evaluating dashboard options that will enable us to share funded agencies' and group's successes and outcomes with donors and interested stakeholders in a succinct format. We look forward to providing additional information on our reporting tool as decisions are finalized and this project moves forward.

Overall, we are excited about the year to come and the opportunity to create positive impact in the community through collaboration and support of nonprofits who work passionately on behalf of Larimer County families and children.

Thank you for joining us an important partner in this work!

Warm regards,



Annie Davies
Chief Executive Officer



Paul Mueller
Board Chair



Denise McFann
Community Impact Chair