



2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT PROCESS OVERVIEW

United Way of Larimer County directs funding and resources to organizations to reduce poverty and strengthen our community. In general, we do not provide direct services and instead focus on supporting nonprofits that have an impact in Larimer County. This support includes:

GRANTS:

- **Community Impact** grants to collaborative groups that include a 501(c)(3) as the lead organization and/or fiscal agent and who work to improve outcomes in the areas of Youth & Education or Financial Stability. **Application Deadline: August 31, 2019.**
- **Basic Needs** grants to individual 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations who work in the areas of Youth & Education and Financial Stability, specifically addressing basic needs in our community such as shelters, food security, and crisis response. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year. **Application Deadline: August 31, 2019.**
- **Innovation** grants to individual 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations who work in the areas of Youth & Education and Financial Stability and would address a time-sensitive need or an opportunity to leverage additional dollars or resources. Grant award range is \$5,000 - \$20,000. **Grant applications accepted on a rolling basis.**
- **Nonprofit Excellence** grants for technical assistance and free county-wide trainings to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Larimer County nonprofits. Grant award range of \$500 - \$2,500. **Grant applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

RESOURCES:

- **Fundraising** for Larimer County nonprofits through workplace campaigns, grant writing and donor development initiatives.
- **Volunteer** recruitment and training, coordination of community-wide Days of Service, and development of volunteer leaders and board members.

COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

At United Way of Larimer County, we take our responsibility to our donors seriously. Donors give to United Way because their dollars are used in the best and most effective way possible for the causes they care about most. Our Community Impact grants encourage organizations to work together, across sectors when appropriate, to reduce redundancy and encourage efficiency and information sharing.

Our grant process ensures that organizations who receive funding from United Way of Larimer County are fiscally responsible and healthy, transparent and organizationally sound.

NEW IN 2019

Funded agencies' program outcomes are online. Visit our data dashboard to learn more about some of the programs United Way of Larimer County funds and their community impact. **Coming Soon!**

CURRENT COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNERS

Current United Way of Larimer County Community Impact groups (School Readiness, Kids on Track, Transitions to Independence, Working Families Thrive) are:

- **NOT** required to submit a new grant application to receive funding in 2020 through the Community Impact Grant fund.
- Must submit an Intent to Continue Addendum and an Outcomes Table with an updated 2017 – 2020 work plan through the online portal in order to receive 2020 funding.
- Groups who decide to continue for 2020 and complete required documents may apply to receive up to 100% of their 2019 total and are guaranteed a **minimum** of 80% of their 2019 allocation.
- The percentage of funding allocated to each individual agency participating in a Community Impact group in 2019 as determined by the group members during the last grant process, will remain the same for 2020 fund awards.
 - Agencies who have been participating in collaborative work groups in 2018-2019, and were not funded in 2019, are allowed to apply for funding along with their work group for up to \$5,000.
 - Unfunded partners participating in a Community Impact group after August 2019 **are not eligible to request 2020 funds as part of a Community Impact group.**
 - If any funded agency from a current group decides not to continue to participate, their allocation will be removed the group's total. Total dollars awarded to other funded group members will not be affected.

Nonprofits who are currently funded through the Basic Needs Grant fund do NOT need to submit a full application for 2020, but must submit an Intent to Continue Addendum and Outcomes Table through on the online portal for their work if they would like to request funding from United Way for 2020.

Collaborative groups who are not currently funded through a collective impact group (School Readiness, Kids on Track, Transitions to Independence, Working Families Thrive) should complete the 2020 Community Impact Grant application through the online portal to apply for funds (see information for new applicants below).

NEW APPLICANTS

United Way of Larimer County provides Community Impact funding through a competitive grant program. Grant applications are accepted once per year and **are due on August 31, 2019**.

- New collaborative groups / projects may request up to \$60,000 per year.
- Funding decisions will be made by the Community Impact committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Applicants may apply for funding for specific programs or services.
- Collaborative groups must submit a one-year Work Plan with agencies' budgets for the requested program costs, Outcomes Table and meeting schedule that demonstrates its collaboration and work toward a common goal.

Grants will be provided to improve outcomes in the focus areas of Youth & Education and Financial Stability. Applicants may submit a request for funding to support programming that addresses one or both focus areas.

- Funding may be requested for one year. In 2020, United Way will be reviewing its grant process. Current and new collaborative groups will be advised to all changes by May 2020. All grant funding is dependent on United Way's fundraising success and subject to approval by the United Way Board of Directors during the annual budget approval process.

Nonprofit organizations must apply as part of a collaborative group.

- A collaborative group is defined as three or more separate organizations.
- The lead organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves Larimer County.
- Partner organizations for collaborative applications may be nonprofit, public or private sector, but no funds may be directed to a private or public sector participant of a collaborative group.

Because United Way was founded on the belief that collaboration is key to increasing impact, applications that include members from a variety of sectors (public, nonprofit, private), and those who include a client/participant representative, will be prioritized in the funding process.

ALL COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT APPLICANTS

Lead applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization. All applicants must provide services in Larimer County.

- Funding must be directed to serve Larimer County residents.

Organizations may only submit one Community Impact Grant application per year.

- Applicants must clearly demonstrate how their work helps to advance Youth & Education or Financial Stability outcomes in Larimer County.
- We prioritize applications that include specific, measurable outcomes with a clear connection to desired community level outcomes and a detailed budget that reflects true costs.

United Way of Larimer County does not currently provide Community Impact grant funding for:

- Fundraising events
- Debt reduction
- Endowment funding
- Political campaigns
- Individual grant requests
- Activities that support a specific religious purpose
- Professional development or training (please see the United Way of Larimer County Nonprofit Excellence grant fund)
- Discriminatory programs
- Applicants who expend more than 30% of their operating budget on G&A, marketing and fundraising

FUNDING CYCLES, APPLICATION PROCESS, AND REVIEW TIMELINE

Applications are accepted once per year. The application period for 2020 funding is August 1 – 31, 2019 and funding will be distributed to grantees in two payments in 2020.

- All Community Impact grant applications must be submitted online. All applications must be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Incomplete applications may be discarded, per the discretion of the fund review committee.
- Decisions will be communicated to applicants within four months of the application deadline.

All applicants must set up an account via the United Way of Larimer County Agency Portal and must be prepared to accept EFT deposits. **NO CHECKS WILL BE MAILED.**

Grantees will be asked to accept and sign a grant agreement before funds are distributed.

Any funds that are not used for the intent outlined in the grant application must be returned to the United Way of Larimer County within 30 days of notice.

GRANT FUNDING TIMELINE:

- August 2019 – Applications Submitted
- December 2019 – Funding Notification
- February 2020 – Funding Contracts Signed
- March 2020 – First Grant Payment
- June 2020 – Outcomes Reporting Due
- September 2020 – Second Grant Payment
- January 2021 – Outcomes Reporting Due

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