

United Way of the Brazos Valley

Grant Application Process



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Community Impact Grants

Community Impact Grants are how the United Way of the Brazos Valley invests in programs that address specific community centered issues. Funding decisions are made through a competitive application process. Our Community Impact Grants are invested in nonprofit organizations that provide programs and services aligned with our three strategic priority areas of Education, Financial Stability and Health. Grant recipients provide services across the Brazos Valley in the seven counties we serve: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties.

Community Impact Grants range from \$10,000 - \$40,000 annually for a 2-year grant cycle. Before submitting an application, please review the information provided on this page.

Who is Eligible?

Organizations who:

- Are tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of government. Must provide an IRS tax ID Determination letter.
- Submit all required documentation with application and meet all required criteria as stated in United Way Board of Governance Policy No. 1.03. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.
- Provide services in the Brazos Valley region of Texas (Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties).
- Align with at least one of United Way of the Brazos Valley goals in the areas of Health, Education and/or Financial Stability.
- Are governed by a board that meets at least quarterly and have board approved by-laws and articles of incorporation.
- Have an annual independent audit completed by an independent CPA or if annual revenue is under \$750,000, an annual financial review by an independent CPA.
- Maintain and comply with non-discrimination and anti-terrorism laws.
- Agree and comply to the requirements as stated in the agency funding agreement with United Way of the Brazos Valley.
- Provide Administrative percentage 3-Year Average as requested on the application and describe how the organization seeks to minimize administrative expenses.

Ineligible Requests

Community Impact grants are not intended for the following types of requests:

- Individuals or scholarships
- Endowment funds
- Fundraising activities
- Short term events or seminars (2 weeks or less)
- Political lobbying or legislative activities
- Capital campaigns

Key Considerations

United Way of the Brazos Valley encourages grant requests for projects or programs that:

- Are likely to have a substantial impact on individuals and families living in the Brazos Valley.
- Partner with United Way of the Brazos Valley to provide practical solutions to the health, education, and financial stability challenges facing Brazos Valley residents.
- Actively engage with others in the community to address community challenges.
- Successfully leverage other sources of support including volunteers, funding or community involvement.
- Are sustainable over time.

How It Works

Community Impact Grant Application

- **Applications for Community Impact grants will be available at uwbv.org in January 2023.**
- **Grant applications will be assigned a deadline after the application process becomes available.** The online portal will not accept applications submitted after the deadline.
- Once an application has been submitted, a panel of community volunteers will review each request and determine which organizations will be invited to schedule a site visit.
- The grant allocation committee will make their recommendation for funding to the Board of Directors at the May 2023 Board Meeting.
- Grant recipients will be notified shortly thereafter.

Funding Agreement Requirements

Funded partner agencies:

- Agree to conduct an annual workplace campaign for the United Way Community Campaign.
- Agree to have a member of its senior leadership actively serve on the Agency Executive Director Committee (AEDC). Agree to attend at least 66% of all Agency Executive Director Committee meetings (Executive Director attends or authorized representative).
- Agree to support United Way through shared messaging when applicable or when related to the program and activities funded by the grant.
- Agree to submit a signed Funding Agreement with United Way of the Brazos Valley.
- Agree to submit year-end outcome and program budget reports by required dates.
- Agree to attend United Way of the Brazos Valley annual luncheon to accept grant award check.
- Agree to notify United Way of the Brazos Valley if there is a service disruption or significant change to the funded program that will interrupt typical program delivery for more than four consecutive weeks.

If an agency does not comply with one or more of the agreed upon requirements, the following courses of action may be taken:

- Written notification of the infraction(s) will be provided by the Vice President Community Impact to the agency.
- If additional infraction(s) continue to occur, the agency will be reviewed by the Community Impact Committee for consideration of withdrawal of funding.
- Written reminder of the infraction(s) will be provided by the Vice President Community Impact to the agency prior to the next grant cycle application in order to accurately answer the compliance application question.
- Points will be deducted from the next cycle Community Impact Grant Application following the infraction(s) occurrence.

**For additional information and questions regarding the grant application process,
please contact Kat Gammon at 979-696-4483 x113 or kgammon@uwbv.org.**