



GRANT PROGRAM

Introduction

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties (UWDP) recognizes that we have a key role in assisting our member agencies and the community when needs arise for new programs, expansion of existing programs as well as in times of emergency. The intent of this program is to provide one-time grants for innovative human service programs offered to the Douglas and/or Pope County area. Grant requests should not exceed a maximum of \$5,000.00.

UWDP's grant program funds two types of grant requests:

Special– to provide one time funding for innovative programs outside of the allocation process

Emergency– to provide emergency funding for agency emergencies and local natural disasters.

Eligibility

Only those programs that meet the following criteria will be considered for funding through the special grant program:

- Special Grants need to be innovative programs outside of the allocation process. Emergency Grants need to fund agency emergencies and local natural disasters.
- Organization must be an IRS 501 © (3) not-for profit
- Must have measurable goal(s) that makes a positive impact on a community problem.
- Need for the program must be researched and documented.
- Funding must be an immediate need that cannot wait for the next allocation process.
- Program must serve Douglas and/or Pope County residents.
- Must align with at least one of UWDP's Priority Areas of Education, Income, & Health.
- Applications are to be submitted prior to program implementation.

Review Criteria

The following program elements will be evaluated in the review process

- High risk target population being served.
- Solid evidence of the need for the program.
- Commitment of agency resources to the program and evidence of support from fee-paying clients or other funding sources.
- Measurable program objectives and sound evaluation methods.
- Evidence of a communications plan to prospective clients.

Procedures

- Special Grant and Emergency Grants will be reviewed periodically as needed throughout the year. Grants will be reviewed by a committee of the Board of Directors, with final approval or denial to come from the Board of Directors.
- UWDP is available to proactively work with grant applicants prior to and during program implementation.
- All applicants will receive feedback from the committee about the reasons for their decision.
- Grant applications will no longer be accepted once the grant monies have been allocated for the year.
- The Programming Committee reserves the right to require interim reporting and to split the grant funding, depending upon the circumstances.
- A final report will be required for all funded programs. These reports will provide information about program expenditures, use of the grant funds and program process.

Submission

- Please submit applications and reports via email to jjabas@uwdp.org