

## **2025 UWHMC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)**

### **PURPOSE**

For over 65 years, United Way of Harvey and Marion Counties has had one mission: mobilizing communities to create lasting changes in community conditions that improve lives. The most visible example of our work is the annual community investment grant round.

Community Investment grants are financial investments in local nonprofit and community organizations working in the focus areas of **youth opportunity, healthy community, financial stability, and community resiliency**. Each application must demonstrate a community need and the actions taken to meet that need.

We fund programs not agencies. For some organizations, with only one major service offered, there is no distinction between the two. However, for organizations with multiple programs and areas of work, this is an important clarification to consider before completing the grant application.

We fund ongoing services and understand this is not always the case in the world of grant funding. Our focus is on the core foundation of program services: meeting a community need, making lasting impact through measurable outcomes, sustainability, adaptability to environmental changes (external and internal), board development, leveraging UWHMC funds, etc. United Way of Harvey and Marion Counties is committed to helping as many communities and residents as possible.

We are partners with you. This means the relationship does not end when the award letter is sent. We are here for you in the form of technical support, consultation and marketing your program. We need to know if leadership staff changes (executive director), program adjustments are needed, or if your organization is struggling. Conversely, we depend upon you to help promote the annual campaign. Think of it this way, every dollar you receive is a donation from a local individual or business. Help us prove those dollars were invested wisely in your organization, making the maximum impact in the community.

Awards under this NOFO will be made to eligible organizations on a competitive basis.

### **GRANT PERIOD**

The Community Investment grants will be announced on or around Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The grant period is April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

### **WHO MAY APPLY**

Eligible applicants include any community-based entity serving Harvey County. All applicants must demonstrate a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, a public school, or be an instrumentality of state or local government.

All programs must take place in UWHMC's coverage area or serve UWHMC's populations. **All entities must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN).** *Organizations that apply using the EIN of a fiscal sponsor are required to submit a Letter of Support written on the fiscal sponsor's letterhead.*

## **FUNDING INFORMATION**

UWHMC will determine the availability of funds for the Community Investment grants at the close of the Annual Campaign, typically around the first week of February. All applicants will be notified of the available funds at the time of their interview. Applicants must illustrate the community need, how they plan to address the need, how they plan to measure success, and evaluate difficulties. UWHMC will select recipients based on their innovative approaches, size and scope of the proposed project and the organization's demonstrated readiness to implement the proposed project. Additionally, applicants will need to demonstrate ways in which they are advancing equity, promoting strong community partnerships, and practicing strong financial practices within their organizations.

All programs must deliver an outcome in one of the four areas:

**Youth Opportunity** – helping young people realize their full potential.

**Healthy Community** – improving health and well-being for all.

**Financial Stability** – creating a stronger financial future for every generation.

**Community Resiliency** – addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Attend the grant award ceremony on March 12, 2025
- Collect and report data to UWHMC as it relates to your program
- Submit bi-annual reports with progress data
  - November 7, 2025
  - May 15, 2026
- Include UWHMC logo on all program materials and publicity.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Applications are due close of business (5:00 p.m.) on January 30, 2025.
- Completed applications include:
  - Application

- Budget Form
- Program Beneficiaries Sheet
- Balance Sheet (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- Profit & Loss Sheet (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- All applications must be submitted to [director@uwahmc.org](mailto:director@uwahmc.org) with the Subject Header: [Insert Organization Name] Community Investment Application
  - Please save the completed application in PDF format with the title: [Insert Organization Name] Community Investment Application
  - Hard copy applications and attachments are NOT necessary.
  - Handwritten applications will not be considered.
- All applicants must attend a review meeting with committee members in February. Dates are to be determined. Meetings are 25 minutes in duration.
- Meetings are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis upon submission of application materials.
- Awards will be announced on or around Wednesday, March 5, 2025.
- Please visit UWHMC website ([uwahmc.org](http://uwahmc.org)) to find the grand application, budget worksheet and program beneficiaries form.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Comply with the Community Partner Organization Policy dated April 1, 2011
2. Maintain updated information within the United Way 2-1-1 system (hosted by UW of the Plains)
3. Participate in UWHMC’s campaign activities including but not limited to speaking engagements, editorial letters, public events, and the Chili Cook-off
4. Operate the program receiving funding (if program ceases to exist, funding will also cease)
5. Exemplify UWHMC’s mission
6. Represent United Way of Harvey and Marion Counties positively in all communications

**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

UWHMC Community Investment NOFO Released	December 19, 2024
Applications due	January 30, 2025
Community Investment Interviews	February – dates TBD
Official award notifications sent on or around	March 5, 2025
Grant award ceremony	March 12, 2025
Grant period begins on	April 1, 2025

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