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United Way  
of Yellowstone County

## UWYC 2023-24 Partner Agency Grants FAQ

### What are the eligibility requirements?

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 501(c)3 non-profit status
- Provide services in Yellowstone County
- Fit one of the focus areas described below: School Readiness - School Success - Crisis Stabilization - Senior Independence

### What are the focus areas for funding?

Funded projects will fit one of the main UWYC Focus Areas below:

- **School Readiness:** Support and empower young children, parents, and/or the community to provide a foundation for success in school.
- **School Success:** Give students the skills and support needed to remain on track, meet transitional milestones and graduate on time.
- **Crisis Stabilization:** Prevent individuals and families from entering crisis when possible and get them back on track quickly when needed.
- **Senior Independence:** Support and empower senior citizens to remain independent and/or increase quality of life.

### What are the expectations of a UWYC Partner Agency?

When an agency partners with United Way, the agency connects their brand to the trusted United Way brand. Therefore, we strive to assure all grant awardees share core values and practices that support long-term success. Which include but are not limited to:

**Collaboration** – to ensure that scarce financial and human resources are used effectively, UWYC encourages collaboration among public and private human service providers. This includes keeping a listing on MT 211 and assigning a staff member to update it as necessary.

**Reducing duplication** - while the demand for human services in Yellowstone County is greater than the current system can meet, UWYC shares a community desire to reduce duplication of effort among service providers when possible.

**Preventing root causes of issues** - Programs that are preventive in nature will receive Priority consideration, but we will continue to ensure that demands for basic needs in our community are met.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commitment:** United Way of Yellowstone County has always stood for coming together to support one another.

**Supporting United Way as a community partner** – this includes co-branding marketing materials as they relate to funding and running a United Way internal workplace giving campaign to provide employees with the opportunity to give to the causes they care about. Employee participation is always voluntary.

## **How are funding decisions made?**

Funding decisions are made through a Community Investment process led by volunteers. Local health and human services agencies engage in a competitive grant process and submit funding requests that fall within our key focus areas of School Readiness, School Success, Crisis Stabilization, and Senior Independence. After volunteer-led committees review requests and compare requests with community needs, recommendations are made to the Board of Directors. Upon approval, dollars are distributed as annual grants for specific programs within agencies that address the most pressing needs in our community.

## **How much funding is available? How does that compare to last year, and what is the average grant amount last year?**

Funding is based on community campaign contributions received by UWYC and is determined annually by the Board of Directors. Funding awarded to Partner Grants last year totaled \$247,500 with an average of \$24,750 per award.

The funding range for 2023-2024 awards is \$10,000 - \$40,000 per application.

## **Can an organization submit multiple applications, either in the same focus area or for more than one focus area?**

Yes.

## **What is the application timeline?**

- January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Applications open
- February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Applications close
- March-April – Applications are reviewed
- July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – Award Announcements
- August, 2023 – Funding installments start via ACH deposit and will continue for the next 12 months

## **What is the funding timeline?**

Funds will be awarded for a one year period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

## **What kind of reporting is required?**

Partner Agencies will be required to submit a short mid-year report and grant end report. These reports are to ensure that United Way partners meet standards of accountability in order to provide donors updates on grant funded programs to show ROI including results, outcomes and impact.

## **How do I Apply?**

[Partner Grant Application | United Way of Yellowstone County \(unitedwayyellowstone.org\)](https://www.unitedwayyellowstone.org/)