

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must meet and provide evidence of the following requirements:

- Use funding from this proposal to serve residents of Cass County, North Dakota, and/or Clay County, Minnesota. Applicants who serve a larger geographic area (i.e., statewide) may apply but must ensure that funding will support activities in these two counties.
- Maintain eligibility as a public agency which includes Indian tribes and nonprofit private organizations, both secular and faith-based, that serve individuals in Cass County, North Dakota, and/or Clay County, Minnesota. This requires that private nonprofit organizations obtain and maintain a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.
- Be incorporated or chartered under appropriate local, state, or federal statutes.
- Abide by federal and state laws regarding anti-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and anti-terrorism.
- Have an active, locally based, volunteer board of directors that meets regularly, makes policy decisions, and holds election of officers.
- Have an administrative structure with defined lines of responsibility, a mission statement, and bylaws.
- Be financially stable and able to ensure appropriate stewardship of the funds entrusted, perform a regular budgeting process, and be able to submit IRS Form 990 and/or audited financial statements.
- Be willing to cooperate with collaborative partners and other organizations to meet collective goals and create measurable, lasting change for individuals in our community.
- Have current license, certification, and permits if applicable.
- Be able to demonstrate effectiveness of programs and services through measurable outcomes.

Per our guidelines, United Way does **not** fund the following agencies or activities:

- Fraternal organizations, merchant associations, chamber memberships or programs, or 501(c)(4) or (6) organizations
- Section 509(a)(3) – Type III supporting organizations
- Private foundations
- Endowments or memorial campaigns
- Capital campaigns
- Fundraising events or sponsorships
- Programs operated by religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political organizations or organizations designed primarily to lobby
- Individuals, including those seeking scholarships or fellowship assistance
- Travel and related expenses including student trips and tours
- Deficit reduction
- Sporting events, organizations, or teams