UNITED WAY OF LANCASTER COUNTY'S WOMEN UNITED 2023-2024 GRANT INFORMATION SHEET

Women United is excited to announce a new grant opportunity!

Applications are due Friday, March 31st by 5:00 pm EST!

Overview

The mission of Women United is "To invest in the betterment of Lancaster County women" through the vision "Achieve impactful change in the *health*, *education*, and *financial stability* of Lancaster County women."

Each year, the grant will rotate through the 3 aspects of Women United's focus areas, starting in 2019 with *promoting financial stability through further education and increased financial empowerment of Lancaster County women.*

The objective of the 2023-2024 grant is to *better the lives of Lancaster County women by promoting women's health initiatives.* The grant period will start July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024.

Funds Available

Up to \$40,000 available, with grants ranging from \$10,000 (minimum) to \$20,000 (maximum).

<u>Eligibility</u>

Eligibility for funding will be determined based on the assessment of the following:

- 1) Services must be located in Lancaster County and benefit Lancaster County women over the age of 18;
- 2) Services must align with grant objective (listed above);
- 3) Organizations or Lead fiscal agents meet the following requirements:
 - a. Current 501(c)3 designation from IRS
 - b. Registered with the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt
 - c. IRS Form 990
 - d. W-9 Form
 - e. Annual audit or financial review by an independent CPA within last 12 months
 - f. Abide by a non-discrimination policy
 - g. Comply with United Way's Patriot Act policy

Application Process

Application and submission information can be found at LINK TBA

All applications that meet the minimum requirements will be reviewed and evaluated by a designated Review Committee. Successful applicants will be asked to present their proposal to Women United members at a membership meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:15 pm.

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Evaluation Criteria

- 1) <u>Program Overview</u>: Does the program effectively meet the grant objective and have a strong plan for growth? Does the application address a clearly articulated and effective plan including timeline, budget and strategies?
- 2) <u>Community Need</u>: Does the program serve a clearly defined need in Lancaster County?
- 3) <u>Sustainability</u>: Does the organization have a defined plan to keep the program sustainable?
- 4) <u>Collaboration</u>: Does the application incorporate meaningful collaboration or partnerships with other organizations?
- 5) <u>Measurable Results</u>: Does the application articulate how the organization will measure the effect of the program? Are the outcomes meaningful and feasible?

<u>Timeline</u>

Notice of Availability: On or before Friday, March 10, 2023

Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023 by 5:00 pm EST

Finalist Notification: On or before Monday, May 1, 2023 (via email)

Finalist Presentations: Monday, May 16th, 2023 (5:00-6:00 pm, details to follow)

Award Notice: On or before Monday, May 22, 2023 (via email)

Contracting/Agreement Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2023

* United Way of Lancaster County (on behalf of Women United) will provide grant dollars to the Grantee organization/Lead Fiscal Agent upon receipt of a signed grant contract*

Grant Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Questions? Please contact Maria Lapp, Women United Manager at WomenUnited@UWLanc.org or 717-824-8104.

