

**United Way of Central Maryland
Nonprofit Resiliency Grant
Questions & Answers**



GENERAL INFORMATION

Q. Will United Way also be releasing an RFP for the Neighborhood Grant or Changemaker Challenge?

A. Not at this time. In response to the current economic and political climate, United Way has launched this new Nonprofit Resiliency Grant opportunity. We may return to Neighborhood and/or Changemaker Challenge grants in the future, but do not have definitive plans to do so at this time.

Q. Why don't I see the Nonprofit Resiliency Grant opportunity in the application portal that I have used before for United Way grants?

A. United Way has changed vendors and is now using the Submittable grant application portal. Please use the link found on United Ways grants and funding opportunities webpage:
<https://uwcm.org/grants-funding-opportunities/>.

Q: I've applied for grants in the past but cannot find my organization's profile or any historical application data.

A: The Nonprofit Resiliency Grant is the first opportunity in United Way's new application portal. Your historical grant application data will not appear in the new portal. You must create a new organizational profile.

Q: What data collection and reporting will be required for grantees?

A: Grantees will be required to report on progress, including data on amount of service provided, numbers served, etc. Details and frequency are to be determined and will be communicated with grantees.

Q. Our organization serves multiple jurisdictions. Are we limited to selecting just one in Question 4? If so, do you have any guidance for how a regional or statewide agency should respond to this question?

A. Yes, you must select which one Central Maryland jurisdiction you are applying to serve with this application. Your application should reflect a jurisdictional focus, including the needs you are addressing, and your plans to address those needs in the selected jurisdiction. Applications

are reviewed by regional United Way of Central Maryland boards who are looking at the impact applicants will have within their specific jurisdiction.

ELIGIBILITY / REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Q: Are organizations that are financial conduits eligible? In other words, we do not provide a service, only financing for other charities.

A: No. The applicant must provide the services. For organizations using a fiscal sponsor, the organization providing the services would be the applicant.

Q: Can a faith-based organization that has its 501(c)(3) status apply, if it is partnering with another organization that's not a 501(c)(3) but is doing the work?

A: The organization providing the services must be the applicant and be a 501(c)(3) or have a formal fiscal sponsor relationship with an organization that is a 501(c)(3).

Q: What if my organization does not have/has not received a UEI # yet?

A: We have revised the application. UEI is no longer a required field.

Q: Is a good standing certificate required, or can we submit a screenshot?

A: A certificate is not required. You must provide either a current screenshot or pdf showing the organization's current status. The date must be visible and fall within 7 days of application submission. If you choose to provide a certificate, it must also be dated within 7 days of application submission.

Q: I do not see where to upload the Organizational Chart?

A: For those using a fiscal sponsor, you are not being asked to upload an organizational chart.

Q: Can the fiscal agent be outside of the targeted areas if the sponsored organization does the work inside the stated areas?

A: Yes.

Q: As a fiscally sponsored organization, are we eligible to apply if our fiscal sponsor is also submitting an application?

A: Yes, the organization being sponsored may also submit an application if they meet the eligibility requirements. Please note that the applications must be for separate projects/purposes.

Q: When determining what financial document is required, what is considered a charitable contribution? Does it include government grants and in-kind donations?

A: Yes – grants and in-kind donations count as charitable contributions. According to the instructions provided by the IRS for Form 990, government grants and in-kind are charitable contributions.

Q: Should capital project budgets be included in the operating budget?

A: No, if you have a major capital project underway, you do not need to include it in your annual operating budget.

Q. Can nonprofits that have operating budgets over the \$5 million maximum for eligibility apply if they have a fiscal project well under that amount for which we would like to apply on their behalf?

A. No. The organization's overall budget is used to determine eligibility, not the budget of a project or division within the organization.

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Q: Can you define "basic needs"?

A: Basic needs are the essential resources required for survival and to maintain physical and mental health, including food, clean water, shelter, and clothing. Broader definitions may also include healthcare, education, sanitation, safety, education, digital access, and access to transportation. Meeting these needs is crucial for an individual's well-being and ability to function effectively.

Q: What is required of the "partnering" non-profit as described in Priority C? Are we applying jointly?

A: Partners wishing to apply should identify a lead applicant who will submit the application and ultimately be the contracting agency, should a grant be awarded. The details of the partnership should be outlined as described in the RFP.

Q: Regarding Priority C in the RFP - If a merger is currently underway should the organization absorbing the other organization submit the application or should the organization that is being absorbed submit the application?

A: The "absorbing" organization should submit the application, since this will be the organization that would receive the grant funds, if awarded.