

UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

Community Crisis Fund 2020 Request for Proposals

In response to the ongoing immediate needs within Central Alabama resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA) is offering the Community Crisis Fund grant opportunity. Proposals will be required to clearly communicate how funding will meet immediate needs of the community and support the ability of organizations to address specific human needs during the crisis.

Grant applicants will be required to complete an application that contains the following sections: (1) Administrative/Contact Information, (2) Grant Detail, (3) Budget Detail, and (4) Budget Narrative. Applicants are required to explain how proposed programs/projects will support particularly impacted populations and address community service gaps or disparities.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$50,000

TERM: One-year grant period from January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Applicants must be based and serve clients in one of the following Alabama counties: Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, or Walker.

Applications will be required to indicate one or more of the following areas of immediate need related to the COVID-19 crisis that the project or program will address.

- **Basic Needs Assistance**
 - Supply of and access to food
 - Utilities, rent and mortgage assistance
 - Emergency medical expenses for the uninsured and underinsured
 - Prescription drug assistance

- **Mental Health Supports**
 - Crisis intervention supports (hotlines and crisis counseling)
 - Counseling
 - Domestic violence intervention
 - Child abuse treatment
 - Substance abuse/overdose treatment

- **Workforce Supports for the Unemployed**
 - Childcare, transportation, and other supportive employment services
 - Workforce training
 - Employment counseling/placement services

Community Crisis Fund grants can be used to support: (1) Staff time, salary, and benefit support, (2) Direct costs related to the execution of programs meeting immediate needs, (3) Purchased services, and (4) Limited indirect costs.

Community Crisis Fund grants cannot be used to support: (1) Lobbying OR (2) Fundraising activities.

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TIMELINE:

- Application period: Tuesday, September 1 - Wednesday, September 30, 2020
- UWCA internal review will be completed in October
- Applicant notification letters will be mailed in late December
- Grant periods will begin on January 1, 2021 and close on December 31, 2020.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt
- Applicants must be able to provide the required documentation:
 - IRS Tax Exemption Letter (if applicable) *
 - IRS Form 990 for the most recently completed tax year, including Schedule A (If applicable) *
 - Board of Directors list *
 - Most recent audit **OR** agencies without an audit or agencies with an annual budget less than \$250,000 please include a Statement of Financial Position and/or current annual operating budget (revenues and expenses) *
 - Letters of Support are required from all collaborative partners

*Current UWCA partner agencies are NOT required to submit the above attachments except for collaborative partner letters of support.

EVALUATION AND MONITORING:

As a condition of accepting UWCA funds, grantees are expected to submit quarterly project performance reports and a final report at the conclusion of the one-year grant. All reporting will be submitted through UWCA's online reporting system. ***Please see Attachment A for sample metrics that should be addressed and, if awarded funds, reported on throughout the grant period.***

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants interested in pursuing this opportunity should apply here:

<https://www.uwca.org/nonprofit-resources/>. If your organization has questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Kadie Peters at kpeters@uwca.org / (205) 458-2168 or Tina Thomas at tina.thomas@uwca.org / (205) 458-2170.

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ATTACHMENT A: Sample Community Crisis Fund Metrics

If awarded, your organization should prepare to report on metrics applicable to your project. This list is intended to guide applicant organizations on the types of information to collect and report on throughout the grant period. The list below serves only as guidance, and all the suggested metrics within a sub-category will not require reporting if data is unavailable.

1. Basic Needs Assistance
a. Supply of and access to food
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total pounds of food distributed
3. Total number of meals distributed
4. Total dollar value of food distributed
b. Utilities, rent and mortgage assistance
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total dollar value of utility, rent and mortgage assistance
c. Emergency medical expenses for the uninsured and underinsured
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of clients provided emergency medical assistance. Please report separate totals for uninsured and underinsured clients.
3. Total dollar value of emergency medical assistance. Please report separate totals for uninsured and underinsured clients.
d. Prescription drug assistance
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total dollar value of prescription drug assistance
2. Mental Health Supports
a. Crisis intervention supports (hotlines and crisis counseling)
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total dollar value of crisis intervention supports
b. Counseling
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of clients utilizing teletherapy services
3. Total dollar value of counseling services and supports
c. Domestic violence intervention

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1. Total number of clients served
2. Total dollar value of services provided for domestic violence interventions
d. Child abuse treatment
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of support groups provided to children and/or caregivers
3. Total number of forensic interviews completed
4. Total dollar value of services provided for child abuse treatment
e. Substance abuse/overdose treatment
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of clients receiving out-patient and/or residential supports for treatment of substance abuse/overdose
3. Total dollar value of services provided for substance abuse/overdose treatment
3. Workforce Supports for the Unemployed
a. Childcare, transportation, and other supportive employment services
1. Total number of clients served for childcare needs
2. Total number of clients served to address transportation needs
3. Total number of clients served to address other supportive employment services (please specify types of services)
4. Total dollar value of childcare, transportation, and other supportive employment services
b. Workforce Training
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of clients served who earn job-relevant licenses, certificates, and/or credentials
3. Total dollar value of workforce training
c. Employment Counseling/Placement Services
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total number of clients served who gain employment
3. Total number of veterans served who gain employment
4. Total number of youth (ages 15-24) served who gain employment
5. Total dollar value of employment counseling/placement services