

## **UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL ALABAMA Community Crisis Fund Phase III 2021 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 July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

**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
  - Social-emotional and/or mental health supports for school-aged children
  - Domestic violence intervention
  - Child abuse treatment
  - Substance abuse/overdose treatment
  
- **Education Supports**
  - Childcare support assistance
  - Academic acceleration activities

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.

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

### TIMELINE:

- Application period: Monday, March 1 - Wednesday, March 31, 2021
- UWCA internal review will be completed in April
- Applicant notification letters will be mailed in late May
- Grant periods will begin on July 1, 2021 and close on June 30, 2022.

### 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](mailto:kpeters@uwca.org) / (205) 458-2168 or Tina Thomas at [tina.thomas@uwca.org](mailto: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.

<b>1. Basic Needs Assistance</b>
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
<b>2. Mental Health Supports</b>
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

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c. Social-emotional and/or mental health supports for school-aged children
1. Total number of students served
2. # students demonstrating and/or self-reporting improved mental health
3. Total dollar value of services provided for social-emotional and/or mental health supports
d. Domestic violence intervention
1. Total number of clients served
2. Total dollar value of services provided for domestic violence interventions
e. 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
f. 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
<b>3. Education Supports</b>
a. Childcare support assistance
1. Total number of clients served for childcare needs
2. Total dollar value of childcare services provided
b. Academic acceleration activities
1. # children who received extra-academic supports, such as tutoring
2. % of children served who received extra-academic supports, such as tutoring, and gained in reading and math proficiency
3. Average student gains in reading proficiency (months gained) over the course of the program
4. Average student gains in math proficiency (months gained) over the course of the program
5. Total dollar value of services provided for education supports