

2024 Grant Questions

Week of February 2 – 8, 2024

Q: Is it recommended that we request the same dollar amount as we have received in the past or are we allowed to request additional funding?

A: I am not able to tell you the dollar amount you should write for. It is a fully competitive process, so you are welcome to write for whatever dollar amount you deem appropriate for your agency.

Q: Can we write for multiple programs using different pillars?

A: While the system can allow for more than one grant per agency as we have done that in the past, we do not have it set up that way this year. We only allow one application per agency. If you would like to incorporate two (or more) programs, you can do your best to write one grant that contains the information for both. Unfortunately, you will have to choose one primary pillar (health, education, or financial stability). However, you can choose as many outcomes and outputs as you want/can accurately report on and that helps share the successes of your programs.

Q: Are we only allowed to apply for one type of program? I know in the past we have had an option to add different programs as a 2nd and 3rd priority.

A: While you historically you could write for a 2nd and 3rd priority, we did make a change and it is only one grant per agency.

Week of January 26 – February 1, 2024

Q: Am I understanding correctly that the funding cannot be used in West Union in Fayette County? The Oelwein Area United Way does not serve West Union. Is there another United Way that serves this area?

A: See below

Q: Am I understanding correctly that the funding cannot be used in New Albin in Allamakee County?

A: See below

Q: How does the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri States determine which cities in a County are served, if all are not? Are exceptions ever made for serving residents from additional cities within an identified county?

A: This is probably the most important question that will help to answer the previous questions of “can we apply for funding in X city that UWDATS did not list as part of their coverage area?” United Way Worldwide sets United Way territories according to zip codes. Unclaimed areas are able to be claimed by local United Ways, if they have an interest. While we have alerted UWW to a couple discrepancies we have noticed, you can locate the local United Way of various cities here: [United Ways Worldwide | United Way Worldwide](#). UWDATS does not cover New Albin, IA, therefore we would not fund programming in that area. The same is true of West Union in Fayette County. If there are noteworthy community barriers in a zip code that is currently not covered by another United Way and close to our current service region, we would be happy to have a conversation about the particular needs and brainstorm some solutions.

Q: Am I understanding correctly that the budget should be based on the specific program alone (not other programs/services provided or our overall organization budget), but the question wants to know of the overall organization budget, what percent is the grant request? Or are we to answer the question based on the percentage of the overall budget for the program for which we are applying?

A: Yes, the budget section of the grant is specific to the program you are requesting funds for. Your request can be no more than 20% of your overall agency budget. We do ask for you to upload a copy of your overall agency budget in the uploads section.

Week of January 22 – 25, 2024

Q: Will grants that are submitted first be considered for funding first?

A: No. All grants will be reviewed by our volunteer Investment Review Panelists at the same time.

Q: Is there a certain dollar amount allocated to each pillar (health, education, financial stability)?

A: No. Awards are based on amount of requests we get for each pillar, the quality of the grant(s), and recommendations from our review panelists. There is no certain dollar amount set aside for each pillar.

Q: Is the budget for one year or the entire 2 year grant?

A: One year.