

**UNITED WAY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUNDING
(INTERNAL ONLY)**

Purpose: Respond in timely fashion to investment opportunities, consistent with the community impact agenda, that arise between community impact allocation cycles

- Respond to major community-wide issues through initiation and support of collaboration, planning, programming and other problem solving efforts.
- Participate in leveraging opportunities such as matching funds needed to participate in community partnerships and/or collaborations. On rare occasions the funds may be used to meet an agency's need for community matching funds.

Nature: New grants between \$2,000 and \$50,000 initiated by UW staff, Volunteer Committees or Board to bridge a gap recognized as an important community need. Beyond the initial grant period, future funding will be incorporated into the two year funding cycle process.

Initiating: UW staff, CST, CIC, or Board.

Application: When UWCC initiates a community initiative, CIC and UWCC staff will prepare an RFP that identifies potential collaborations, objectives, budget, the role and responsibilities of UWCC, anticipated outcomes and their measurement, and anticipated UWCC involvement beyond the grant period. The RFP will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board.

There are times when UWCC becomes a non-leading partner in a community initiative, UWCC staff will prepare a report that identifies potential partners, objectives, budget, the role and responsibilities of UWCC, anticipated outcomes and their measurement, and anticipated UWCC involvement beyond the grant period.

Grant recipients must meet UWCC partner and grant recipient criteria.

Review and

Approval: Grant requests for less than \$5,000 will be reviewed by UWCC staff, recommended by CST, CIC and approved by the Executive Committee. Notification will be given to the Board. Applications for grants exceeding \$5,000 will follow regular Community Impact grant application review procedures.

Funding: Community Impact Fund