

**UNITED WAY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING**

Purpose: Support important special opportunities to strengthen community impact programs when such opportunities cannot be responded to through the regular funding cycle.

Such special opportunities may include:

- Extending a program to a new geographic area or community
- Availability of new or additional outside funding to significantly expand or improve an existing community impact program
- A new opportunity to enhance agency and community collaboration in community impact programs
- Special opportunity to have a program evaluated
- Develop a pilot program

Nature: One-time grants between \$2,000 and \$50,000 to community partners, or other community organizations, to complete the grant activity or to bridge the gap to the next community impact application cycle. Applications are for special, time-limited constrained opportunities that cannot be addressed through the regular funding cycle.

Initiating: UWCC staff, community partners, or other community organizations

Application Potential grant applicants will contact UWCC staff and discuss the feasibility of the proposed grant. UWCC staff may make suggestions for, and invite the submission of, a written proposal. In some cases, UWCC may invite other organizations to also submit grant proposals.
Applications for less than \$5,000 can be brief, identifying need, budget, and short term outcomes.
Applications exceeding \$5,000 will follow the regular Community Impact grant application format. Contact UWCC staff for most current application.
Applicants 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