

Program Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funds from United Way of Lapeer County, Inc., an organization or program should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be incorporated as a non-profit human service organization with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (or exempt under the IRS Gross Receipts Test) or provide a written fiscal agency agreement with such an organization.
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3. Be governed by a volunteer board or equivalent body.
4. Have operational expenses in proportion to direct services (suggested maximum management/fundraising costs not to exceed 25 percent).
5. Must observe non-discrimination policies of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act. Must observe federal and state non-discrimination policies.
6. May not proselytize or require adherence to a specific religious belief or practice as a condition for service.
7. Must serve the residents of Lapeer County.

Program Requirements

Programs receiving funding from United Way of Lapeer County, Inc. should:

1. Spend funds only on the programs and services approved. Funds may not be used for land or building acquisition. Any unspent funds at the end of the funding period shall be returned to United Way of Lapeer County, Inc., unless an extension has been approved.
2. Be prepared to provide updated financial information and program outcome data as requested. Failure to comply may result in discontinuation of funding.
3. Acknowledge that it is a recipient of United Way funding in any information regarding the funded program.
4. Agree to all the conditions specified in the United Way/Partner Letter of Agreement.

Proposal Review Criteria

Proposals for funding will be scored according to the following criteria:

COMMUNITY NEED

Does the program address a United Way funding priority? 0 points here will disqualify a program for funding.

weight: 25 points

IMPACT & EVALUATION

What impact will a successful program have on the identified priority need? Does the program have outcome measurements that are quantifiable and make sense? Does the agency show a correlation between resources, activities, outputs and outcomes?

weight: 40 points

ABILITY TO DELIVER

Are there adequate staff & volunteers to provide program? Is adequate funding in place? Is the plan sound? Does the agency have the expertise to conduct the program? Does the program being provided by this agency make the most sense? Does the program know and apply best practices in its service area?

weight: 25 points

UNITED WAY COMMITMENT

Is collaboration ingrained? Is there a genuine commitment to pool resources for planning and providing innovative services designed to attack problems at their root cause?

weight: 10 points

United Way of Lapeer County/United Way Partner Agency

Letter of Agreement

PURPOSE

- The purpose of this agreement is to outline the responsibilities and expectations between United Way of Lapeer County and it's partner agencies.
- United Way and the agencies agree to honor all aspects of this agreement.

PHILOSOPHY

- We will act on principles of partnership and trust.
- We will strive for continuous improvement in delivery of service, financial integrity, resource development and quality assurance.

ALL PARTNERS WILL:

- Provide services as outlined in funding request and reflected in funding letter.
- Be open to recommendations and suggestions to continually improve services
- Provide other with timely, meaningful information (annual reports, demographic data, etc)
- Maintain sound fiscal policies and procedures
- Work together to pool resources for planning and providing innovative services

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct a United Way campaign for employees, volunteers and members of the Board
- Provide a speaker when needed for community presentations
- Acknowledge donors who designate via the United Way campaign
- Acknowledge the partnership in all written materials
- Provide and use client stories that are representative of people being served
- Refrain from solicitation of direct designations

UNITED WAY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Include agencies in activities such as visioning and strategic planning, fund distribution process, continuous improvement, initiatives, and participation in standing and ad-hoc committees

