

2019-20 Community Investment Grant Guidelines

What are Community Investment Grants?

Community Investment Grants are awards aimed at strengthening the implementation of programs that will improve education, health and financial stability throughout Santa Barbara County. It is our hope that this funding supports the efforts of community organizations to deliver high quality programs and programmatic outcomes. All grant awards are decided by a panel of volunteers and UWSBC board members.

Types of Support

The Community Investment Grants are available to support activities in the following areas:

- Program design and implementation
- Program expansion
- Program specific training/research

Funding period

. The grant period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Grant Limitations

Community Investment Grants are not available for:

- New or pilot programs
- Fundraising or general events
- Events
- Endowment funds
- General operating support
- Capital equipment/improvement projects

Eligibility Requirement

- Organizations must be certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applications that do not contain a valid EIN (tax ID) number will not be considered.
- An agency acting as the fiscal sponsor on behalf of a community collaborative may be eligible to submit proposals on behalf of its own agency needs as well as the needs of the collaborative. Please contact Melinda Cabrera mcabrera@unitedwaysb.org for more information and to discuss your specific situation.

- Community Investment Grants are available for organizations serving Santa Barbara County.

Additional required documents:

In addition to the completed application, each organization is required to submit the following documents with the completed application by the due date. If an application is submitted without all required documentation, the application will be considered incomplete.

1. Organizational financial summary or most recent audit.
2. Copy of your organizations IRS Final Determination 501(c)(3) letter.
3. Project or program budget

Application Process

- To download application, go to www.unitedwaysb.org/communityinvestmentgrants.
- Save application to your computer
- Please use only the space allotted. Expanding the text boxes on the application form will result in unreadable content and the application will not be considered.
- Please email completed application and supporting documents to Melinda Cabrera, mcabrera@unitedwaysb.org.
- Applications or supporting documentation submitted after the deadline date will not be accepted.

2019-20 Community Investment Grant Important Dates

- Completed applications are due by Wednesday, August 28, 2019
- Award announcements will be made the week of September 16, 2019.
- Reimbursement dates:
 - December 31, 2019
 - March, 29 2020
 - June 30, 2020*

* When submitting the final reimbursement request form, a completed End of Term Grant report must be submitted with the request for reimbursement.

Please email questions to: mcabrera@unitedwaysb.org.