

River Valley United Way Impact Grant Program: Eligibility Requirements

Thank you for your interest in applying for River Valley United Way's Impact Grant Program. By participating in this program, your organization demonstrates its commitment to collaborating on impactful solutions to community challenges while aligning with United Way's mission.

Funding Priorities

United Way focuses on three key pillars:

Health: Enhancing quality of life through access to care, trauma-informed systems, and behavioral health support.

Education: Supporting children and youth through basic needs, early learning opportunities, and youth support programs.

Income/Financial Stability: Helping families achieve self-sufficiency through housing solutions, employment opportunities, and financial stability resources.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Organizations must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

Nonprofit Status:

- Incorporated as a not-for-profit organization for at least two years before January 1 of the application year.
- Not a private foundation as defined in Section 509 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Governance:

- Written bylaws clearly defining purpose, structure, and Board duties.
- Active, unpaid Board of Directors with at least 7 members, meeting at least quarterly, with policies for board rotation.

Financial Practices:

- Funds must be managed according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Organization must meet financial due diligence requirements based on size (details below).

Local Presence: Substantial local presence (staffed facility, office, or dedicated space) within Pope, Johnson, or Yell Counties, Arkansas.

Non-Discrimination: Must operate without discrimination.

Overhead Costs: Management and general/fundraising costs must not exceed 35% of revenue.

Compliance: Certify that funds will be used in compliance with anti-terrorism financing laws.

Reporting: Must verify the ability to meet post-award reporting requirements.

Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit:

- Completed Impact Grant application with program budget.
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter.
- Proof of registration with the Arkansas Secretary of State.
- Most recent IRS Form 990, 990EZ, or 990N.
- Current Board of Directors list.
- Most current financial report (statement of activities/operating budget).
- Completed Patriot Act Compliance Memo (provided by RVUW).
- Verification of local presence.
- 25-word description of the organization and its services.
- Appropriate financial due diligence documentation (see below).
Bi-yearly grant reports detailing inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and spending.

Financial Due Diligence Requirements

Organization Size	Required Financial Documentation
Less than \$150,000	Financial Compilation
\$150,000 – \$249,999	Financial Review
\$250,000 or greater	Financial Audit

Financial requirements are based on IRS-defined gross receipts. Due diligence documentation must match the actual amount awarded, not the amount requested.

Ineligible Programs and Activities

- Programs focused solely on long-term financial aid or material goods distribution.
- Athletic teams/events, school credit activities, or capital improvement projects.
- Programs centered primarily on public relations.
- Non-human service programs, such as those focused on animal welfare or environmental services.
- Religious or political programs, including:
 - Programs designed to promote a specific religious belief.
 - Programs requiring religious participation as a condition of receiving services.

Special Notes to Eligibility

New Organizations:

First-time applicants and nonprofits not funded in the 2024/25 cycle will be evaluated based on how well they meet eligibility criteria and their contributions to improving health, education, and financial stability in the River Valley area.

- Organizations are limited to **one application**.
- The maximum request amount is **\$10,000**.