



United Way Funding Guidelines & Determinations

Funding Guidelines:

- Meet United Way Lakes and Prairie funding eligibility criteria
- Abide by federal and state laws related to non-discrimination and charitable organizations
- Have a volunteer Board of Directors that includes representation from Lakes and Prairie United Way
- Perform an annual audit according to state guidelines and submit upon request if available
- Submit the following:
 - Proposed Budget
 - List of Board Members and their affiliations
 - Income (P&L) Statements & Balance Sheet
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement
- Make available upon request:
 - Recent Form 990 Copy of By Laws
 - Copy of Articles of Incorporation
 - Any additional information as requested by United Way
- Proposed Projects or Programs must:
 - Demonstrate that service(s) are available to all in the target population, regardless of ability to pay
 - Develop and report measurable outcomes

Funding Decisions Based Upon:

- United Way Impact Area Alignment
 - Healthy Community, Youth Opportunity, & Financial Security Goals and Impact Areas
 - Priority will be given to projects that serve individuals and families that fall within the federal poverty guidelines or are ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income constrained, employed) and face financial hardship.
- Successful Completion of a Grant Application
 - Clear, Concise, and Well Written
- Program Information and Community Impact
 - Demonstrate the program meets an identified community need
 - Develop and report measurable outcomes
- Grant Review Panel Feedback
- Financial Expertise, Staff and Board Review, & United Way Board of Directors Approval