United Way of Ogle County Grant Eligibility

Through United Way Staff, Board, and Volunteer oversight, United Way of Ogle County is consistently aware of developing community needs and looks for programs best able to respond to those needs. UWRRV considers grant requests from not-for-profit agencies for programs that align with United Way’s Strategies for the Common Good and demonstrate significant community impact in the areas of Education, Health, and Income.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, the grant process will be open and competitive.

Eligibility for Grant Allocations
In order to be eligible for grant allocations from UWRRV, nonprofit agencies must:

- Be in operation and providing services in Ogle County for at least five years.
- Conduct an annual audit by an independent auditor and submit an audit to United Way of Ogle County on an annual basis.
- Annually submit a letter of good standing from the Illinois Secretary of State.
- Annually submit a Federal 990 and the Illinois 990AG.
- Have an active, local Board of Directors comprised of nonpaid volunteers who meet at least quarterly.
- Maintain an annual operating budget.
- Agree to United Way’s Memorandum of Understanding.
- Comply in a timely manner to a request from United Way for information.
- Complete United Way’s mid-term and final reports.
- Have no outstanding mid-term or final reports.

Ineligibility for Grant Allocations
 Agencies that provide programs or services described below are ineligible for funding:

- Are primarily political in nature.
- Provide programs or services limited solely to the members of a particular religious group. A program run by an agency with a religious affiliation may be granted funds, but only if the program is not religion-based and grant allocation funds are clearly not used for religious activities.
- Exist solely as a forum for the presentation of cultural and/or artistic achievements.
- Provide only direct medical services such as hospitals, outpatient clinics, neighborhood health centers, and other health service delivery systems. This does not prohibit the funding of programs that provide supportive and ancillary health services for specific client populations.
- Provide primary services that are the mandated responsibility of a governmental organization that serves the entire community.

Review and modification of these standards may be made at the discretion and approval of the United Way of Rock River Valley Board of Directors.

**Sliding Fee Scale**

It is the policy of United Way of Ogle County that any programs funded with United Way grant allocations cannot deny services based on its participants’ ability to pay any or all of the fees or cost for service. Each organization must establish a realistic fee schedule and cost explanation, based on the full cost of the services and the clients’ ability to pay for services. Grant allocation funds provided by United Way are not intended to subsidize service for program clients who are able to meet a reasonable charge for the services rendered.