**81*Thrive* …*a COVID initiative for area nonprofit organizations***

Purpose of the Fund:

*To provide a partnership with nonprofit organizations impacted by COVID-19, supporting their mission work and helping them build capacity to operate with strength and sustainability.*

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for grant dollars from the 81*Thrive* Initiative, nonprofit agencies must:

* Have 501(c)(3) status. If applying as a collaborative, one 501(c)(3) must be designated as the lead agency;
* Be in operation and providing programs and services in the Rockford region for at least 3 years, with priority given to Winnebago County-based organizations;
* Have an active Board of Directors comprised of nonpaid volunteers who meet at least Quarterly;
* Maintain an annual operating budget;
* Be able to comply in a timely manner to requests for information; AND
* Be willing to enter into a Capacity Building Process with the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence and their consulting team made up of industry experts. The Capacity Building Process includes:
  + Engagement of board members and management staff;
  + Participation in an organizational assessment;
  + Development of a one-year implementation plan based on assessment results;
  + Commitment to implementation of the plan; and
  + Process Evaluation and Final Report.

## Ineligibility for 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.

Review and modification of these standards may be made at the discretion and approval of the 815 Community Response Team (815CRT) Steering Committee.

Nonprofit Participant Benefits:

Each nonprofit selected to participate in the 81*Thrive* Initiative will be awarded one of the following:

* A discretionary financial award for the organization not to exceed **$50,000;** AND
* Capacity building services to assess, rebuild, redesign and sustain operations up to **$25,000** ([See detail](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CNURQd2JIHIflWKk7itRe_de0RXuvP5cEmc77SLaC2A/edit?usp=sharing)).

**OR**

* A discretionary financial award toward development of a collaborative not to exceed **$50,000;** AND
* Professional facilitation to support a collaboration or system improvement ([See detail](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AIl4A5M0oSBi8IUs_HPXZU-KARTYK-dXGXP4x66Bw2s/edit?usp=sharing)).

Each organization granted funds will work in partnership with industry experts and receive:

\* Written assessment results and recommendations;

\* Facilitated planning assistance;

\* 2-3 FREE group training sessions; and

\* Customized capacity building supports linked to assessment results.

**Application Form**

## Organizational Information – Do not omit any information

Organization/Lead Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If applying as a collaborative, name the initiative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if other than Executive): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Collaborative Mission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Director Date

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Board Member to be involved in process Date

**A. Narrative**

Please respond to each of the following questions when applying to the 81*Thrive* Initiative as an individual organization, or as a collaborative. Maximum three single-spaced pages.

* + 1. What challenges has your organization/collaborative encountered from operating during the pandemic (i.e. fundraising, operations, service delivery, staffing, etc.)?
    2. What is the extent of the financial impact of COVID on your organization/collaborative? How do you plan to use the operational dollars provided by the Initiative? What amount of operational support are you requesting? Please provide a breakdown of how the funds will be used to stabilize operations or build collaboration.
    3. What have you learned about your organization/collaborative and service delivery while operating or attempting to operate during the pandemic? How might this process assist you in meeting your goals?
    4. How can support services from industry experts (training, specialized services, strategic partnerships, planning, board development, facilitation, forecasting, technology, etc.) assist with your recovery/re-engineering/stabilization/collaboration?

**B. Attachments**

\* Current fiscal year balance sheet and income statement with current month, YTD, and current year projection.

\* Most recent audit or Form 990 if audit not required.

\* FY2021 projected income and expenses

\* 501(c)(3) letter

\* List of Board of Directors

## C. Deadline – July 13, 2020

No applications will be accepted after this time. All applicants must use this form/outline to apply for the 81*Thrive* Initiative.

**D. Application Submittal**

Email a completed copy of application, your narrative, and attachments to [lindas@unitedwayrrv.org](mailto:lindas@unitedway.org) or send a hard copy to Linda Sandquist, United Way of Rock River Valley, 612 N. Main Street #300, Rockford, IL 61103. Do not include any supplemental information. It will not be considered when reviewing your application.

**Direct any questions or concerns to Pam Clark Reidenbach at NICNE at 815-494-6815 or Linda Sandquist at United Way of Rock River Valley at 815-289-1258.**

*Funds are made available through the 815CRT (815 Community Response Team). The CRT Grant Making Committee is a partnership of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, the Kjellstrom Family Foundation, the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence (NICNE), and United Way of Rock River Valley, which are part of the 815CRT that also includes the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Transform Rockford and the Workforce Connection.*