Community-Building
Mini Grants Program
2020

Information Session
March 4, 2020
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Our Mission: We mobilize people, partnerships, and resources to catalyze change that strengthens the communities we serve.

Like United Way Worldwide, we are focused on creating community-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Basic Needs.
Since 1995, Mini-Grants has supported:

**808** community building projects by **419** local all-volunteer based groups for over **$820,314**.

In 2019, United Way funded 19 Mini-Grant projects for a total of **$25,000**.
## Eligibility

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<th>Who Can Apply</th>
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<td>New or existing <strong>all-volunteer</strong> groups located in Greater New Bedford</td>
<td>Fraternal organizations, political campaigns or religious activities</td>
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<td>Groups are defined as having at least 3 members unified by a common cause</td>
<td>Groups which discriminate</td>
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<td>Annual budget/income of group must not exceed $40,000</td>
<td>Any previous recipient that did not adhere to the terms, conditions, and commitments of the Mini-Grants Program</td>
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<td>Legal incorporation 501(c)(3) not required</td>
<td>If your group has been funded for the past three consecutive years (2017-2018; 2018-2019; and 2019-2020) regardless of the type of project, then you are not eligible to apply this year. You will be eligible to apply next year in 2021.</td>
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What are we looking for?

Projects that are…

- Small in scale
- Specific, innovative and achievable within 1 year
- Build community by engaging citizens to address a need or issue of concern
- Align with a focus area

See RFP for evaluation criteria details.

Read to Me Wareham
Funding Specifics

- Projects **may be** funded up to $2,500
- All funds are disbursed on a reimbursement only basis, up to four times/year.
- Reimbursements requests **must** be made online via CommunityForce
- One project per group per funding cycle
- Funded projects/events must begin after the date of award decision (May 2020) and reach completion within 12 months (May 2021)
- Approved funds will be made available for reimbursement as of July 1, 2020

Wareham High School Students’ Emotional Wellness Project – Your Feng Shui Guru
What we will not fund

- Salaried positions
- Rent or utilities
- Food – for sale or nonessential to the project
- T-shirts and other promotional items for sale
- Office equipment - computers, printers, laptops, etc.
- Paid advertising
- Insurance, Security, Police/Fire Detail
- Application/Registration/Membership Dues/Fees
- Scholarships, Pageants, Contests etc.
- School-based field trips
- Projects that are in and of themselves fundraising
- Capital Improvements

See RFP for full details.
Timeline

- Application opens TODAY! (March 4, 2020)
- Grant Support Walk-in Hours (March 13, 2020)
- Application Due 12:00pm (April 8, 2020)
- Award Notifications (May 18 Week)
- Celebration Event for Grant Recipients (June 23, 2020)
- Funds available for reimbursement (July 1, 2020)
- Funds must be spent (May 15, 2021)

Red indicates deadline date.
How to Apply

Visit either unitedwayofgnb.org/mini-grants or unitedwayofgnb.communityforce.com to access the application.

You must create an account on the CommunityForce website if you are a new applicant.

See the Request for Proposals (RFP) document for full details.
Questions?

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For more information, including today’s slides and Request for Proposals (RFP) document, please visit our website: unitedwayofgnb.org/mini-grants