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United Way of King County

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2019 Emergency Food Assistance Funding Announcement *****Restricted to current Emergency Food System grantees only*****

Overview

More than ten percent of King County residents live in poverty due to underemployment, low wages and rising costs of living. Many struggle with food insecurity. As a result, many children and adults simply do not obtain the meals they need to thrive. In fact, in 2017, 1 in 9 King County residents received food from a state funded Emergency Food Assistance Program food pantry¹ and nearly 100,000 public school students are eligible for free and reduced price meals. To support our goal of lifting 50,000 people out of poverty by 2020, United Way will continue our work to reduce childhood hunger and to support the emergency food system for all people in need.

In calendar year 2019, United Way will invest more than \$2 million to reduce hunger. We will prioritize funding programs that align with our goal of ending childhood hunger and increase funding to address hunger among low income college students who are attending community and technical colleges. We will also invest \$550,000 in the emergency food system.

Background

In the spring of 2017, through a highly competitive process, 27 agencies were selected to receive Emergency Food System grants. United Way made an 18 month financial commitment to these grantees to provide a range of services that increase food security for tens of thousands of low-income households, including: families with children, children 18 and under, college students, seniors, homeless, single working adults and people with developmental disabilities. Services include: grocery style food banks, food recovery and distribution, meal preparation, emergency and no cook food bags, grocery rescue, purchasing of culturally appropriate food, home delivery, weekend food for kids, summer and after school meals, nutrition education, cooking classes, farm and gleaning programs, and more. This well-networked and integrated emergency food system stocks it's shelves with food that comes from a vast array of public and private sources and leverages the labor of thousands of volunteers who ensure millions of pounds of food gets distributed to those in need.

In calendar year 2019, we will continue to invest in all emergency food grantees in good standing. Funding will be at a reduced amount so that we can align emergency food services with our core programs designed to end childhood hunger and reduce poverty and hunger on college campuses via United Way Benefits Hub.

Funding Process

Category 1 (Emergency Food System Support): For 2019, all current Emergency Food grantees in good standing will receive a minimum award of 40 percent of their FY18 grant. To be eligible for the full percentage amount, agencies must have submitted end-of-contract and demographic reports for FY2018. No additional application is needed to receive this award.

Category 2 (Ending Childhood Hunger/Hunger on College Campuses): Emergency food providers will also have the opportunity to apply for funding to address hunger for our target populations. For this goal, existing grantees **must submit** a supplemental application requesting additional funds. This grant process will be highly competitive. We expect to fund between 5-7 agencies, with an average award of \$30,000.

Supplemental Application

United Way requests that interested grantees currently contracting with us for emergency food system support submit a supplemental application describing existing programming, or plans to increase or enhance emergency food services specifically to children 18 and under and/or college students in 2019.

Examples of services eligible include:

- Activities that feed kids during the summer, after school and on the weekends
- Activities that ensure food security for students attending community and technical colleges
- Programs that distribute food and/or meals to emergency food providers, afterschool programs, etc.
- Innovative approaches to addressing hunger

Funding Period

These are one-time awards for the period January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. Funding beyond this point is not guaranteed.

Racial Equity

United Way of King County has a goal of reducing racial disparities. People of color in King County are dramatically more likely to face difficulties in meeting basic needs. King County's African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Latino populations, and some subpopulations in the Asian/Pacific Islander community are affected by poverty at three times the rate of the white population.

Recognizing this, United Way will review year-end reports submitted by Emergency Food grantees to evaluate populations served. We will also give higher priority to organizations serving South King County where a significant number of children are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

Timeline

August 27, 2018	Supplemental application available in eImpact
August 29, 2018	Application information session United Way of King County, 720 2 nd Ave., Seattle
September 21, 2018	Supplemental Applications due

Late-October 2018	Applicants notified if approved for funding
January 1, 2019	Contracts begin
July 22, 2019	Mid-year report
February 18, 2020	Year-end report due with demographics

Grantees are encouraged to review the United Way website or email staff to learn about current strategies and opportunities for alignment with our Ending Childhood Hunger/Fuel Your Future program and College Completion/Benefits Hubs initiative. **Contact:** Jenny Walden at jwalden@uwkc.org (206) 461-5083 for specific questions about the above programs or Marlo Klein at mklein@uwkc.org (206) 461-5082 for general application questions.

Reporting

All grantees are required to submit a mid-year and year-end final report that provides a summary of goals met to date including narrative descriptions of highlights, successes and challenges encountered and resolved. A demographic report is also required.

Additional Requirements

Agencies awarded funds in Category 2 may be required to participate in convenings to coordinate food security efforts through our Benefits Hubs and Ending Childhood Hunger programs. Convening schedules will be developed in partnership with grantees.

Application Process

The supplemental application for **Emergency Food System** grants will be available on the [eClmpact](#) website beginning August 27, 2018.

If you need help logging into or navigating e-Clmpact, email communityservices@uwkc.org, or contact Damian Spence at 206-461-8511 or Sue Wyss at 206-461-3778. Technical assistance may be limited near the submittal deadline. Please don't wait until the last minute to complete your application in e-Clmpact.