United Way of King County
Child Care Solutions for Homeless Families
Funding Announcement

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Overview:
Families with children are a growing part of the community experiencing homelessness. In fact, more than 2,400 families experienced homelessness in King County in 2015. When their child care needs are met, homeless families can focus on activities that lead them to greater stability, like searching for employment, obtaining housing, applying for benefits and taking care of health needs. These essential activities can be particularly challenging for families with young children who are not yet in school. United Way of King County recognizes that homeless families face unique challenges in accessing and maintaining child care, and that gaps exist in the provision of services for this community. For these reasons, United Way seeks to fund solutions that connect families to child care services and support homeless families' child care needs.

Funding available: A total of $100,000 is available for 1-3 grants supporting families experiencing homelessness in meeting their child care needs.

Award range: Grants will be in the range of $30,000-100,000.

Funding period: Awards will be made for a one-year period from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Note: Timeline differs from other January 2017 applications.
Timeline:
January 20, 2017	Letter of Interest (LOI) Due
February 3, 2017	LOI finalists receive notice of next steps in application process
April 30, 2017	Applicants notified if approved for funding
July 1, 2017	Contracts begin
January 16, 2018	Progress report due
July 23, 2018	Year-end report with demographics due

Strategies/Services:
Proposals should center around strategies that support homeless families' access to child care or improve the provision of services to homeless families who need child care, particularly focused on families with children not yet in school. This could include (but is not limited to): efforts to assist homeless families in identifying and applying for child care benefits and/or locating appropriate child

care options, provision of subsidies for homeless families that are not eligible for other child care supports, or technical assistance for providers that serve homeless families with young children.

Racial Equity:
United Way of King County has a goal of reducing racial disparities, in part through reaching populations with disproportionate rates of homelessness. People of color in King County are dramatically more likely to face homelessness and experience the challenges of finding care for their children while homeless. Successful applicants will demonstrate the capacity to deliver effective, culturally competent services that have the potential to reduce identified racial disparities.

Reporting:
A six-month progress report as well as a year-end final report are required, providing a summary of goals/milestones met to date including narrative descriptions of highlights, successes and challenges encountered and resolved. Specific indicators to be measured will depend on the nature of the project(s) funded.

How to Apply:
In a 1 or 2-page Letter of Interest, please describe your project. Include a brief overview of your agency's relevance to this issue and the population you intend to serve, any partners that would be involved in the proposed work, and the specific results you would expect from the year of funding. Include a simple budget indicating projected costs.

The Letter of Interest should be submitted via email no later than January 20, 2017 to Lisa Brooks at lbrooks@uwkc.org and cc'd to communityservices@uwkc.org. United Way staff will respond by February 3 to all organizations submitting LOIs to let them know whether they are finalists, and will provide finalists with instructions for next steps, which may include a more detailed application and/or a face-to-face dialogue.