
Improving Lives in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties

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United Way Releases RFP for 2018 IMPACT Self-Sufficiency Grant

Evansville, IN

United Way of Southwestern Indiana announces the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for its 2018 IMPACT Self-Sufficiency Grant, open to all 501(c) 3 nonprofit organizations, including United Way partner agencies, as well as non-United Way nonprofit organizations, in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties.

Matt Theby, Chair of United Way's Self-Sufficiency Committee said, "We are pleased to launch the 2nd year of our Impact Grant opportunity. The focus of the 2018 grant is consistent with United Way of Southwestern Indiana's efforts to help families and individuals achieve self sufficiency. A stronger emphasis on collaboration is one of the changes from last year's process as well as a stronger focus on certain strategies targeted to working families. These strategies are sourced from independent researchers on how to help those in the workforce achieve self sufficiency."

Up to \$100,000 will be awarded and paid out in equal quarterly payments beginning in the first quarter of 2019, distributed over a 12, 18 or 24-month period. Requests must be at \$25,000 or greater to be considered. Programs currently funded by United Way SWI will not be eligible.

Proposals submitted by nonprofit organizations must provide services to struggling, working families in Spencer, Vanderburgh or Warrick Counties, by helping them move toward self-sufficiency, using at least one of the following strategies:

- Job Training and/or Educational Assistance
- Financial Literacy and Counseling
- Sustainable and Affordable Housing
- Transportation for Education and/or Employment

The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent is September 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The most viable proposals will be invited to submit a formal application in October, 2018. Announcement of the IMPACT Self-Sufficiency Grant Recipients will be made on December 14, 2018.

Informational Sessions to walk interested nonprofits through the grant and grant management system will take place at the United Way office located at 501 NW 4th Street on Thursday, August 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; and on Tuesday, August 28 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

United Way awarded its first Impact Grant in September, 2017. Recipients were the Evansville Christian Life Center for its GAIN Initiative; the Public Education Foundation of Evansville for the AIS First Avenue Campus CNA Training Program; United Methodist Youth Home for its Independent Living Skills Program and Youth First for its Strengthening Youth & Families Program.

“I am very excited to extend our reach into the communities we serve by offering the 2018 Impact Grant. This is possible thanks to the generosity of our community, successful campaign results, and the vision of our Board of Directors. As we continue to address the obstacles facing struggling, working families, our Impact Grant will provide funding for programs that improve lives and help these families meet their goal of self-sufficiency,” said Amy Canterbury, President & CEO of United Way of Southwestern Indiana.

For a complete list of 2018 IMPACT Self-Sufficiency Grant guidelines, eligibility requirements, and a link to the Letter of Intent, visit <http://unitedwayswi.org/impact-grant/> or to access the Letter of Intent directly, go to <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=16230F>.

Questions may be directed to Luzada Hayes or Karese Johnson at REF@unitedwayswi.org.

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About United Way of Southwestern Indiana

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every individual in our community. The 501(c) 3 organization serves at the center of a network of partner agencies and programs that address immediate issues facing thousands of local people in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties. To learn more about United Way's work in the community, please visit unitedwayswi.org.