

Northern Chautauqua United Way Education Impact Mini Grant

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General Information:

United Way of Northern Chautauqua County focuses on long-term solutions and addressing opportunity gaps throughout the cradle-to-career pipeline in order to keep kids on track to graduating prepared for success.

The United Way defines Education as "a cornerstone for success in school, work and life. Setting kids on the path to success begins with early intervention, and then, through high-quality education, students can graduate high school prepared for college & career. United Way focuses on long-term solutions and addressing opportunity gaps throughout the cradle-to-career pipeline in order to keep kids on track to graduating prepared for success. Education is divided into two focus areas: Childhood Success and Youth Success. Childhood Success focuses on early intervention and topics such as early grade reading and school readiness, while Youth Success deals with middle grades success, high school graduation, and post-secondary success."

Grant Overview:

Through a generous bequest, the United Way of Northern Chautauqua County has a unique opportunity to enable our change makers and community champions to impact educational opportunities for those living in our Region. We are inviting individuals involved in the not-for-profit community, educational institutions, or service organizations to apply for a one-time mini grant that will have a direct impact on our area's educational outcomes.

The United Way of Northern Chautauqua County understands that many of our agencies, youth groups and educational programs are doing more with less and less resources. We also understand that if given the opportunity to implement innovative, unique solutions to address gaps in our educational programs you would have the best answers and ideas to do so. We are proud to present you with the opportunity to implement a project that will have a direct impact on addressing educational gaps in our community.

Eligibility: The Education Impact Mini Grant program is available to not-for-profit human services agencies, whose donations and revenues are such that contributions thereto are deductible and exempt under the IRS Code and applicable State laws. This may include funded or non-funded United Way partners, Educational Institutions, and some service, or youth organizations.

- Individuals are NOT eligible to apply.

The Education Impact Mini Grant is requesting proposals focused on implementing educational projects that will address a current gap in their educational services. Specifically, we are seeking projects that will focus on one or more of the following priority area:

- Projects that can continue after this one time funding.
- Projects that incorporate a Youth Voice, by engaging youth in the planning, and writing, of the application, as well as the implementation of services.
- Projects that incorporate a community service component.
- Projects that are designed to include different cultures, generations and abilities.
- Projects that agree to partner with one or more agency, youth, or elderly group.

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Grant Period:

The grant period for this funding will be from February 1, 2019 and will end on January 31, 2020. The timetable may be adjusted to a mutually agreed upon timeframe, not to exceed one year.

Grant Award Ceilings:

Total requests for project budgets within this funding opportunity should not exceed \$10,000.

Grant Submission Deadline and Information:

Applications should be delivered by 4:30 to the office, 626 Central Ave, Dunkirk NY 14048 or they can be emailed by the end of the December 14, 2018 by 11:59pm to info@unitedwayncc.org.

Application Requirements:

Please do your best to follow the outline below answering the questions the best you can. Proposal should be from 3-6 pages.

1. A brief history of the organization/group/agency, its mission and primary programmatic focus.
 - a. What is your current educational programming that is being provided to the community?
2. What need or gap are you trying to impact?
 - a. Add any data you may have to support this.
3. A concise description of the proposed project and who it will serve.
4. At least two specific and measurable objectives to be accomplished during the project year.
5. A summary of project activities and how they will be implemented.
 - a. What results are you expecting?
 - b. How will you know if you did a good job on the project?
6. An estimated budget for the proposed project.
 - a. budget itemizing all expenses and costs
 - b. Must identify all other sources of funding, including personal contributions and fundraising
7. Define the intended service area by town(s) or zip code(s).

Selection Criteria:

United Way of Northern Chautauqua County seeks projects that:

- Demonstrate innovative and comprehensive activities;
- Demonstrate the ability, and/or experience necessary to accomplish the project;
- Have a clear plan of action, specific goals and objectives, and a process to periodically assess, document and disseminate progress and lessons learned;
- Are feasible, cost-effective and sustainable;
- Form partnerships and/or engage broad community participation and support; and
- Have potential for application and replication in other communities
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- Applicants may be requested to present to United Way of Northern Chautauqua County committee members and staff, as part of the application process.