

# 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GOLF FORE KIDS GRANTS

United Way of Story County (UWSC) is pleased to announce a Request For Proposals for disbursement of proceeds from the 2024 Golf Fore Kids event. Proceeds from the Golf Fore Kids event give UWSC the exciting opportunity to fund **human services programs and initiatives that impact the lives of Story County kids** **above and beyond current funding:** Proposals may address expansion of programs and initiatives that are already funded by UWSC (through the ASSET process or grants process) OR request funding for programs and initiatives *not* currently funded by UWSC. Proposals for capital expenditures will not be considered.

Funding will typically not exceed $3,000 per program or initiative. Any UWSC partner agency or non-partner human service agency that provides services in Story County is eligible to apply for UWSC Golf Fore Kids grants. Applicants must have non-profit status.

Proposals should be submitted on the application form below. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted. The UWSC Allocations Committee will review proposals and make a recommendation to the UWSC Board of Directors which will make the final decisions on programs and initiatives to be funded.

**The deadline for applications is Friday, September 20, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.** Announcement of the programs and initiatives to be funded will be made no later than Friday, October 27, 2024. Proposals should be e-mailed to [unitedway@uwstory.org.](mailto:unitedway@uwstory.org) Call 515-268-5142 with any questions.

**Grants *shall* be made** for programs that further the mission of UWSC. Priority will be given to those programs that reach underserved populations and/or are focused on UWSC’s 2025 Community Impact Goals (see Appendix B below). The 2025 Community Impact Goals include the following focus areas:

* **Health:** healthy food access/nutrition programs, mental health awareness programming, mental health services
* **Education:** *a focus on reaching underserved learners* through parenting programs, high-quality early childhood education, summer enrichment programs, and other out-of-school programs. Community-based education programs also will be considered.
* **Financial Stability:** emergency food programs, emergency rent & utility programs, programs assisting adults with employment /further education through childcare sliding fee scales, transitional living programs, or community probation. Other programs that assist families in improving their financial situation will be considered if the program has a method for assessing such improvement.

**Grants *shall not* be made** to programs that include inherently religious activities such as worship, prayer, proselytizing or instruction. Those activities must be separated from the UWSC-funded program by time, location, or both.

**For additional information** on grants, please see Appendix A below, as well as the FAQs and other resources at <www.uwstory.org/grants>.

**Next steps:** After final funding decisions have been made, UWSC shall send written agreements to the agencies that submitted approved proposals. After UWSC has received signed written agreements from those agencies, it shall send grant payments to the agencies, unless restrictions have been made on how funds will be paid out. Reports on the status of the programs and use of UWSC funds shall be required six months after the initial grant dates or earlier if applicable.

**APPENDIX A: Guidelines for Funding through the UWSC Grants Program**

The purpose of the following guidelines is to assist organizations in determining what programs and services would be considered for funding through the grants program for UWSC. This document is intended to provide general guidelines only. If you have questions, please contact UWSC. This document will be reviewed annually and updated if necessary.

**General:**

* Proposals that incorporate matching funds or community resources are encouraged. Such outside contributions are a sign or commitment to the project and multiply the effectiveness of the award.
* Each proposal is reviewed on its own merits, leaving maximum flexibility for Allocation Committee decisions.
* Partial funding may be awarded.
* Publicity on grants is encouraged. Please acknowledge support from UWSC whenever possible. Show how long-term funding for the program (if appropriate) will be secured.

**Will NOT fund:**

* Capital expenses will generally not be funded (such as computers or other technology hardware) unless you are able to demonstrate that it is essential to implementation of the program.
* Expenses not critical to the implementation of the program will not usually be considered (such as T-shirts for events or prizes).
* Please **do not rely on funding annually through the grants program** to meet ongoing general program expenses (such as staff salaries).
* Endowments

**APPENDIX B: 2025 UWSC Community Impact Goals**

* **Health:** Improve community health by serving 4,500 more people by 2025
* **Education:** Decrease the achievement gap by reaching 30% more underserved learners
* **Financial Stability:** Strengthen financial stability by increasing the number of people served by 25%

To learn about our collective progress on these 2020-2025 goals, please visit [www.uwstory.org/impact](http://www.uwstory.org/impact) .

Note: H = Health. E = Education. FS = Financial Stability. PM = Performance Measure.