

**United Way Suncoast - Rapid Response Fund**  
Application and Investment Guidelines  
Focus: Individuals and Communities Affected by COVID-19

### Overview

The United Way Suncoast - Rapid Response Fund supports non-profit human services organizations who serve individuals and families in United Way Suncoast's five-county footprint who have been affected by COVID-19.

### Application Process

United Way Suncoast is accepting applications from eligible non-profit human services organizations who serve people in one or more of our five county footprint, and who align with the categories of support and criteria of this investment fund listed below.

All applications will be submitted through United Way Suncoast's online grant management system – [E-CImpact](#). Applicants will be notified within 2 – 4 weeks of submission as to whether a grant has been awarded.

### Funding Opportunities

Applicants are encouraged to seek support for what is needed to help those greatly affected by COVID-19.

Please be aware that limited funding is available at this time. Because we may receive a high volume of requests for these funds, applicants are advised that we do not expect to be able to cover all funding requests; and we may not be able to fund the full amount of each request. However, we are committed to making the best use of available resources to address the highest priority needs.

### Target Population

This investment fund will support programs and initiatives that serve individuals in one and/or more of the following counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties with an emphasis on the [ALICE](#) population.

### Categories of Support

United Way Suncoast will support organizations in the following priority categories:

- Emergency Food Assistance
- Food Bank Supports
- Housing Stability Needs
- Benefits Enrollment
- Shelter
- Utility Bills
- Medical Bills
- Mental Health Needs
- Mortgage Payments
- Childcare

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- Other (to be identified needs)

### Program Results

Organizations who are recommended for funding will be required to report on the following:

- Number of individuals served
- Number of households served
- Number of ALICE individuals served
- Number of ALICE families served
- Demographic data on all individuals served

Organizations will be required to answer narrative questions about the supported program as well as specific demographic data for the individuals served.

### Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the Rapid Response Fund priorities and desired results. The assessment panel will also consider the following relevant criteria:

- Need for support identified
- Evidence of a coordinated approach to service delivery and the development of responses to unforeseen situations
- Contribution to strengthen formal and informal support networks
- Alignment to Rapid Response Fund priorities

### Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, an organization must:

- Be recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, according to the Internal Revenue Code
- Benefit people in one and/or more of the following counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto counties
- Be an established non-profit organization running for at least three years or have an established non-profit organization serving as the fiscal agent
- Have at least one full time staff person

### Required Supporting Documentation

All agencies at the time of application must submit the following as attachments in E-CImpact:

- Form 990 – Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax
- 501(c)(3) Certification
- Program Budget for request (in any format)

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- Written confirmation of non-profit fiscal agent support (if applicable) \*
- Proof of established collaborative or partnerships (if applicable)

\*Agencies serving as another agency's fiscal agent may be required to submit the same supporting documents as the primary applicant.

### Reporting Requirements

All funded agencies are required to submit a progress report in E-CImpact as determined by United Way Suncoast.

Organizations will be expected to report on the required identified results, program narratives, as well as specified demographic data on the individuals served. The demographic data to be collected (if applicable and if able) includes the following:

- Age
- Race
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Household
- Annual Income
- Ability Status
- Veteran or Active Military

### Questions and Support

For any questions or assistance, please email [communityinvestments@uwsuncoast.org](mailto:communityinvestments@uwsuncoast.org)