

## **SPECIAL GRANT GUIDELINES**

### **PURPOSE**

United Way of Wells County will partner with and support projects that make an impact in Wells County within one of their identified vision council impact areas. Grants will be made for one-time funding requests and are not intended for ongoing program expenses.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **The following are eligible to apply for funding:**

- Nonprofit organizations
- Religious organizations
- Public entities (schools, hospitals, government, etc.)
- Neighborhood associations\*
- New and emerging organizations\*

\*fiscal agent may be required

#### **The following are NOT eligible for funding:**

- Applications for political purposes, religious purposes, or programs requiring religious participation
- Applications for capital campaign, major building projects, fundraising expenses or debt reduction
- Applications for funds to directly benefit an individual or family
- Projects that were completed prior to the grant application
- Organizations that are controversial so as to cause a negative impact on the United Way of Wells County, as determined by the United Way of Wells County Board of Directors

### **CRITERIA**

The following criteria will be used in evaluating proposals, as applicable:

- The impact of the project or initiative
- Ability to address needs in one of the United Way of Wells County Vision Councils impact areas
- Collaborations with other community partners
- Sustainability of the project
- Anticipated project results
- Capacity of the applicant to carry out the project
- Fiscal strength of applicant

### **APPLICATIONS**

Applications are available for download from the United Way of Wells County website at [www.unitedwaywells.org](http://www.unitedwaywells.org). Applications are also available at the United Way, 112 South Main Street, Bluffton. Failure to use the proper application format may result in automatic denial of request.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed when received. Applications are subject to available funds. All funding decisions are final.