



Food Security RFP 2023 – Applications questions

Full Application Questions We recommend approximately 250-300 words for more in-depth questions, unless otherwise noted.

PROGRAM IMPACT

1. What is your organization's mission? (2-3) sentences
2. The purpose of this grant is to reduce food insecurity and increase food access for residents in need in Olmsted County as described in the RFP. Please tell us how your program aligns with these goals.
3. How does your program define and measure success? Please give at least one example.
4. Please tell us how you gather feedback from program participants and (if applicable) volunteers. Please provide an example of how you have incorporated feedback into your program design.

PROGRAM EQUITY

1. Who does your program serve? Tell us about the demographics of your participants and how those demographics shape what services you provide and how you deliver them.
2. What are the primary challenges your clients encounter regarding food security and how does your program design address the challenges faced by program clients? Please include at least one example.

PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

1. How long has your program been in operation? _____ *years
- 2a. Please describe your long-term goals for the program (i.e., next 5 years and beyond).
- 2b. What steps are you taking now or do you plan to take to ensure that your program will achieve those long-term goals?

Program Budget (Full program budget and organization budget will be requested for applicants moving on to the Program Meeting stage)

3. How much are you requesting annually? \$ _____

Second Round (by invitation only)

Program Meetings with Invited Applicants

1. Please provide a **full program budget** that provides sufficient detail to demonstrate how United Way funds will be used. Please also provide **your organization's annual budget**. You will upload both documents to your Community Force account before your program meeting.
2. How does your program/organization gather information (learn) about the needs of the community(ies) you serve? (Include any relevant partnerships, communities of practice/workgroups, etc)
3. How does your program design ensure that clients experience a welcoming environment when accessing food resources? Please give at least one example.
4. Program staffing (paid or volunteer) is important to ensuring program sustainability over time. Please tell us about the staffing structure of your program, including any plans for changes or growth (e.g., number of full-time employees, volunteer roles, if applicable, etc).
5. What steps are you taking to ensure that staff/volunteers have DEI training opportunities and support from the program/organization?
6. Additional program-specific questions will be asked based on your full application.