

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **My organization operates a program that already receives United Way funding through a different funding area. Can I submit a proposal to this RFP as well?**

Yes. The purpose of this RFP is to increase participation in civic engagement activities for communities who disproportionately face barriers to doing so. Civic Engagement grants are independent of other United Way of Olmsted County funding.

### **I represent a faith-based organization / unincorporated group. Is my organization eligible?**

- Faith-based organizations are eligible, provided they can demonstrate that no religious participation is required in their programming and that there are no discriminatory restrictions on service recipients.
- Unincorporated community groups are eligible, provided they can document their relationship with a proper fiscal sponsor.
- Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible to receive United Way funding.

### **How can I make sure my proposal is as strong as possible?**

Please review the eligibility (page 4) and review criteria (page 5) outlined in this Request for Proposals, as well as our complete evaluation rubric available on our website ([Civic Engagement Rubric](#)).

Our team is eager to assist you if you have questions about your proposal or are experiencing technical difficulties with your application. For technical support with the proposal process, or to schedule a time to meet with our team to discuss a proposal idea, you may contact Sierra Verdin, Grants Coordinator, at [Sierrav@uwolmsted.org](mailto:Sierrav@uwolmsted.org) or (507) 535-5504.

### **What is the award amount?**

We intend to support 2 agencies at \$5,000 each in Winona County and 1 agency at \$5,000 in Olmsted County.

### **Can I save and edit my progress on the online proposal?**

Yes. Our online grants portal requires a login to be created, which allows you to create, save, edit, and submit your proposal online. Go to our [Grants](#) webpage and click “Complete Your Online Application”.

**When can I expect to hear back from you?**

You should expect to receive an automated notification that your proposal has been received shortly after submitting it. If you believe you’ve successfully submitted your proposal but you haven’t received an acknowledgement, please contact Zeni Aly ([ZeniA@uwolmsted.org](mailto:ZeniA@uwolmsted.org) or 507-287-7877) for assistance. After submission, you should anticipate hearing about the status of your proposal by May 24, 2024.