

Eligibility Requirements for Organizations Applying for Funding Opportunities

United Way of Lebanon County (UWLC) serves as a philanthropic partner to the Lebanon Community. Our organization leads a volunteer-driven process in which community donations are invested into reputable organizations executing programs that can demonstrate measurable improvements in the lives and families of Lebanon County.

It is essential that all organizations applying for funding align with United Way of Lebanon County's Community Impact Grant Focus Areas, as well as the criteria below. Organizations who are unable to demonstrate alignment with the following criteria will not be considered for funding opportunities.

1. The program seeking funding must directly serve Lebanon County residents.
2. The organization must:
 - a. be incorporated as a not-for-profit charitable organization and qualify as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
 - b. be registered with the Commonwealth of PA and have the ability to provide a copy of your registration certificate as a non-profit corporation.
 - c. have been organized and actively providing service for at least one year preceding the date of application.
 - d. Provide a copy of the most recently completed and signed IRS Form 990 covering the fiscal year ending not more than 18 months prior to the date of application.
3. If one is available, provide a reviewed or audited financial statement completed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA). The financial statement must be prepared in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA or Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as appropriate.
4. The financial statement should not reveal any comments or notes that indicate concerns regarding the integrity of the financial information provided and should provide evidence of ongoing financial stability.
5. The organization must maintain responsible management, including a Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's bylaws and Chief Executive Officer, or similar functioning position.
6. The organization has a stated policy of nondiscrimination and complies with all requirements of state and Federal laws and regulations on nondiscrimination and equal opportunity with respect to clients, Board members, officers, employees, and volunteers.

7. The organization must maintain liability insurance commensurate with the scale of the organization and the services provided. UWLC reserves the right to request a copy of a certificate of insurance if funding is provided to support the organization.
8. The organization has developed and maintains measurable standards of quality and has the ability to share specific outcomes of the services provided.
9. The organization must comply with local, state, and federal policies governing its programs and organization.
10. The organization does not knowingly employ individuals or contribute funds to organizations found on terrorist-related lists officially announced by the U.S. Government, the United Nations, or the European Union. The organization complies with the spirit and intent of the U.S.A. Patriot Act and other counter terrorism laws as requested (must sign and return the U.S.A. Patriot Act Certification Form).

Note: As a responsible steward of community donations, UWLC reserves the right to request additional information or documentation to ensure that eligibility requirements are satisfied.