



Venture Grant Application Cover Sheet

United Way
of Bemidji Area

Date of Application	
Name of Organization	
Mailing Address	
Contact Person, Title	
Phone Number	
E-mail	
Project Title	
Dollar Amount Requested	
Project Dates	
Total Project Budget	
Agency/Departmental Annual Operating Budget	
Other Sources of Project Revenue (Please list all confirmed & pending sources)	

We understand that a Grant Summary Report must be submitted to the United Way within 30 days of the conclusion of the project or by December 31st of the funding year, whichever is first.

SIGNATURES (at least two of the following are required)

Contact Person _____ Date _____

CEO/Exec. Director _____ Date _____

Board President _____ Date _____



Venture Grant Application Guidelines

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PURPOSE/EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of Venture Grants is to stimulate creative, collaborative solutions to new and emerging needs in order to effect change. Venture Grants are intended to provide short-term support for start-up or development of new or untried programs AND/OR to enhance the capacity of existing agencies or delivery systems.

VENTURE GRANT FUNDING CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Bemidji area (ISD #31) non-profit 501(c)(3) health and human service organizations. Current United Way Partner Agencies and non-United Way Partner Agencies may apply.
1. Alignment with at least one of United Way of Bemidji Area's areas of focus:
 - Education** - Helping children, youth, and adults achieve their full potential
 - Income** - Promoting financial stability, increasing self-sufficiency and independence
 - Health** - Improving people's health and, social well-being
 - Basic Needs & Safety** - Providing basic needs and safety
3. Potential for success if funded, as defined by the objectives of the project itself, and as indicated by the capabilities of the agency/organization.
3. Potential for a positive impact upon identified service recipients or community population.
4. Evidence of non-duplication if other services/programs are currently available to the target population in the identified geographic area of service.
5. The innovative, creative, and/or non-traditional characteristics of the project.
6. The ability of the agency or project to attract or develop funds to continue the project after funding through the Venture Grant Program is terminated, if appropriate.
7. The relationship between the project and the need for the proposed services.

GRANT DEADLINE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Venture Grants must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2019. Grant awards will be announced by February 21, 2019.

GRANT CYCLE

The funding term is a January-December. Funds must be expended by December 31st in the year the grant is awarded.

MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REQUEST

The maximum grant available through United Way Venture Grant Program is \$2,500.

GRANT SUMMARY

Organizations, as a provision of accepting grant monies, must provide a Grant Summary Report to the Venture Grant Committee demonstrating that the funds were used for their intended purpose, within 30 days of conclusion of the project or by December 31st of the funding year, whichever is first.

The Grant Summary Report should include the following:

- The number of people receiving services as a result of the grant award and a summary of the project outcomes.
- An itemized list of expenditures funded by the grant award, including copies of the receipts.
- Copies of any public advertising associated by the grant award.

RESTRICTIONS

Athletic teams or events, school activities for which school credit is earned, political activities, proposals to fund prior year's deficits, general operating expenses, one-time presenters or presentations, marketing expenses, previously purchased equipment or programs in progress, and/or for-profit organizations.

UNITED WAY'S MISSION: To transform lives in our community by uniting people and organizations to maximize donor impact.

UNITED WAY'S VISION: The United Way of Bemidji Area will be a recognized leader connecting people, resources and ideas to create a thriving community characterized by measurable and long-lasting improvements in education, income and health.



Venture Grant Application Procedures

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A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

COVER SHEET

Please use the *attached* cover sheet

PROJECT BUDGET

CURRENT BOARD APPROVED LOCAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET

PROPOSAL (no more than 3 pages):

Your concise proposal must contain the following information clearly identified with headings:

- Brief history and explanation of mission of organization.
- Project description and how it aligns with at least one of United Way's focus areas:
Education - Helping children, youth, and adults achieve their full potential
Income - Promoting financial stability, increasing self-sufficiency and independence
Health - Improving people's health, social well-being and providing emergency services
- The human service need in the Bemidji area being addressed.
- Geographic area that will benefit from the project.
- Specific target population and estimate of the number of people affected.
- Expected outcomes of this project.
- Evaluation procedure description (the method for measuring expected outcomes.)
- Future funding sources for the project.
- Implementation schedule for the project (specific dates).
- Plan for acknowledging United Way as a funding source.

The following is the preferred language for press statements: "This project was made possible in part through funding from the United Way of Bemidji Area Venture Grant Program."

VERIFICATION OF 501(c)(3) or GOVERNMENT STATUS

Please include a copy of your official 501(c)(3) verification form

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***** SUBMIT GRANTS VIA MAIL OR EMAIL AT DIRECTOR@UNITEDWAYBEMIDJI.ORG *****