

# **INNOVATION GRANTS**

## **Funding Opportunity**

The United Way of Greater Lima (UWGL) provides an Innovation Grant funding opportunity for programs that provide service in the Greater Lima Region. The grants are open to non-profit organizations that have a federal tax-exempt status as a section 501(c)(3) public charity or to government agencies that align with the United Way of Greater Lima mission and goals. Applicants must demonstrate how their program or initiative will help achieve one of the three UWGL Impact Goals – Health, Education or Financial Stability.

## **Purpose of the Innovation Grant**

To provide a means of funding creative and effective programs which will support high priority underserved or unmet needs in our community. The focus of this grant is on new programs or an enhancement of existing programs developed to address emerging community needs.

### **Overview**

- Funding through the Virginia and Jack Crouse Community Fund.
- UWGL Investments are generally no more than \$10,000.
- Timeframe: considered annually, on the same timeline as the Community Partners Grants.
- Grants are time-limited to one year.

### Timeline

- 1. March 1: Grant applications due.
- 2. <u>March May</u>: Community Impact Committee (CIC) will review applications and then submit funding recommendations to the UWGL Board of Directors. Interview is not required.
- 3. April June: UWGL Board of Directors will approve final funding decisions.
- 4. <u>June</u>: Award letters and Funding Agreements (FA) will be sent. Funding will be initiated after the signed FA is received by the UWGL office.
- 5. <u>Payment</u>: Made up-front unless an alternate plan was approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6. Sept 1 following the end of the funding cycle: Impact Report due.
- 7. <u>Program Changes</u>: requests must be made 30 days prior and approved before implementation.

Applications can be found at https://www.unitedwaylima.org/agency-resources.