

PRESS RELEASE

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United Way of Blair County

United Way of Blair County Issues 2017 Request for Proposals

The United Way of Blair County has opened its 2017 Impact Grant process. Any 501(c)(3) non-profit human service organization that provides a program to Blair County residents that has a measureable impact on one of four locally determined focus areas (Income, Education, Health or Meeting Emergency Needs) is eligible to apply for United Way funding. The 2017 Request for Proposal (RFP) is available now on the website at www.unitedwayofblaircounty.org/impact-grants, or can be obtained by calling 814-944-0884 or e-mailing mshildt@unitedwayofblaircounty.org.

Funds raised by United Way of Blair County's Community Campaign are awarded through competitive grants to support the efforts of local organizations to address the human service needs of the Blair County community. Last year, United Way of Blair County awarded \$300,000 in grants to support 26 local programs that meet our community needs.

Two pre-proposal training opportunities will be provided to assist agencies that are planning to submit an application. An Overview of RFP/Question & Answer Session is being offered at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the United Way office. This session is recommended for all applicants. A General Outcome Measurement Training will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the United Way office. This session is open to all applicants and is highly recommended for new or previously unfunded agencies. Additionally, an individual Proposal Work Session may be requested by any applicant who wants an opportunity to ask final questions or review his or her application for completeness. These sessions run approximately thirty minutes per grant application being submitted. Appointments are available on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 and Thursday, February 23, 2017 at United Way of Blair County. Registration is required for each of the training sessions. Please call 814-944-0884 or email mshildt@unitedwayofblaircounty.org to register and to schedule an individual meeting.

To be considered for funding, grant applications must be received in the United Way office at 5414 Sixth Avenue in Altoona by the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Early Submission: Applications received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017 will be reviewed for completeness, and the applicant will be notified of any missing documents. Any missing documents must be received by the final deadline of 4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017. Applications received after the early submission deadline will not receive the completeness review and will be submitted to the review committee as provided. Applications received after 4:00 p.m., March 17, 2017 will not be considered.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the United Way office at 814-944-0884 or e-mail mshildt@unitedwayofblaircounty.org.

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