

Request for Proposals: 2024 United Way of Dane County Micro-Investments Grants Initiative

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Monday, April 15, 2024 (11:59 pm)

United Way of Dane County is pleased to announce the availability of \$25,000 in grant funding through its 2024 Micro-Investment Grants Initiative.

Through this initiative, one-time grants – maximum of \$5,000 – will be awarded to grassroots organizations: community groups, nonprofit agencies, faith-based organizations and others who propose projects to support the resident-identified goals and strategies listed below:

Goal 1: Provide youth with constructive and engaging onsite activities.

Strategy: Create positive and uplifting spaces and opportunities for youth (12-18) to socialize in ways that are healthy, meaningful and fulfilling to members of their age group.

Goal 2: Strengthen engagement by building a sense of community among Harmony Apartments residents.

Strategy: Create positive and uplifting spaces and opportunities for Harmony Apartments Residents to socialize, get to know one another, build community and share information/resources.

Goal 3: Increase the sense of safety that Harmony Apartments Residents feel in their neighborhood.

Strategy: Create/facilitate safe spaces for residents to convene to discuss and propose community engagement ideas and solutions to challenges experienced in the Harmony Apartments Community.

The process for this initiative – including the design of this Request For Proposals, application and associated scoring rubric – was designed by the 2024 Harmony Apartments Micro Investment Task Force. This task force is made up of seven current

Harmony Apartments Residents, one current Harmony Apartments service provider and three volunteer members of United Way’s Community Impact and Engagement Committee. The task force is staffed by United Way of Dane County.

Funds must be used no later than December 31, 2024. Unspent funds must be returned to United Way of Dane County. All grant recipients will be asked to complete a report and send photos demonstrating the impact of the funds provided by January 16, 2025.

Timeline

March 8, 2024 – resident and non-resident applications open online

March 13, 2024 – grant-writing workshop, 6-8 pm, Harmony Apartments Community Room, 116 Milky Way, Madison, WI 53718

April 15, 2024 – resident and non-resident applications close

May 21, 2024 – United Way of Dane County Board of Directors approve Micro-Investment recommendations; recipients notified

May 23, 2024 – checks mailed to recipients

Residents

To be eligible for a one-time grant:

- Applicants must be current Harmony Apartments residents.
- Applicants must identify another current Harmony Apartments resident to serve as an advocate for the project. If the applicant is a 2024 Harmony Apartments Micro Investment Task Force member, the applicant may not select another Task Force member as their resident advocate.
- Applicants must identify a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization to serve as a fiscal agent. For more information, please contact Breanna Grow at breanna.grow@uwdc.org or 608-246-4370.

Non-Residents

To be eligible for a one-time grant:

- Applicants must identify a current Harmony Apartments resident to serve as an advocate for the project. Note: Resident-Advocate relationships must be established before applications are submitted.
- Applicant must be registered as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization – OR – must identify a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization to serve as a fiscal sponsor.
- Annual operating budgets of organizations applying for grants cannot exceed \$100,000.