



## Public Announcement

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

### **Family Engagement and Post Secondary Preparedness Grant for South Dade Youth Serving Programs**

The United Way Miami Community Impact Team is searching for a new Impact Grantee program that serves youth in South Dade neighborhoods focused on family engagement and post-secondary preparedness. This is open to 501c(3) agencies that may have or not have had a relationship with United Way in the past. The grant is \$30,000 for 2 years and 6 months, totaling \$90,000. The grant funding cycle will begin as of January 2024 through July 2026.

The Florida House Bill 7071, SAIL to 60 was created with the goal to increase the percentage of working-age adults in Florida with either a postsecondary certificate, degree, or training experience by 2030. For a youth, there are several key steps that need to occur in order for them to have a successful transition into their post-secondary life. There is overwhelming research to show that meaningful family engagement can positively impact a youth's behavior, mental health and personal well-being, academic performance, along with several other outcomes that can ultimately drive.

#### **Program Requirements:**

- Be a 501c(3) organization
- Serving school aged youth, which includes elementary, middle, and high school ages
- Serving youth in South Dade communities such as Perrine, Goulds, Homestead, and Florida City areas
- A family engagement component and demonstrate an increased knowledge in their child(ren)'s college and career path
- Will give top interest to programs that partner with schools that are in high need, if so, please define what the need is and how the program collaborates with the school(s) to address that need
- This funding should be supplemental and be used to enhance an already existing program
- Be able to gather and track outcome and indicator data, some top preferred outcomes being:
  - Improved academic tenacity (e.g. student has belief, attitudes, and values to prioritize success in school, and drive student engagement and work; student exhibits behavior of active participation and perseverance through adversity)
  - Increase in college/career knowledge (e.g. student has the knowledge, skills, and behaviors [apart from academic content] to successfully access college) --> for child and family
  - Improvement on English and math scores on progress monitoring system Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.)
  - The level of family engagement, can be demonstrated through workshops on targeted topics, a benchmark checklist, participation, and other tactics to show a family is engaged in their child(ren)'s future

**Application Instructions:** If interested, please submit a proposal no longer than 2 pages outlining the following:

- Agency name and mission
- Name and description of the program
- How the program's service in this area is unique
- A description of the community and clients that are served
- Proposed and intended programmatic enhancements
- Current outcomes or existing data to track impact and the measurement indicators to achieve them
- How the funds would be used

**Required Supplemental Documentation:**

- 501c(3) status
- Board list
- Form 990 and/or audited financial statements; for smaller grassroots organizations that may have challenges obtaining these please contact us at [communityimpact@unitedwaymiami.org](mailto:communityimpact@unitedwaymiami.org)
- Detailed program budget, this should include the program's existing budget and a breakdown of how the United Way funds would be used
- If any, existing partnerships Letter of Support and/or MOU(s)

**Important Dates:**

**October 12, 2023** – Public Announcement

**October 16 2023** – RFP Proposals Open for Submittal

**November 3, 2023** by 5pm EST – Proposals Due

**November 6 - 7, 2023** – United Way Staff Review for Alignment; Volunteer Review and Development of Questions

**November 9, 10, 13, 14, 2023** – Program Site Visits

**November 15, 2023** – Volunteer Final Deliberation

**November 16, 2023** – Community Impact Committee Approval

**December 5, 2023** – United Way Board Approval

**December 22, 2023** – Final Agency and Program contracts signed

**January 2, 2024** – Funding begins and orientation

Submit all inquiries and submissions to [communityimpact@unitedwaymiami.org](mailto:communityimpact@unitedwaymiami.org) or call (305) 646-7094 for more information.