Letter of Intent

(Working document to use as a guide)

UWCM has three primary focus areas: Education, Financial Stability and Health. You may apply for funds in multiple areas for different programs. Please submit a new request for each project/program.

Funding will become available July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Funds may be renewed one additional year depending upon the total dollar amount available for UWCM investment allocations.

The Letter of Intent is due **4:00 p.m. Monday, October 9, 2023.**

**Select which Goal and Outcomes you are applying for:**

1. **Education**
   1. Early Childhood
      1. Equipping adults with skills to deliver or support access to, positive childhood experiences.
   2. Student Success
      1. Strengthening young people with literacy skills
      2. Strengthening young people with positive identity
      3. Strengthening social/emotional skills through positive and meaningful relationships
   3. Career and College Readiness
      1. Provide young people additional skills to prepare them for careers or college through skill development, experiences and/or mentorships.
2. **Financial Stability**
   1. Family Stability: Increase financial stability and independence among lower-income or struggling households, focusing on stress reduction and skills acquired
   2. Housing Stability: Increase access to services for those experiencing housing related issues and situations, focusing on stress reductions and skills acquired
   3. Training & Employment Programming & Services: Placement, training and education for job seekers and support services for employers.
      1. How many of those served experienced stress reduction and gained skills to move them toward stability?
3. **Health**
   1. Children - Addressing accessibility: right time, right place, right service
      1. Strengthen the ability to respond to adversity in a healthy manner
   2. Caregiver (Parents/Guardians, educators, after school staff or those caring for another individual) - Equipping and supporting the caregiver
      1. Strengthen the ability for adults to care for themselves and others
   3. Older Adults - Promoting wellness throughout life and, in particular, positive mental health for older adults
      1. Improve the health and well-being of older adults.

**Organization Information**

1. Name of Organization Applying
2. Organization website or social media site
3. Organization ED or lead executive
4. Organization ED email address
5. Name of contact info (person filling out this form)
6. Contact person’s Email address
7. Is this organization a 501(c)3 and/or a governmental/educational entity?
   1. Will you be using a fiscal host Y or N
   2. Who will you be using as the fiscal host
8. Does an outside accounting firm conduct the organization’s annual audit?
   1. Please comment on what is currently being done to ensure fiscal accountability.
9. Please check all the following boxes that apply
   1. Funded services are provided to residents who reside within UWCM's service area. (All of Stearns & Benton Counties and portions of Sherburne and Wright Counties). <https://www.unitedwayhelps.org/what-we-do>
   2. A volunteer Board of Directors that meets at least quarterly governs the organization.
   3. The organization is willing to participate in a UWCM campaign. <https://6787119.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/6787119/WC%20Guidebook%20Final%202023.pdf>
   4. The organization is currently listed on 2-1-1 <https://www.211unitedway.org/>.
   5. A portion of these funds will be used for organizational capacity building.

**Grant Program Information**

1. Project/Program Name
2. Are you a collaborative submitting this intent to apply?
   1. List all collaboration members
3. What is the total cost of the project/program for the dates July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.
4. What is the UWCM funding amount to be requested for year one (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025)
5. Projected number of individuals to be served for year one
6. Please provide a description of the program and how it meets the needs of the community
7. Please provide a short narrative describing how the dollars would be used.