ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

Sustaining Grant Cycle

Orrville Area United Way (OAUW) supports local programs that align with our funding priorities and serve the needs of Dalton, Marshallville, and Orrville. All funding decisions are approved by our Board of Directors, who review recommendations from our Citizen Review Committee.

Application Process

1. **Attend the Grant Release Meeting**
   To apply, agencies must attend our grant release meeting to receive key information about the application process.
2. **Review Materials**
   Applicants should review all application materials and schedules to ensure they understand the requirements.
3. **Submit Application**
   Complete and submit the required forms by the due date, including your agency's mission statement, objectives, and any additional requested documents. Late applications will not be considered.
4. **Committee Review**
   All applications will be reviewed by our Citizen Review Committee, which will make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval.
5. **Agreement and Forms**
   By applying, agencies agree to sign a Memorandum of Agreement and use OAUW's application forms.

Applications that do not meet the eligibility standards below will not be considered.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply, agencies must meet the following criteria:

- Be engaged in charitable health, social service, or closely related activities.
- Provide services in Dalton, Marshallville, and/or Orrville.
- Be a nonprofit organization (501(c)(3) status or equivalent).
- Operate without discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, including in board selection and employment practices.
- Schools or governmental organizations may apply for specific programs/projects not funded by tax dollars.
- Align with at least one of our Impact Areas.

What We Do Not Fund

- Political campaigns.
- Religious programs (we fund programs from religious organizations as long as they do not include religious content and are open to all).
- Loan payments or deficit spending.
- Capital campaigns for buildings (we fund program-related equipment only).

Programs More Likely to be Funded

Programs that address the following are more likely to receive funding:

- Addressing identified and/or emerging community health and human service needs.
- Benefiting a wide range of people across various demographics.
- Delivering services efficiently and cost-effectively.
- Avoiding duplication of services.
- Enhancing cooperation and collaboration among organizations.
- Seeking opportunities for diversity and inclusiveness, working to reach underrepresented populations that may benefit from the program.