**Community Investment Guidelines (updated Nov. 2020)**

**Program Eligibility Criteria**

United Way has established certain criteria that agencies must meet before their Letter of Intent will be considered. They must:

* Have as their primary mission the provision of health and/or human services.
* Resources are directed towards programs that illustrate how they are targeted toward low-income individuals and/or ALICE families.
* Be under control of a local governing board which is organized and functioning to provide policy direction and management oversight.
* Have the ability to demonstrate outcomes under the goals of UWTV Impact areas of Education, Financial Stability and Health.
* Be able to provide an independent financial audit (if organization size is over $500,000) or an independent financial review (if organization is $500,000 or below) and a copy of the most recent 990.
* Provide services to residents of and have a physical service delivery location in the Treasure Valley, including the counties of Ada, Canyon, Gem and Owyhee.

**Program Investment Guidelines**

* Minimum grant amount will be $5,000
* Program Grant awards are not made for capital projects
* Outcomes will be reviewed each year by the Vision Council. To ensure that investments are making an impact a maximum grant amount for any newly applying agency/program is $25,000. In the first year of receiving a UWTV grant award, agency/program will be asked to provide a 6 month narrative in addition to the annual report at the completion of the grant cycle. If there is a collaborative effort and the lead agency receiving the funds is not new to receiving UWTV funds, this guideline may not apply.
* As a general rule, UWTV grant awards should not exceed 20% of a program’s budget. Exceptions to this may be made on a case by case basis such as innovative collaborations and startups.