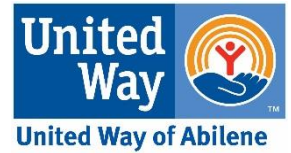


United Way of Abilene

Catalyst Funding



Overview and Investment Guidelines:

Catalyst Funding is designed to give United Way of Abilene the ability to make responsive investments to strengthen systems and networks which support individuals in our area. Catalyst Funding supports collaborative community efforts which strategically align investments on long-term solutions for United Way's focus areas.

United Way of Abilene seeks grant requests focusing on issues in the areas of education, financial stability, and/or health. Particularly, we will consider proposals that:

- are collaborative efforts and partnerships between community agencies.
- align with the mission of United Way of Abilene.
- demonstrate fiscal accountability.
- demonstrate a coordinated plan to achieve impact through a collaborative plan of action.
- demonstrate ability to measure and document outcomes.
- demonstrate capacity and leadership necessary to complete the proposed activity.
- demonstrate a plan for sustainability, if applicable.

Awards will not be made to/for:

- fundraising, capital campaigns, or endowment efforts
- deficit financing
- grants to individuals

Eligibility:

At least one agency in the partnership must:

- be a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, health or human service organization, or a governmental agency providing health and human services.
- provide services that benefit residents in the 19 counties served by United Way of Abilene.
- maintain a local, voluntary board of directors comprised of enough members to conduct business and provide quality oversight.
- file an IRS 990 and provide one filed if serving as the fiscal agent for the partnership.

Application Process:

Applicants should complete the 2018 Catalyst Funding Proposal. A maximum of \$50,000 is available for this funding cycle. Questions may be submitted to:

Bethany Ashlock, Community Impact & Marketing Director
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2018 Catalyst Funding Timeline

June 4, 2018	United Way of Abilene issues Request for Catalyst Funding Proposals
July 23, 2018	Catalyst Funding Proposals due by noon
August 2018	Catalyst Funding Proposals under review by United Way of Abilene Executive Committee
September 2018	Announcement of Catalyst Funding Awards