

United Way NCC - Mini Grants

Mini-Grants for Community Impact are offered to bolster *local initiatives* in Northern Cameron and Willacy Counties. This application welcomes registered 501(c)(3) non-profits, organizations, businesses, programs, or community groups committed to advancing **Education, Health, Financial Stability, Children/Family, and/or Disaster Relief** in our region.

The awarded amount ranges from \$500 to \$1,500, with a maximum of \$5,000 per entity per calendar year (*non-profit, organization, program, business, or community group*). Funds cannot be allocated towards salaries, reimbursements, matching funds, capital campaigns, operational expenses, consulting fees, or lobbying. Instead, they must be directed towards fulfilling a specific community need.

Mini-Grant applications will be open to the community and evaluated quarterly. If approved the funds will be distributed within the subsequent month. The grant size is subject to the availability of funds.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

First Quarter - March 31st

If approved, funding will be available on or before April 30th

Second Quarter - June 30th

If approved, funding will be available on or before July 31st

Third Quarter - September 30th

If approved, funding will be available on or before October 31st

Fourth Quarter - December 31st

If approved, funding will be available on or before January 30th

Questions should be directed to Jennifer Allen, Executive Director, United Way of Northern Cameron County at (956) 423-5954. The United Way of Northern Cameron County **Mini Grant Program** will make awards to non-profit entities serving our community based upon the submission of a simple one-page application form.

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- Applicants must be engaged in the work of Health and Safety, Education, Basic Needs and/or Income Stability. The program or project should outline measurable goals and objectives and show the benefit to Northern Cameron and/or Willacy County residents.
 - Applicants must be a governmental agency program, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, or start-up organizations with evidence of having initiated the process of filing for a 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS.
 - Applicants should apply for the amount needed, and will be asked to substantiate that the amount requested is the amount needed.
 - Grant recipients may need to file a written report 90 days after the receipt of the grant.
 - Mini grants will be reviewed by the **UWNCC Community Investment Committee** on a quarterly basis. And, if applicable, sent to the board of directors for approval. Recipients of the mini grants will be notified by the Executive Director once approved.
 - Mini grants will not be awarded for event sponsorships. These funds are to be used for a specific program.
 - **Submitting a Mini Grant application does not guarantee funding.**

Mini Grant Funding Application

United Way of Northern Cameron & Willacy County

Name (*Organization, Agency, Business, Program, or Community Group*)

Address

Email Address of Main Contact

Phone Number of Main Contact

Are You one of The Following? (*If you are not, please stop as you are unable to apply for this grant*)

- ☐ 501(C)(3) Organization
☐ Organization With A Properly Filed IRS Form 1023
☐ Grass Roots Program under a 501(C)(3) Umbrella

Are You a previous UWNCC Mini-Grant recipient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a written statement of how the prior funds were used, and explain why you are requesting additional funding.

Focus Area (*Please select the focus area that the program fits*)

☐ Health ☐ Education ☐ Financial Stability ☐ Youth & Community Enrichment

Name of Program applying for Grant

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Amount of Funding Requested

Program Description:

Is this a new program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\$

Program Budget

Please Explain How You Will Use UWNCC Funds:

Please submit an additional page to answer the following:

- How many Northern Cameron and/or Willacy county residents are (*or will be*) served by this program?
- If applicable, list names of agencies you collaborate with to help run the program.
- What barriers or threats do you (*or will you*) face in regards to the program?
- How do you (*or will you*) know if your program is successful?
- What are (*or will be*) the benefits or changes for individuals during or after participating in program activities?
- If this is an existing program, how well is the program achieving the desired outcome?

Name of Person Preparing Form

Date