

Frequently Asked Questions Letter of Intent

Q: What is the total funding per grant award that is available?

A: The Cape and Islands United Way is awarding grants up to \$25,000. This is a change from in years past.

Q: Are all the grants one year only grants?

A: Yes, in the current grant cycle, grants are for one year running on a state fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th. In the future, the Cape and Islands United Way is looking to expand to multi-year grants.

Q: I'm having trouble with the online system. Can I still email or mail my Letter of Intent?

A: We encourage you to make every effort to submit all grant related information through the online grants portal. If you have trouble, please use the "help" buttons within the system and then call Beth Bowman at 508-775-4746 ext. 302 to help troubleshoot the issue.

Q: Can I cut and paste information from other documents into the online system?

A: Yes, you can cut and paste information into the question sections.

Q: Will my information be available if I want to print it or email it to others in the future?

A: Yes, at any point in the future, using the same login information, you can have access to any grant information you have submitted.

Q: Does the Cape and Islands United Way plan to invest equally across all four focus areas?

A: No, the Cape and Islands United Way invests where the need is and based on the number and quality of grant applications received.

Q: The four focus areas are all interconnected. The program I would like to apply for funding for touches all areas, how do I choose which focus area to submit under?

A: Agencies should review the Results Framework and determine which

focus area is most appropriate. The Cape and Islands United Way reserves the right to move grant applications among the four focus areas.

Q: Can agencies collaborate on a program and submit one Letter of Intent (LOI)?

A: Yes, we encourage collaboration amongst non-profit agencies and will accept one LOI for the program.

Q: How much is the total number of clients served weighted in the overall grant application? For example, a program that intensively serves fewer clients may have a larger impact.

A: The Cape and Islands United Way is interested in making lasting change and therefore understands the lasting change may mean less individuals are served but that the impact is deeper.

Q: Are capital projects able to be funded through the United Way?

A: Yes, Letters of Intent for capital projects are accepted as long as they can be clearly linked to one of the four focus areas outlined in the Results Framework.

Q: Will the United Way fund requests to support technology needs or staff development needs?

A: Yes, the United Way will accept Letters of Intent requesting support for technology or staff development as long as they can demonstrate alignment with the Results Framework.