

Partner with Pikes Peak United Way: 501(c)(3) organizations providing health and human service programming invited to apply for funding

January 29, 2019, Colorado Springs, CO – The Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) Community Investment application process has begun! Organizations providing health and human service programming in El Paso and Teller Counties are invited to submit proposals for funding consideration by a team of PPUW volunteers. All requests must be consistent with the mission, vision and guidelines of PPUW. Nonprofits that are interested can find detailed information on our [website](#).

The Community Investment Fund is made up of donations from community members during the Pikes Peak United Way annual giving campaign. Nonprofit organizations who meet the eligibility criteria for the fund submit applications which are then reviewed by a team of over sixty volunteers. These dedicated volunteers give their time during a three month period to review grant applications, financial records and make visits to each nonprofit applicant – all to determine where the greatest need is and where the money should go. This process is volunteer driven and ensures that the community has a say in where their donations are invested.

This is a process unique to Pikes Peak United Way which ensures that all agencies selected are vetted and screened thoroughly. Once selected, these agencies are then referred to as Pikes Peak United Way Partner Agencies. Depending on the selection committee, the number of agencies chosen is between 25 and 35.

We exist because issues such as poverty, homelessness and educational achievement require the collaboration of all sectors including for-profit businesses, non-profit organizations, all levels of government and all levels of education. A person can support one organization that works on one aspect of addressing poverty. However, a family wanting to exit poverty needs the support of many different organizations. Parents need quality information, affordable housing, physical and mental healthcare, childcare, career training, job placement and training in the life skills. Their children need quality early childhood education, positive mentors and academic and social support throughout their school years. We work with the agencies selected to improve local conditions.

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About Pikes Peak United Way Pikes Peak United Way works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key quality of life building blocks - education, income and health. Pikes Peak United Way creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes that prevent progress in these areas. For more information about Pikes Peak United Way, please visit ppunitedway.org.