

Agency Merger and Consolidation Fund 2009 Request for Proposal

Goal

The goal of this funding is to free up dollars presently used for administrative and fundraising functions in the nonprofit sector to increase dollars available for human services through facilitation of mergers and consolidation in the nonprofit sector.

Amount Available

Up to \$100,000 from the Special Opportunity Fund may be directed annually to address this goal.

Who Can Apply?

Any two or more 501(c)(3) human service organizations in Rhode Island planning a full-blown organizational merger or consolidation of administrative functions (e.g., two groups with the same mission may choose to combine direct mail operations to reduce expenses) are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to those organizations whose missions align with United Way's three focus issues:

- Supporting success in school
- Job skills development
- Affordable housing and reducing homelessness

What Funds May Be Used For

- Legal fees
- Consulting fees
- Outplacement services
- Integration of technology, fundraising or other functions

Application Process

Applications must include the following:

- Application Cover Sheet (**located on page three of this document**)
- Succinct plan outline (up to two pages), with a brief plan description (50-100 words) and itemization of action steps with a timetable
- One-page budget that includes:
 - All funding sources and all uses of funds including specific usage of the UWRI grant.
 - Identification and quantification of operational savings gained from the plan over the next three years and where the savings will be used.



Application Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 21, 2009.

Mail application and Application Cover Sheet to:

Merger and Consolidation Fund
United Way of Rhode Island
50 Valley Street
Providence, RI 02909-2459

Decision Process

Decisions will be based on merit. CEO and UWRI Executive Committee will determine which grants are funded. Grants will be announced on May 22, 2009. All decisions are final.

Oversight

Year-end reports must be filed for all merger and consolidation grants through the completion of the action steps outlined in the proposal.

Agency Merger and Consolidation Fund 2009 Application Cover Sheet

(Please type in answers then print)

Number of organizations involved in application: _____

Organizations plan to: Merge
 Consolidate Functions

Organization 1

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organization 2

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organization 3

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Organization 4

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____