

Agency Merger and Consolidation Fund 2010 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 IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

- ✓ Have a letter of determination of 501(c)[3] status from the IRS or who have a fiscal agent that has 501(c)[3]
- ✓ Two or more human services organizations in Rhode Island planning to pursue joining forces to consolidate administrative functions (e.g. two groups with the same mission may choose to combine direct mail operations to reduce expenses, and/or a full-blown organizational merger etc.)
- ✓ 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 28, 2010.

Mail application and Application Cover Sheet to:

Channavy Chhay, Project Manager
Special Opportunities 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 28, 2010. 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.

For questions or further information, please call or e-mail Channavy Chhay at 444-0627 or channavy.chhay@uwri.org.