



UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

Serving Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties

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United Way Seeks Grant Proposals

Los Alamos, NM July 16, 2010 -- The United Way of Northern New Mexico (UWNNM) is now seeking grant proposals from non-profit organizations serving Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties. Grants will be dispersed from the United Way Community Action Fund in the fall of 2010. The deadline for filing an application is Monday, August 16 at 3 p.m. All proposals must be mailed or delivered in person to the UWNNM office located at 1200 Trinity Drive, Suite 418, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, on the fourth floor of the Los Alamos National Bank. Final approval and grant selection is expected to occur in September 2010.

Organizations applying for grants must have IRS 501(c)(3) status, serve Los Alamos and/or Rio Arriba counties, impact one of the four United Way focus areas, and have administrative costs less than 25 percent of their total budget. The United Way focus areas are Nurturing Children & Youth; Strengthening Families; Improving Health & Healing; Enriching the Lives of Our Seniors.

In 2009, in response to the UWNNM's request for grant proposals, twenty-three non-profit organizations submitted twenty-seven proposals totaling a funding request of \$461,496. Through UWNNM's general fund, now called the United Way Community Action Fund, 13 organizations were funded with a total of \$115,906 in grant money. To see grant projects funded by the United Way Community Action Fund in 2009 and 2008, visit the UWNNM website at www.UnitedWayNNM.org.

For additional information, or to obtain grant proposal instructions, please visit www.UnitedWayNNM.org or call United Way at (505) 662-0800.

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United Way of Northern New Mexico (UWNNM) is a non-profit organization that raises funds for local Community Partners located in Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties, whose services fall within UWNNM focus areas. Those four specific focus areas, that address the needs of local communities, are Nurturing Children & Youth, Strengthening Families, Improving Health & Healing, Enriching the Lives of our Seniors.

Funds for UWNNM are garnered primarily during the annual fundraising campaign in the fall. The **UNITED WAY COMMUNITY ACTION FUND**, provides the means to support Community Partners with grants. Through these activities, UWNNM is able to meet its mission: to engage human and financial resources to improve the quality of life of the people in the communities we serve in Northern New Mexico.

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United Way Grant Recipients from 2008 and 2009

2009 GRANT RECIPIENT PROGRAMS	FUNDING	2008 GRANT RECIPIENT PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Art Center at Fuller Lodge Access for the developmentally disabled	\$2,000.00	Cañones Early Childhood Center Project Literacy Outreach	\$24,000.00
Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico Anti-Bully Program	\$12,000.00	El Rito Library Implementation of automated cataloging system	\$10,000.00
El Rito Library Provide library services through new knowledge	\$4,000.00	Embudo Valley Library & Community Center Family Literacy Initiative 2008	\$6,000.00
Embudo Valley Library & Community Center Ahora! After School Homework Program	\$7,000.00	Las Clinicas del Norte School-Based Health Centers	\$5,000.00
Las Cumbres Community Services Early Intervention Program	\$6,646.00	La Clinica del Pueblo de Rio Arriba Diabetes Outreach Program	\$10,000.00
Los Alamos Family Council, Inc. Veteran's Support Program	\$5,000.00	Los Alamos Family Council, Inc. Child psychiatry	\$30,000.00
Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Advisory Board JUNTOS Program	\$5,000.00	Rio Arriba, Los Alamos Foster Parent Association Foster Parent Training, Emergency supplies, training for transitioning youth and foster parent recruitment	\$6,700.00
Pueblo de Abiquiu Library & Cultural Center Cataloging collection and automation procedures	\$9,500.00	San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen Kitchen Remodel	\$8,500.00
San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen Healthy food boxes	\$10,000.00	The Family YMCA New vehicle	\$10,000.00
Self Help, Inc. Oncology Assistance Fund	\$15,000.00	TOTAL GRANT FUNDING IN 2008	\$110,200.00
Sombrillo Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Specialized beds for residents' safety	\$9,760.00		
The Family YMCA - Española Valley Positive Youth Development Program	\$20,000.00		
Youth Shelters & Family Services, Inc. Youth Emergency Shelter Program	\$10,000.00		
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING IN 2009	\$115,906.00		

History of United Way of Northern New Mexico

In 1887, the United Way concept was born in Denver when Frances Jacobs of the Ladies Relief Society, two priests, a rabbi and two ministers confronted the critical need for human services and organized a united effort to meet those needs. The charity organization they formed planned and coordinated services and collected funds for 22 agencies in a single campaign.

In 1953, Lew Allbee, chairman of the Kiwanis Community Affairs Committee, invited a speaker from the national Chest organization to talk to representatives of clubs and organizations in Los Alamos. Shortly afterwards, an open planning meeting was held, at the high school's little theatre, giving birth to the Los Alamos Community Chest, Inc. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in April 1954.

In October 1954, the first fund drive was held successfully. In 1955, the Community Chest raised \$29,192. This was accomplished by 3,206 contributors; about 60% of the total individuals employed on the hill. By 1962, the Community Chest continued to gain strength, raising almost \$44,500 for 12 local health and human service organizations. Some of the agencies first awarded funds included the Salvation Army, Los Alamos Chapter-American Red Cross, N.M. Society of Crippled Children and Adults, Little League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Los Alamos Heart Council, Police Athletic League, Los Alamos Cancer Clinic and The Family YMCA.

In early 2005, after several name changes over the years, the organization's name was changed to United Way of Northern New Mexico, Serving Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties. In recent years United Way has had very successful campaigns; increasing dollars raised from \$535,000 in 1990 to \$2,400,000 in the fall of 2009. United Way of Northern New Mexico currently provides grant funding through the United Way Community Action Fund to local health and human service organizations located in Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties.