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Trident United Way to Fund 25 Programs in 2019-2022 Grant Cycle

North Charleston, S.C. – Trident United Way announced that it will offer grants to a total of 25 programs from 19 community agencies through its three-year grant cycle that runs from July 1, 2019 – June 20, 2022.

The latest round of funding continues to support TUV's shift towards the collective impact discipline, seeking to address complex social issues through collaboration with partners, organizations and companies to affect transformational community change.

Community investments for the 2019-2022 grant cycle are divided into categories of program investments and basic needs. Thirteen programs will be funded in the program investments pool, and 12 programs will be funded from the basic needs pool. Six agencies will receive funding from both pools.

"Trident United Way has focused its investments on education, financial stability and health efforts for a number of years," TUV Vice President of Community Impact Amanda Lawrence said. "The program and basic needs investments in this grant cycle more closely align to our collective impact approach. Priority was given to applications focused on our stated network priorities in kindergarten readiness, workforce development and health. This will ensure our investments have a greater impact across the community. Given the expanding pool of applicants and finite resources, we have every confidence in the community benefits that will be derived from these investments."

Trident United Way received a total of 57 applications from 43 agencies for the 2019-2022 community investments cycle. Health was the most popular of the three program investment impact categories, due largely to the growth of Healthy Tri-County, a regional health initiative led by MUSC Health, Roper St. Francis Healthcare and Trident United Way and boasting a total of 67 organizational members.

The basic needs funding pool addresses areas such as basic health services, emergency financial assistance, food, legal aid, shelter, prescriptions and transportation. The addition of legal aid into the basic needs funding pool results from its high cost contributing to the barriers that exist to attaining education, financial stability and health.

"We are absolutely thrilled to receive a community investment grant from Trident United Way to help fund our Legal Services for Home Stability initiative," Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services Executive Director Alissa Lietzow said. "Our organization received community engagement grants in the past two years to train attorneys in landlord-tenant work and to advise the public on their housing rights and responsibilities. Now, thanks to this funding, we have increased capacity to provide free legal services essential to family and home stability, ultimately having a significant and long-term impact on people's lives."

Funding recommendations for Trident United Way grants are made by members of the community who serve on investment review councils. A total of 55 individuals reviewed applications before making a funding recommendation to Trident United Way's board of directors for final approval.

"Trident United Way's grant process is open and competitive, and the review councils truly reflect the Tri-County community, both in professional experience and demographics," TUV Community Impact Chair Brad Davis said. "I am proud to be part of a process that is comprehensive, rigorous and transparent in its review and consideration of applications."

Since 1944, Trident United Way has served as a public trust investing in a myriad of needs across our Tri-County region. The \$1.2 million that will be offered to grantees as part of the 2019-2022 grant cycle represents just one component of Trident United Way community investments. TUV also invests in local agencies through its community engagement grants, smaller grants that are awarded to organizations bi-annually for the purpose of one-time or episodic events or activities. The next round of these grants will be announced in early July.

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Agencies Receiving Grant Offers for 2019 – 2022 Community Investment Cycle

Program Investments:

Agency:

Communities in Schools
Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
Dorchester Children’s Advocacy Center
East Cooper Community Outreach
Lowcountry Food Bank
One-Eighty Place
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach
Palmetto Community Care
Reading Partners South Carolina
Reach out and Read Carolinas
Summerville Family YMCA
Turning Leaf Project
WINGS for Kids

Program:

Elementary Student Support Program
Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems
Clinical Services Program
ECCOs Health Service Program
Healthy Foods Initiative in Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester
Self-Sufficiency
Access to Dental Care for the Underserved
Clinical Preventative Services
Reading Partners South Carolina
Reach Out and Read – Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester
Diabetes Prevention Program
Reentry and Rehabilitation Program
WINGS for Kids

Basic Needs Investments:

Agency:

Carolina Youth Development Center
Charleston Legal Access
Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.
Communities in Schools
Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
East Cooper Community Outreach
Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina
Lowcountry Food Bank

Origin SC
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach
Palmetto Community Care
Palmetto Goodwill

Program:

Residential Care and Support
Sliding Scale Legal Services
Legal Services for Home Stability
Essential Needs Cooperative
Caregiver Support Services
ECCO’s Basic Needs Program
Residential Program
Child Hunger – Relief Programs in Berkeley, Charleston and
Dorchester Counties
Housing Stability and Emergency
OMCOS Outreach Programs
HIV-Positive Client Transportation for Improved Health Outcomes
Palmetto VET Supportive Services Program

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Community Response to 2019 -2022 Grant Cycle Announcement



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- Alissa Lietzow, *Executive Director*
Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.



“Parents fighting to keep a roof over their children’s heads and food on the table often ignore their own medical and dental health. Thanks to the community investment grants offered by Trident United Way, East Cooper Community Outreach can provide wraparound services, including basic needs and quality health care to help families rebuild and begin again. Now in our 30th year of service to the community, we understand ECCO can only serve the community because of the support of the community. Our continued partnership with Trident United Way is helping change lives, and for that we are incredibly grateful. Together we are working to break the cycle of poverty and to help people live healthier lives. We are honored to be a part of the collective impact that Trident United Way is making in the Lowcountry.”

- Stephanie Kelley, *Executive Director*
East Cooper Community Outreach



“Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach is honored to be a recipient of the program investment and basic needs grants through Trident United Way. This year’s refined application process had a strong focus on using data to drive decisions on how to best meet the needs of the Tri-County community. I appreciated the intentional emphasis on collective impact, data-driven needs and measuring our impact as nonprofits.

This support will ensure that thousands of residents on James, Johns and Wadmalaw Islands living in impoverished conditions will receive consistent and emergency dental care from our wellness center, the only dental program in a 15-mile radius on Johns Island, emergency financial assistance to help pay utilities or rent and food items from our Lowcountry Food Bank-designated Wellness Pantry. Each year, with the help of Trident United Way, we are able to help over 6,000 individuals combat the effects of poverty and move along their path to self-sufficiency.”

- Ericka Plater, *Executive Director*
Our Lady of Community Outreach Services, Inc.



“The Summerville Family YMCA, like Trident United Way, believes strongly in the power of collective impact and working together to address the needs in our community. One health issue that is facing our region right now is diabetes; one in three residents in the Tri-County region are living with prediabetes and one in eight people have type 2 diabetes. This funding will allow the Summerville Family YMCA to expand our efforts in diabetes prevention and awareness across the Tri-County region and build on our organizational mission of being a community cornerstone to all. The YMCA’s Diabetes Prevention Program is a 12-month evidence-based program that helps people with prediabetes eat healthier, increase their physical activity and lose weight, which can delay or even prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.”

- Amanda Metzger, *Vice President of Community Impact*
Summerville Family YMCA

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