

Emerging Partnership Planning Grants

Foothills United Way recognizes the opportunity costs associated with deepening collaboration can be challenging to meet through many traditional fundraising opportunities.

You can apply for an Emerging Partnership Planning Grant for up to \$10,000. We require a 1:1 cash match with contributions from multiple partners. These grants are intended to assist your planning process for up to 24 months.

Qualified expenditures will include costs related to:

- Strategic planning consultation and facilitation
- Convening partners
- Documentation of planning
- Creating an information sharing system for the partnership

Groups applying for an *Emerging Partnership Planning Grant* must provide the following items:

1. Organizational documents for a fiscal sponsor
2. Total planning budget
3. Grant request budget
4. Description of grant use
5. Timeline

The *Emerging Partnership Planning Grants* Applications will be available twice a year. The fall applications are due August 11, 2017 and the spring applications are due March 2018 (date TBD).

Award Process

Foothills United Way staff will be reviewing applications and contacting applicants to review their planning needs and to discover what additional support Foothills United Way may be able to provide. This support could include Foothills United Way staff or volunteer involvement in the planning process or a *Community Conversation Grant*. Following these conversations, staff will then be prioritizing requests based on the following factors:

- **Mission:** How well does the initiative align with the Foothills United Way's impact priorities?
- **Inclusivity in Planning:** How effectively has the group addressed full inclusivity in its outlined planning process?
- **Path To the Framework:** Does the outlined planning process lead clearly and realistically to implementation of the *Framework for High-Impact Community Initiatives*?

Final Reports

In order to document learnings on the process of planning for collaboration, representatives from each of the organizations that participate in the planning process will be asked to complete a brief "Lessons Learned" survey regarding their experience. Additionally, representatives of the group will be required to present the plan for implementing the initiative at an annual conference on collaborative health & human service delivery. This will give the new initiative an opportunity to create enthusiasm and support for their work and the community insight into how to become involved with a growing movement in our region.