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## welcome

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# agenda Welcome & Agenda



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### our mission



We work together to improve lives, build a stronger community, and create meaningful opportunities for people to prosper.

# commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB)



- United Way of Greater Houston (UWGH) joins United Way Worldwide in recognizing that structural racism and other forms of oppression have contributed to persistent disparities which United Way of Greater Houston seeks to dismantle.
- The UWGH network:
  - Strives to engage community members, especially those whose voices have traditionally been marginalized.
  - Works with residents and public and private partners to co-create solutions that ensure everyone has the resources, supports, opportunities and networks they need to thrive.
  - Commits to leveraging all of our assets (convening, strategic investments, awareness building, advocacy) to create more equitable communities.
- In support of this commitment, UWGH funded partners shall not engage in discrimination based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or presence of a disability in the delivery of services.

## transformational change



WHO

Poverty population and experiencing ALICE

(14% Poverty + 31% Experiencing ALICE)

**WHAT** 

Providing the opportunity to attain sustainable quality of living via financial stability, supported by early child and youth development, health care and safety net

**WHERE** 

Greater Houston Area (4 county coverage area)

HOW

Transformational change to how UWGH approaches its work



# changes to the integrated client journey and why

Margaret Oser

## funded partner values



We seek to partner with organizations that will actively engage in the Integrated Client Journey, which is a network of partner organizations united to support individuals and families currently experiencing ALICE on the road to financial stability. Within the Integrated Client Journey, we value building partnerships that demonstrate these qualities:

#### **Committed to Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging (DEIB)**

Actively engages with all four of these components within <u>DEIB</u> and also commits to ensuring that all individuals served are being treated fairly and equitably.

#### **Engagement with the Integrated Client Journey (ICJ)**

All levels of the organization are committed to actively engaging in the Integrated Client Journey and communicate across the organization to ensure this vision is achieved. United Way commits to open and transparent communication with its partner organizations.

#### Collaborative

Recognizes that one agency can't do it alone and seek to build intentional collaborations across our network. We believe that a community investment goes beyond dollars granted; we invest in partnerships of shared success and shared learning.

#### **Coaching mindset**

Views clients as the experts in their own lives and as naturally creative, resourceful and whole. Takes a strengths-based approach to serving clients across the entire organization.

#### **Continuous Quality Improvement**

Utilizes data to make programmatic improvements and changes. Committed to tracking data and reporting outcomes. United Way will provide support to organizations who may not have robust data systems in place but seek partners that are willing to commit to improving systems, engaging in learning opportunities and communicating their value.

## funded partner expectations



#### If funding is awarded to your organization, you must agree to:

- Serve individuals and families who are experiencing ALICE or living below the federal poverty level.
- Collaborate and engage with nonprofit, social service organizations convened for the Integrated Client Journey (ICJ) by the UWGH.
- Engage as an active partner within the ICJ by recommending individuals to work with a navigator and accepting referrals from navigators for funded programs and services.
- Participate in the ICJ data collaboration efforts by accepting referrals and sharing data with collaborating organizations through the ICJ Technology Tool. Treat the data with the highest level of confidentiality and security.
- Participate in Agency Partner Collaborative convenings with the purpose of sharing successes, challenges, and documenting best practices.
- To bolster engagement and optimize collaboration across the ICJ:
  - o If funded in Financial Stability service area, participate in THRIVE collaborative convening and coaching networks.
  - o If funded in Youth Development service area, participate in Out 2 Learn (O2L) meetings and quality improvement process known as Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI).
- Submit timely program and financial quarterly reports to the UWGH including measuring common metrics of the Integrated Client Journey (ICJ)
- Adhere to UWGH Standards and Policies for funded partners.

regional model





## identifying and serving ALICE



Income will be assessed at the time of entry and self-reported by the individual/family

**Household** – all adults and children who are currently living together

UWGH will fund programs that primarily serve individuals and families who are experiencing ALICE or living below the federal poverty level.

**Kinder Houston Area Survey:** What was your total household income for all members of the household during the past year?

- Less than \$12,500
- \$12,501 to \$25,000
- \$25,001 to \$37,500
- \$37,501 to \$50,000
- \$50,001 to \$62,500

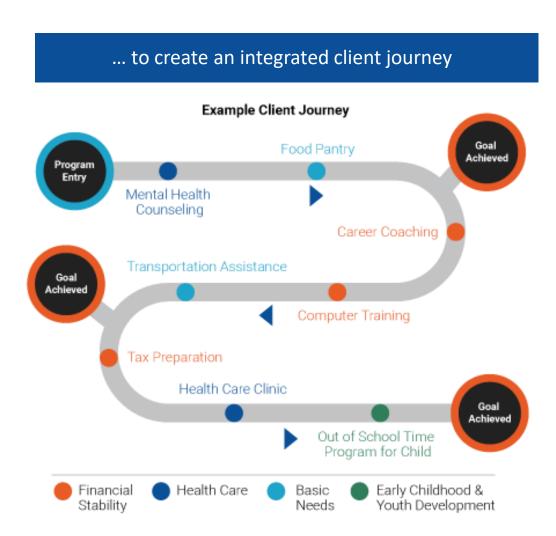
- \$62,501 to \$75,000
- \$75,501 to \$100,000
- \$100,001 to \$150,000
- More than \$150,000

## investment strategy and services



All future funding will be invested within 3 categories across the **Integrated Client Journey (ICJ):** 

- Safety Net Programs basic needs and short-term crisis services
- Integrated Programs financial stability, early childhood and youth development, health care services, and legal services
- Navigation Network serving the Integrated Client Journey



## services along icj



Integrated Client Journey					
Safety Net Programs	Integrated Programs				
Basic Needs & Short-Term Crisis Services:  • Emergency interventions;  • Emergency shelter;  • Rent/mortgage assistance;  • Utility assistance;  • Food assistance;  • Transportation assistance;  • Prescription and medical assistance; and  • Basic needs assistance designated for navigation clients	Financial Stability Services: Income Supports Adult Education Computer Based /Digital Skills Training Bridge Programs Job readiness Vocational training Employment/ Career coaching Workforce Supports Services Financial Coaching Financial Education Financial Products Small business/entrepreneurship supports Asset Building Supports	Early Childhood and Youth Development Services:  • Early Childhood Education  • Out-of-School-Time  • During School Hours or Ancillary Time	Health Care Services:	Legal Services:  • Legal Assistance	
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**Navigators within Integrated Client Journey** 



## overview 2024 single investment process

Lindsey Hill

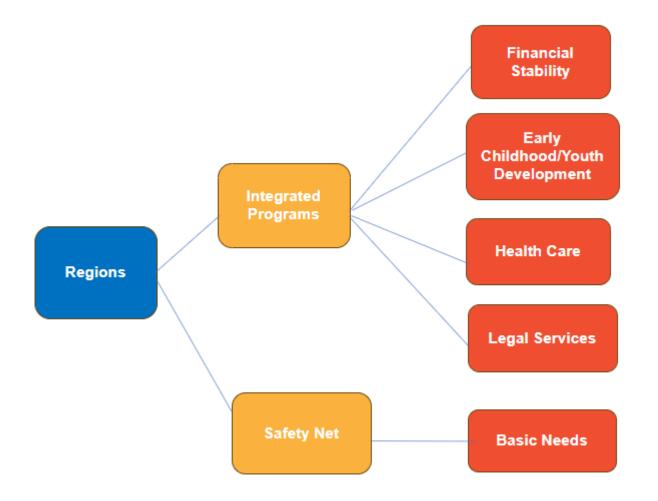
## overview of investment strategy



## Funding will be awarded for up to a three-year commitment

- Results-based flexible funding
- Subject to performance and/or available revenue annually throughout the funding cycle

Dependent upon the agency's budget size and scope of work, we **anticipate total funding amounts** will generally be between \$100,000 to \$2 million



## funding eligibility and requirements



- 501(c)3 for at least three years
- Primarily serves and focuses on those experiencing ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) or living below the poverty line
- Services are offered within the four-county region of Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Waller Counties
- Provides a service that meets United Way's definition of services
- Complete organizational review which assesses organizational health related to financial health and governance strength
- Fully committed to the values of partnership that include commitment to DEIB, engagement with the ICJ, collaborative, coaching mindset and continuous quality improvement

## funding request guidance



#### We want the full suite of services in each region

Maximum funding amount would not be awarded to a single agency in one region

Use the interactive regional map to determine how much to request

Investment per region are based upon households experiencing ALICE and living below federal poverty level, BIPOC, and additional service needs data

- Impact should match funding request
- Request must be intentional, not a dream list

\$2 million awards will be the exception, not the rule

Application should reflect an annual (one-year) request

## 2024 single investment process (SIP) timeline



January 2024

Funding Announcement February 15, 2024

Funding Conference & Application open **March 2024** 

Technical assistance

April 18, 2024

Applications Due at 8 pm CST December 2024

Funding Notification Spring 2025

Onboarding and Funding begins

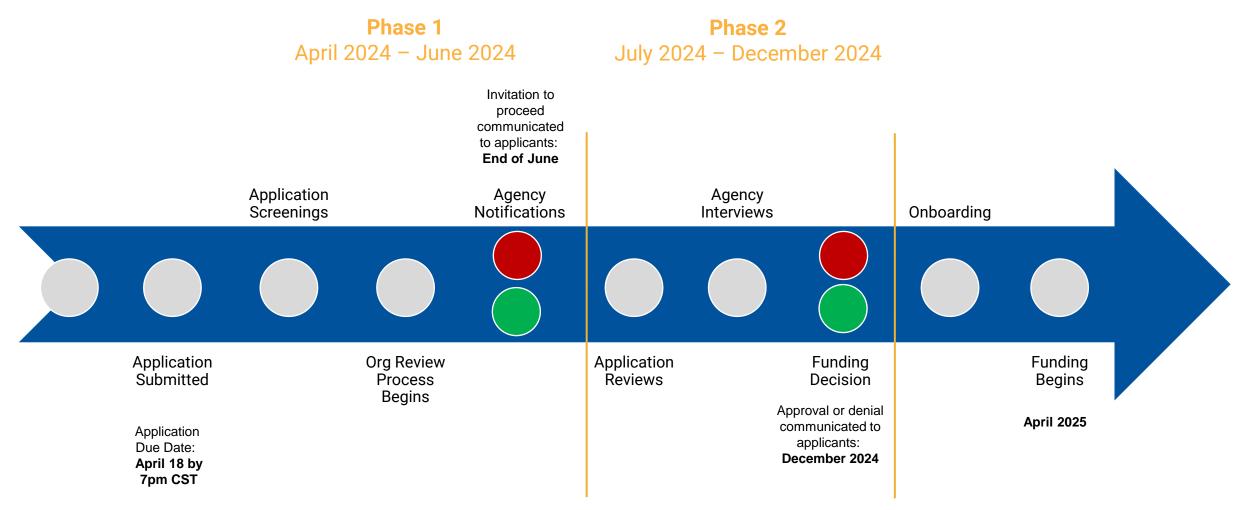


# sip application 2024

Jessica Davison

## application process





Applications screened, reviewed and interviews facilitated by community volunteers and UWGH cross-functional staff team

### what does it consist of?



#### FOR RETURNING & NEW APPLICANTS:

Application includes 2 components: **Application Questions** and **Organizational Review** 

**Application Questions** are divided into three sections

- Agency
- Program
- Composition

#### FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY:

**Organizational Review** includes

- Agency Budget
- Questions and upload links for governance and financial health

Component	Sections		
Application Questions (RETURNING & NEW APPLICANTS)	<ul> <li>Agency         <ul> <li>Introduction of Agency</li> <li>ICJ &amp; CQI*</li> <li>Organization Chart (org chart)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Program         <ul> <li>Region(s) Intending to Serve</li> <li>Funding Amount Request &amp; Client Projection</li> </ul> </li> <li>Composition         <ul> <li>Demographics of Executive Leader (CEO/ED)</li> <li>Demographics of Board of Directors</li> <ul> <li>Demographics of Agency Staff</li> </ul> </ul></li> </ul>		
Organizational Review (NEW APPLICANTS ONLY)	<ul> <li>Agency Budget</li> <li>Questions &amp; Upload Links for Governance &amp; Financial Health</li> </ul>		

## e-cimpact

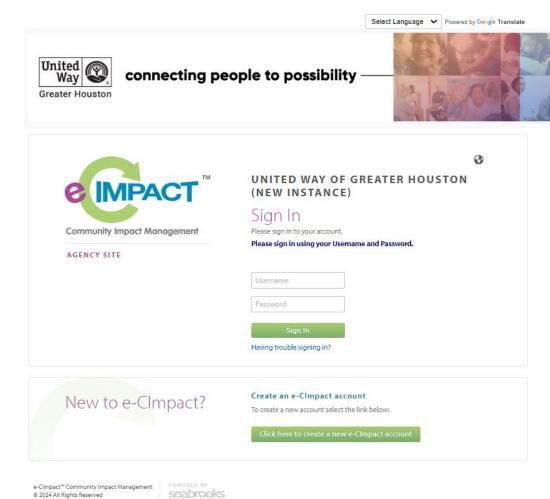


#### **Link to e-Cimpact Portal:**

https://agency.ecimpact.com/login.aspx?org=UWGH

#### To get started:

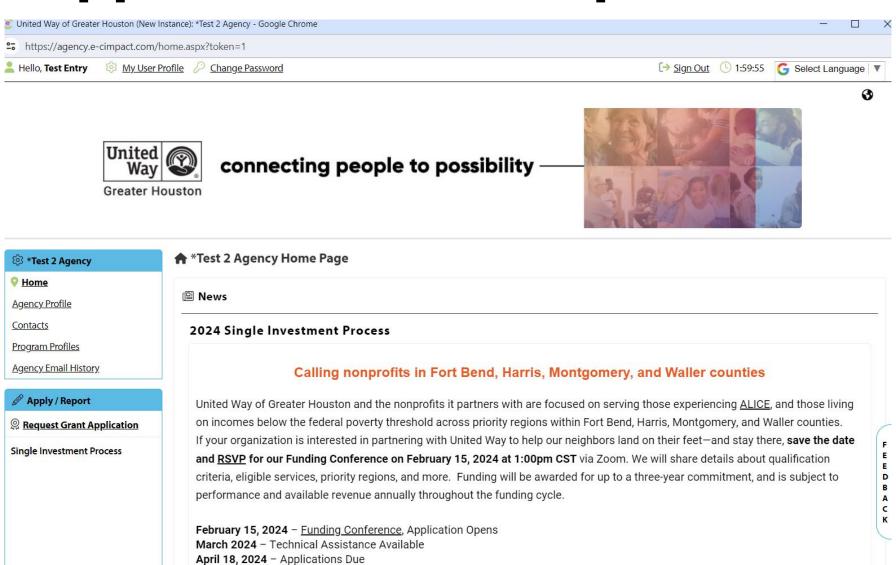
- New Applicants will need to create an e-Cimpact account
- Returning Applicants will need to add the 2025-2028 Funding Application to their existing e-Cimpact account



## access application in e-cimpact

December 2024 - Funding Announcement





## additional resources



Technical Assistance	NPC Trainings	Additional Resources
Technical Assistance Calls     February 22, 2024; 10 – 11 am     March 6, 2024; 1 – 2 pm     March 18, 2024; 11 – 12 pm     April 4, 2024; 2 – 3 pm	Grant Writing Refresher by Nonprofit Connection (NPC)  • March 11, 2024; 11:30 – 1pm  • April 10, 2024; 9 – 10:30 am	<ul> <li>UWGH's Website</li> <li>Funding Announcement</li> <li>Funding Conference Slide Deck &amp; Recording</li> <li>Application &amp; link to e-Cimpact</li> <li>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</li> <li>Interactive Regional Profiles Dashboard</li> <li>Comprehensive list of eligible services</li> <li>ICJ Logic Model</li> <li>Standards and Policies</li> <li>Registration links for Technical Assistance Calls &amp; NPC Trainings</li> <li>More information on ALICE</li> </ul>

## for additional questions



If you have questions after today's Funding Conference, please contact the Mission & Strategy team at <a href="MANdStrategy@unitedwayhouston.org">MANdStrategy@unitedwayhouston.org</a>.

## panelist for questions

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#### **Moderator**



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Margaret Oser Vice President, Mission and Strategy



**Panelist** 



Jessica Davison Sr. Director, Mission and Strategy



Lindsey Hill
Director, Strategic
Initiatives



**Shauna Harris**Director, Early
Childhood



# closing

Application are due April 18, 2024, by 8pm CST (no extensions available).



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