

United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie Special Projects/Emergency Fund

The goal of the Special Projects/Emergency Fund is to provide financing for innovative projects on a short-term basis, separate from United Way's annual grants program.

Applications will be considered from currently funded United Way agencies; other registered charities providing human care services; and other groups proposing to provide such services, working with a registered charity.

These projects should not duplicate existing services and address existing community needs. In particular for 2007-08, the United Way is interested in, but not limited to, proposals in the following areas:-

Housing
Youth
Immigrants
Rehabilitation & Support
Communication & Planning

Proposals may be for both "one-time" projects, or for longer-term programs which require some seed money and/or a trial operating period. There is no guarantee of future funding beyond the initial Special Projects/Emergency Fund grant however.

Grants will range to a maximum of \$10,000 and will be available every 90 days during the year according to the following deadlines.

Grant Date April 1 – Deadline Feb. 15
Grant Date July 1 – Deadline May 15
Grant Date Oct. 1 – Deadline Aug. 15
Grant Date Jan. 1 – Deadline Nov. 15

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding, an organization must:

- Provide a financial and outcomes report upon completion of the project
- Deliver the services/program to the citizens of Niagara Falls and/or Fort Erie
- Agree to use the funds only for the approved project
- Complete the project within one year from the time of funding.