

2026 Community Impact Application

Each year United Way provides the opportunity for non-profit organizations providing human services in Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, or Shelby Counties to apply to become a Community Impact Agency.

Community Impact Agencies benefit financially from the United Way's Annual Campaign, but are also granted a membership into the United Way providing additional publicity opportunities, notoriety, training, and more. This application is to apply for the distinction as a Community Impact Agency from May of 2026 to April of 2027.

In order to be eligible to apply, the work of organizations must align with United Way's areas of focus and priority areas as well as be in line with priorities outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan. In depth information on those can be found on the United Way website at <http://unitedwaymta.org/community-impact> and <https://unitedwaymta.org/community-needs>

Applications and all required documents are due to United Way by Saturday, February 15th at 11:59pm.

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The Paris Senior Citizens Community Center

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Fiscal Year Start and End Date

July 1 – June 30

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I certify I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the organization.

☒ Yes

Organization's Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, and economic well-being of older adults and those with disabilities.

Organization's Vision Statement

We promote participation in all aspects of community life by providing opportunities for independence, socialization, recreation, nutrition, education, information and referral, volunteerism, health, and fitness and as well as all aspects of social services. We envision a caring and healthy community which encourages inter-generational relationships, recognizes the wisdom and experience of its elders, and demonstrates awareness and respect for the aging progress. To see no senior hungry.

Provide a 25-word summary of your organization.

We strive to provide nutritious meals and to promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and economic well-being of older adults and for those with disabilities.

How many dollars are you applying for from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

\$30,000

Are you currently receiving dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Have you ever received dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

☒ Yes

☐ No

What is your organization applying for funding from United Way for?

☐ Specific Project/Program - dollars will be designated to only be utilized for a specific purpose.

☒ General Support - dollars will be considered general revenue to the organization.

If applying for dollars for a specific project/program, name of the project/program.

Give a **brief** overview of the program(s) your organization implements. Provide headings above each program.

*****If applying for specific project/program dollars give the overview of that project/program FIRST*****

Congregate meals – Provide nutritious meals to senior citizens, as well as members of general public, Monday–Friday.

Home Delivered Meals – provide meals to currently five people who no longer meet Meals on Wheels program with Monroe City, and established fundraising to provide for cost.

Volunteer Program – our volunteer program fills more than just workers; it provides a social environment for many that would otherwise be lonely.

Donations & Fundraising – As of December 1, 2024, we became an independent Center, no longer recipient of NEMO funding. We have retired debt, from outstanding accounts payables to mortgage on building. We host community fundraising events, card playing evenings, Lenten Breakfasts, and have developed a very strong support base in our community from businesses, individuals, organizations, and schools in their desire to see the Center thrive.

Emergency Shelter – in event of power failure, the Center can operate as an emergency shelter for protection during power outages or in extremely hot weather.

Adopt a Senior – Providing free meals to those in the community that cannot afford the cost for meals.

What data shows the work you would do with United Way dollars is needed in our community?
Share the correlation between the programs you hope to implement with United Way funds and this data. Share the source of the data.

The needs identified in the 2025 CHNA report and the priority of needs outlined in the 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan. Monroe County has the highest percentage of Medicare enrollees in the region at 26.2%. The Paris Senior Citizens Community Center is positioned to help seniors/disabled residents access information to health insurance information and access to the local health services. The Center partners with the Monroe County Health Department to promote health care services including health screenings for chronic conditions and access to flu shots. The Center will invite and host healthcare advocates to assist Monroe County residents who need to apply or renew Medicaid and Medicare plans. The Center will also partner with healthcare advocates and Monroe County Health Department to provide health insurance literacy to educate residents on understanding and accessing health services including telehealth. The Center will provides nutritional meals to help those who may not be able to cook for themselves or have the money to buy nutritious foods. The Center provides meals that meet dietary needs for those with chronic health conditions including diabetes, obesity and hypertension. The Center can partner with the Monroe County Health Department to provide health literacy education regarding chronic disease prevention and management.

How will your organization measure the success of the programs it implements in the community?
What kind of change/improvement does your organization anticipate seeing in the community by doing your work?

The Paris Center Citizens Center will measure the success of services by the number of meal provided daily, the number of volunteers and volunteer hours reported on a monthly basis, the amount of funding donated through fundraising events and community donations, the number of residents that attend education and outreach events hosted at the Center. The Center will continue to be valued as a local, fun and inviting place to gather for meals and social connections; while adding a location to provide additional health access to resources and education for the senior/disabled community.

Are there other organizations in our community addressing the same need and implementing similar programs who serve the same geographic area as your organization?

The Paris Senior Center is the only one in the Paris, and it serves Monroe county.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which focus area(s) would your work with these dollars align to?

- ☒ Healthy Community
- ☐ Youth Opportunity
- ☐ Financial Security
- ☐ Community Resiliency

Explain how your work would align with the selected focus area(s). Please ensure you have reviewed how United Way defines these focus areas.

The Paris Senior Citizens Center strives to continually evaluate how our program is administered, keep abreast of financial opportunities to help meet our needs in the way of grants and funding programs available. The Center staff plan menus with nutrition in mind, recognizing that meals need to be not only nutritional but appealing in appearance (congregate and in-home) and to promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and economic well being of older adults and for those with disabilities through various avenues made available to the Center, as well as opportunities for fundraising and socializing, provide opportunities to volunteer – giving them a sense of self-worth, contributing instead of “just taking” by giving back. We partner with various groups – School, Chamber, Organizations, Churches, 4-H, which provide many avenues for improving life for our seniors and those with disabilities. Our home delivered meals program allows those who deliver the meals to interact with the home delivered clients in order to ensure they have help when needed, nutritious meals or other assistance.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which priority area(s) would your work with these dollars align to?

- ☒ Supporting Critical Services
- ☐ Providing Opportunities for Upward Mobility

Explain how your work would align with the selected priority area(s). Please ensure you have reviewed how United Way defines these priority areas.

We educate the seniors on upcoming events, health news, fraud facts. We are helping financially by providing a nutritious meal (meeting special dietary needs) at a low cost and by providing healthy options they could not otherwise afford.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which priority health need(s) outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan would your work with these dollars align to if applicable?

- ☐ Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders
- ☒ Access to & Affordability of Care
- ☐ Housing & Homelessness
- ☐ Transportation
- ☒ Chronic Disease Prevention & Management
- ☐ Workforce Development (Health & Social Sectors)

Explain how your work would align with the selected priority health need(s). Correlate your work to what is shared in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

The 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment identifies seniors/older adults age 65 and older as an at-risk and vulnerable population. Due to older adults living on fixed incomes and having higher out of pocket costs for prescriptions and specialized care, they struggle to meet their basic needs. Many of our older residents receive Medicaid and Medicare for medical services and some are disabled. Older adults in the region are reported to have multiple chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. The Paris Senior Citizens Center provides nutritious meals to older adults at an affordable cost that assists those that have healthy dietary needs and are on fixed incomes. The community often donates free meal tickets to the Center for those who cannot afford the suggested fee for a meal. This helps residents who cannot afford nutritional meals have access. The CHNA reported an increase in the need for mental health services among the elderly who live alone. The Paris Senior Citizens Center provides a clean, healthy, and safe environment for older adults and the community to gather and socially interact. The Center provides activities monthly to engage members beyond providing meals. These activities promote social support and connections that promote health and social well-being of older adults. Transportation is a barrier in rural communities for older adults. The Paris Senior Citizens Center is located near the main street and across from the Monroe County Health Department. The local primary care physician is next door to the Paris Senior Citizens Center. The location provides opportunities for residents to hear about health services such as vaccination clinics and health check clinics in the community and access them within walking distance of the Center.

Describe the demographic makeup of the clients you would serve with funding from United Way. United Way prioritizes the needs of individuals who are marginalized (individuals living in poverty, minorities, children without parental support, etc.).

One of the top three marginalized populations identified in the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment is seniors/older adults. This group is impacted by living in a rural community with limited services available. The Paris Senior Citizens Center provides access to nutritional meals and social connections to residents in the community. Residents can access the Center with few transportation barriers. They share rides with their neighbors and pick up meals for friends, family, and neighbors. Seniors feel comfortable driving to the Center, where they would not want to drive out of town for services. Residents can access the local OATS bus for transportation to the Center and other services in the community. As stated above, the Paris Senior Citizens Center location provides access to both nutritional and health service access to residents. The Paris Senior Citizens Center mission aligns with the Monroe County Health Departments vision Monroe County will become a health environment for family living, as well as The United Way of Mark Twain Area's Mission to increase the capacity of people to care for one another. The Paris Senior Citizens Center draws volunteers from all ages, gender, races, and backgrounds to engage and interact with the older adult residents in the community. It is a community center that promotes care, compassion, and social connections within the community.

Dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area can ONLY be used to support programs in Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Lewis, and Shelby Counties in Missouri. If you serve additional counties, how can you prove dollars are only used to support the work of these counties?

Our service area includes Santa Fe (Monroe County), Perry (Ralls), and Paris area – we do not serve other counties.

What other revenue streams are utilized to support the program you are applying to the United Way to receive funding for?

In addition to funds we might receive from United Way, we have a very coordinated fundraising program, through donations, grants, space rental and catered meals.

Explain the impact funding from United Way will have on the work of your organization if selected to receive funding from May 2026-April 2027.

As of December 1, 2024, the Paris Senior Citizens Center no longer receives funding through NEMO, and became an independent Center. Without United Way funding, it will be a greater struggle to continue the agency's mission. The funding received allows the Center to not only provide nutritional but health needs for meals. Donations ebb and flow, fundraising competes with others in the community; however, the need does not diminish. Grants are becoming more competitive based on stringent criteria required and the ever-increasing number of organizations finding themselves seeking funding to continue and/or grow their programs. Food costs have skyrocketed, and there does not seem to be an end in sight according to the Center's primary vendors. Without United Way funding, new requests could leave the most vulnerable among our community wait-listed.

Explain any collaborations with other agencies.

The The Paris Senior Citizens Community Center works with the Food Bank for North Central Missouri to supply commodity boxes, the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce for fundraising, the Monroe County Health Department for blood pressure clinics and flu shots, Paris Rotary, Paris Lions Club, Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Paris High School, American Legion, Ministerial Alliance and all area churches, FFA, FBLA and several other school organizations, 4-H and the Extension office.

For organizations that have been a United Way Community Impact Agency previously: How has your organization shown that your organization receives funding from United Way and partnered with the United Way organization?

In the past as a recipient, the Paris Senior Citizens Community Center enthusiastically supported United Way year-round. United Way of Mark Twain Area funding is critical to accomplish the Center's mission of serving senior citizens in Paris, Madison, and rural Monroe County. It starts on a personal level for the the staff and board. The The Paris Senior Citizens Community Center staff placed a United Way banner on the building, and encouraged signs throughout town for United Way supporters. The Center staff and board members attended events hosted by United Way, provided cookies and served at the United Way cookie stand at the Ozark Life Festival in Hannibal. The Center board members solicited donations during the fall campaign. The Center staff and board members successfully raised awareness of United Way in Monroe County.

If your organization previously has been a United Way Community Impact Agency, outside of receiving monthly financial support, how else has your organization benefited?

Organization Best Practices Questionnaire

Complete the following form answering questions relating to organization best practices. This information will not necessarily make an organization ineligible for status as a Community Impact Agency with United Way, but might result in the need for additional information for United Way.

PROGRAMS & MISSION:

Is your organization's mission statement able to be found prominently at your organization, on your organization's website, and on printed materials about your organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization ensure all programs of your organization align with the mission of the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a strategic plan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Need more information

BOARD:

Does your organization have a board of directors that meets at least once a year to oversee the affairs of the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a board of directors made up of a diverse group of people (age, gender, education, background, ethnicity, etc.)?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a process to recruit new board members?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization provide training to new board members?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Has your organization reviewed its bylaws in the last 12 months?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board approve the annual budget?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board review financial statements on at least a quarterly basis?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board annually disclose conflicts of interest?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization maintain meeting minutes for all board meetings?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

How frequently does your board meet?

monthly except for the month of December

Does your organization's bylaws include term limits for board members?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Do all of your organization's board members give financially to the organization, or if they are unable to give financially, do they volunteer their time to the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

EMPLOYER QUESTIONS:

If your organization has employees, do you have an employee handbook?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☐ N/A

If your organization has employees, are there up to date job descriptions for those employees?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☐ N/A

If your organization has an Executive Director, is that director evaluated on an annual basis by the board of directors?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☐ N/A

FINANCE & LEGALITY:

In the last year has there been any government agency led investigations of your organization?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

Is your organization registered with the Secretary of State's Office and is that registration up to date?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Did your organization file the IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N in a timely manner (within ten and a half months of your last fiscal year end)?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Was a copy of the IRS Form 990 provided to the organization's board of directors before it was filed?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Has your organization reviewed its policies and procedures in the last 12 months?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a financial policy in place to oversee the paying of invoices?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a policy in place to reimburse employees or volunteers for expenses?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a policy in place for receiving cash and making deposits?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

How much does your organization have in operating reserves per your most recent financial statement?

\$23,000

How many months does that operating reserves equate to in regards to average monthly expenses?

2 months

Any details you want to share about your organization's operating reserves?

Reserves have decreased

File Uploads

Following are the required documents - United Way must receive ALL required documents by Saturday, February 15th in order to be eligible to become a Community Impact Agency.

NUMBER SERVED: Please submit your numbers served using THIS link:

[2026 Number of People Served at the Agency – Fill out form](#)

Number of Individuals Served - USE THIS LINK: [2026 Number of People Served at the Agency – Fill out form](#)

☒ Form Submitted

Organization Budget - Form found on Website or can use own format - Upload as Spreadsheet



Organization Bud...



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Program/Project Budget (if applying for program/project dollars) - Form found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet



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Most Recent IRS 990



SCCC Form 990 ...



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Federal IRS Determination Letter - Not required for returning applicants



IRS Letter - Emily...



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For budgets over \$300,000 please upload your most recently completed audit.



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For budgets of \$20,000-\$300,000 please upload a Compilation Report prepared by a CPA (or bring a copy to the United Way Office if no full audit).



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For budgets under \$20,000, please upload most recent approved financial statement.



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Board Member Listing - Form Found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet



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Key Employee Listing - Form Found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet



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Organization's most recent Annual Report (if applicable)



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Upload Agency's Bylaws - Required for new applicants, required for returning applicants if any changes have been made in past year.



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