



United Way
of the Tri-Valley Area

*The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area improves people's lives by uniting people and resources. Money raised through its annual fundraising campaign funds programs in Greater Franklin County. This money is distributed in a variety of ways throughout the year and they are called Community Investments. These investments include funding programs coordinated by Community Partners (**Community Partner Investments**); funding for children's unmet needs (**The Hope Fund**), and support for projects that address emergent needs (**Special Projects**); which is described below. All decisions are made by a Community Investment Team comprised of diverse community members who represent all regions of Greater Franklin County.*

The Special Projects Fund

- Special Projects funding is designed to provide resources to address emergent human service needs in Greater Franklin County on a one-time basis. Preference will be given to programs and projects that are collaborative and innovative in nature.
- Existing Community Partners may apply, however only requests for new programs and projects that are not currently funded by the United Way will be reviewed.
- Applicants do not need to be 501c(3) non-profit organizations.
- Awards will not generally exceed \$5,000.
- Applications are completed on-line at <https://www.uwtva.org/what-we-do/funding/special-projects>
- Approving Authority Structure:
 - ≤ \$500 – Executive Director & CIT Chair
 - \$501 - \$2,500 – E-mail voting by Special Projects Review Committee
 - ≥ \$2,501 – Convene Special Projects Committee in Person to Interview Applicant
- Committee Chair will be responsible for presenting to the Board of Directors a summary of approved projects.
- United Way staff, volunteers and Board members can encourage individuals and organizations to apply.
- Funds must be used as agreed; requests for changes must be submitted in writing to the Special Projects Committee for approval.
- Funds must be spent within one year of the award; unspent funds will be returned to UWTVA.
- A six-month report is required as well as a final report which is due to the United Way within 30 days of the completion of the project.