



United Way
of South Hampton Roads

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United Way Funding Review Panels 2023-2024 Community Investments Volunteer Opportunity

United Way of South Hampton Roads (United Way) is currently seeking new panel volunteers to lead the review process for our 2023-24 Community Investments. Each year, community volunteers generously contribute time and talent to play a leadership role in the review process for United Way certification and funding. Funding review panel volunteers should be individuals who have graciously donated to United Way of South Hampton Roads and therefore have a vested interest in the direction of our funding.

This is a unique opportunity for you to:

- Contribute positively to the community
- Assure the allocation of funds have the greatest impact possible
- Learn more about the work of the United Way and local nonprofits
- Grow personally and professionally, and build your network

This year, United Way is funding programmatic support grants to organizations who provide programming in the core focus areas of economic mobility, health, education.

- **Economic Mobility:** Economic mobility awards will support organizations that ensure our neighbors have access to tools and resources to increase income, minimize debt and improve financial stability. Areas of focus include: home buying, transportation, childcare, financial literacy, financial management, employment and workforce development.
- **Health:** Health awards will support organizations that ensure our neighbors have their basic needs met and are able to build positive wellbeing. Areas of focus include: safe and affordable housing, access to nutritious food, physical and mental health (including programs that prevent or mitigate the effects of trauma), violence prevention and social support.
- **Education:** Education awards will support organizations that ensure children have the support they need to achieve developmental milestones, develop social and emotional skills, overcome barriers to learning and successfully transition to young adulthood with a path to independence. Areas of focus include: kindergarten readiness, youth development, reading and math, out-of-school time programs and social-emotional learning programs.

The following overview provides a sense of what to expect when serving on the Funding Review Panels. Volunteers typically serve on one funding review panel at a time.

- **Purpose:** Panelists review applications for funding. There will be four Funding Review Panels: economic mobility, health, education and cross-cutting (applications that include more than one core focus area).
- **Expertise:** The goal is to have diverse experience and perspective on each Panel. We seek committed volunteers from all sectors and across all career stages who have a passion for giving back and making a difference in our community. In addition, we are seeking a portion of volunteers to have subject knowledge related to the panel they are serving on, but it is certainly not a requirement for all volunteers.



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- **Commitment:** Volunteers participate in an orientation and training. Panelists will then read and score applications individually. After the application scoring, volunteers lead agency interviews to learn more about the organizations applying for funding and ask additional questions. After the interviews, Panelists will meet to deliberate and make recommendations to the Community Investments Committee.
 - Two panel meetings for training and deliberations (4 hours), virtual agency interviews (5-6 hours), and time to review your panel’s applications.
 - Total estimated time: 20-25 hours (includes time to review applications independently).

Funding Review Panel Dates	
Deadline to Apply to Volunteer	Please apply as soon as possible, but the last day would be Tuesday, February 28
Panel Training	Thursday, March 2 from 2-3 PM or Monday, March 6 from 11 AM – 12 PM
Panel Reads and Scores Applications	March 7 – 17
Agency Interviews	March 20-31 (TBD) These interviews will be conducted over Zoom and are 30 minutes each. We will work with the panel to determine the best schedule and make sure there is coverage from volunteers at all interviews. Each panel member will not be required to attend all interviews.
Panel Deliberations Meeting	April 17 - 21 (TBD)

[Please click here and complete the survey to sign up for a Funding Review Panel](#)

We look forward to working with you to build a brighter future for the 757!

For questions, please contact:

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