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**United Way Funding Review Panels  
2023-2024 Grassroots Community Building Grants  
Volunteer Opportunity**

United Way of South Hampton Roads (United Way) is currently seeking new panel volunteers to lead the review process for our 2023-2024 Grassroots Community Building Grants.

We envision a community where every person belongs, and every person thrives. To reach that vision, we are committed to making strategic investments in alignment with our ongoing efforts and initiatives, including achieving academic success and moving families from surviving to thriving. We recognize this will require a community-wide, collective effort, with many partners and entities all working together for systems change, and we are committed to supporting and walking alongside agencies to make it happen.

In support of that effort, we recently launched our Grassroots Community Building Grants to allow access to United Way funding for organizations that may not meet our agency certification standards, but are doing critical work in the community, particularly among marginalized populations. This RFP will fund agencies and programs on a rolling basis from January 2023 – December 2024, in addition to providing access to a toolkit of capacity building resources.

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

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 and provide subject matter expertise and strategic alignment of United Way investments.

• **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.

- o Two panel meetings for training and deliberations (4 hours), virtual agency interviews (2-3 hours), and time to review your panel's applications.
- o Total estimated time: 15-20 hours (includes time to review applications independently).

Deadline to Apply to Volunteer	Please Apply as soon as possible, as grants are given on a rolling basis.
Panel Training	Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10-11:30am Thursday, January 26, 2023 2pm-3:30pm
Panel Reads and Scores Applications	Monday, January 30, 2023-Monday, February 6, 2023
Agency Interviews	February 7-9, 2023  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.

**[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!**

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