SOCIAL COMPACT GRANTS PROGRAM: ADDRESSING POVERTY IN MILWAUKEE

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GRANT OVERVIEW

Social Compact Grants are supported through a collaboration between Solutions Central (a project of the Division of Global Inclusion & Engagement) and the Social Entrepreneurship, Justice & Equity Compact (SEJEC).

The Social Compact Grants committee at UWM welcomes applications for grants that support or initiate quantifiable solutions to alleviating poverty in Milwaukee. Grant proposals must illustrate strategies for demonstrating measurable outcomes and lead to sustainable collaborations or efforts. Of the total $200,000 available, the committee will award an unspecified number of grants up to $25,000 each.

The Social Compact Grants program is part of a larger effort for UWM, in conjunction with community partners, to continue responding to the challenges associated with poverty in Milwaukee. These efforts are designed to engage a broad cross section of the campus and community and bring diverse perspectives to solving problems and creating value in society.

Each grant application must therefore have at least one UWM partner and at least one community partner. Applications may have multiple partners from the community, university or both and correspond to the partners identified on the application cover page. Interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

**Community Partner:** Any community-based group or individual representing such groups serving Milwaukee.

**UWM Partner:** Any UWM faculty, academic staff, school, department, or individual representing such groups.

GRANT FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES & THEMES

Social Compact Grants support community-UWM collaborations that address poverty. Collaborative grants may include, but are not limited to, any of the following themes & strategies:

**Equity**
- Reading/Literacy
- Educational Achievement Gap
- Graduation and Retention Rates
- School Suspensions

**Justice**
- Influencing Public Policy
- Housing
- Food Justice
- Re-Entry/Recidivism

**Employment/Jobs**
- Social Innovation/Entrepreneurship and Business Development
- Community Development
- Workforce Readiness & Job Creation
- Sustaining partnerships/collaborations

**Others**
- Community Health and Wellness
- Parenting Support

The ideal grant application centers on a project that brings together a UWM program with community resources such as neighborhood improvement groups, community centers, schools, and health agencies.
**GRANT CYCLE**

Grants are eligible for one year of funding. The grant cycle extends from September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017. All Social Compact Grant funds must be exhausted by August 31, 2017.

**PLEASE NOTE:** GRANT FUNDS MUST BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UW-SYSTEM GUIDELINES.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Completed applications are due in the Chancellor’s Program office by 4:00pm on Thursday, April 28, 2016, or be postmarked by this date. Applications may also be faxed to Christy Uttech at 414-229-4331 or emailed to webercl@uwm.edu in PDF format only.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- GRANT AWARDS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BY JUNE 1, 2016

**APPLICATION DROP-OFF AND MAILING ADDRESS**

Christy Uttech, Program Officer
Chancellor’s Office
Attn: Social Compact Grants Competition
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
P.O. Box 413, Chapman 202
Milwaukee, WI  53201

**SOCIAL COMPACT GRANT RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS**

**ORIENTATION**

All Social Compact Grant recipients must attend an orientation session (each project will have their own meeting and all project participants must be present) to be scheduled for June/July 2016. Grant funds cannot be accessed until the orientation has been held.

***All Social Compact Grant partners MUST be present at their orientation.***

**DOCUMENTATION & MONITORING**

i. **Social Compact Grant Reports**

   Grant recipients will submit two reports: one at the mid-point of the grant cycle and one at the close of the grant cycle. All reporting materials must be provided to the Chancellor’s Office Program office.

ii. **Documentation**

   Grant recipients must submit to the Chancellor’s Office documentation (photos, video, audio, etc.), when applicable, of project activities. Consent/Release forms and/or permission are the responsibility of grant recipients.

iii. **Publicity Materials**

   Publications related to corresponding Social Compact Grant activities must be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office Program.

iv. **Acknowledgement of SEJEC**

   Grant recipients must acknowledge the Social Compact Grant program in any publications, advertisements, promotional materials, or public statements.

**INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

To promote sustained campus and community involvement, all grant recipients are required to attend three activities during the grant period:

- **Kick-Off Event** – Friday, August 19, 2016
- **Mid-Point Event** – date to be determined
- **End of Cycle Event** – date to be determined

**APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications will be evaluated using these broad criteria.

- Projected or demonstrable impact on poverty
- Clearly defined outcomes for the project
- Sustainability of the effort
- Leverage obtained through matching and partnerships
- Strengthening UWM/Community linkages and partnerships
SOCIAL COMPACT GRANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

☐ Application Cover Page *(Include project title, names, department/organization, and contact information for project leaders)*

✓ If the grant involves more than one community or UWM partner – be sure to include their information on the application cover page

☐ Project Abstract *(Maximum 200 words)*

☐ Project Description *(Maximum 1500 word narrative)*

This narrative should address how the project was conceived, the ways in which the project fosters community/UWM partnerships, the impact it may have on the community. It should also clearly specify expected outcomes of the project and how this will be measured, assessed, and documented.

a. How does this grant request relate to your research interests?
   ✓ How does it involve community partners?
   ✓ Is it affiliated with a specific UWM program/unit?

b. How does this grant request fit in your on-going programmatic activities?
   ✓ Does it extend an existing program?
   ✓ Is it a start-up for new programming?

☐ Timeline schedule of activities and events *(Incorporate how you will document and submit these materials to the Chancellor’s Office Program.)*

☐ Two-page CV is also required from both the community partner and the UWM partner.

☐ Letter of Agreement

One letter of agreement must be submitted per application and be signed by each partner as identified on the application cover page. It should specify the details of the collaboration and clearly outline the expected contributions and expected benefits for each partner.

1) Name: ________________________________ Position: ________________________________

2) Name: ________________________________ Position: ________________________________

☐ Itemized Budget Request *(Include all expenses)*

Please provide a clear and detailed budget for your grant application. A total project budget is required, including funding from other sources, pending, or considered in-kind, if applicable. Budget assistance is available at uwm.edu/officeofresearch/budget-development. (Grant funding will be determined by the evaluation committee and may differ from amount requested. Co-sponsorship is strongly encouraged.)
APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Program Schedule: Begin Date _________________________________  End Date ___________________________________________

Community Partner:

Project Leader: ____________________________ Position: ______________________________________________________________

Organization: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Work Phone: ____________________________ Home or Mobile Phone: _________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________ Website: ________________________________________________________________

UWM Partner:

Project Leader: ____________________________ Position: ______________________________________________________________

Organization: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Work Phone: ____________________________ Home or Mobile Phone: _________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________ Website: ________________________________________________________________

* Be sure to include contact information for each participant identified on Letter of Agreement.