

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PROCESS

The United Way of North Central Florida Community Investment Fund is made up of the donations that are NOT designated to individual 501(c)(3) agencies. As a result of the United Way Community Investment Fund grants, many UWNCFL community impact partner agencies receive matching governmental funds.

United Way’s Community Investment Counsel volunteers provide accountability for donations to the Community Investment Fund. They make sure your dollars will be directed to local agency programs and community initiatives that attack the root causes of community problems, such as nurturing children and youth, increasing people’s economic self-sufficiency, promoting health, wellness and safety, as well as meeting people’s basic needs. Trained, knowledgeable volunteers - people who live and work in our community - spend thousands of hours researching, visiting and discussing how best to invest your gift to United Way impact partner agency programs. They participate in extensive reviews of service plans, budgets, agency responses to questions and records of results that are organized around major service categories and programs.

*“Through local United Way funding, Peaceful Paths is able to accomplish two important budget goals: demonstrating local support to outside funders and supplying the leverage necessary to **draw in larger grants**. Local support is always a part of funding requests from government grants and showing the United Way partnership allows us to highlight not only the funding we receive, but the collaboration that exists. The United Way dollars allow us to plan out leverage for funding opportunities and we regularly leverage these funds 3-5 times in annual grant requests. Making the community contribution go further is a bonus for us and the donors making it possible.”*

- Dr. Theresa Beachy, Executive Director, Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network

When you choose not to designate your donation, but to give to the Community Investment Fund, you are helping to make north central Florida a stronger and safer place to live. You are investing in programs that help your colleagues, friends and neighbors when times get rough. And, you’re investing in a trusted organization that provides leadership and vision to address critical long-term issues.

“The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County (ELCAC) has an unparalleled capacity to leverage Community Investment Funds. Since our federal funds require matching dollars from the state, the overall result is a leverage of almost 16:1.

*For example, this year’s United Way grant of \$100,000 translates into \$ 1,567,000 in federal funds flowing into Alachua County, in addition to the UWNCFL dollars. Therefore, the ELCAC is able to **provide \$1,657,000 in direct services to children.**”*

- Gordon Tremaine, CEO, The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County



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