UNITED WAY BASIC NONPROFIT PARTNER STANDARDS

1. The organization must be incorporated as a nonprofit health or social welfare organization or chartered as a local unit of an organization so incorporated.

2. The organization must have written bylaws that clearly define its purpose, functions, structure, governing body, and officers' duties, authority, and responsibilities.

3. The organization should have a reasonable record of diversified financial support for its programs and services.

4. The organization must provide documentation from a neutral CPA that its accounting system follows "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles," published by The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Organizations with over $1,500,000 in total annual receipts must provide an annual financial audit. Organizations with total annual receipts between $1,000,000 and $1,500,000 must provide an annual financial review or audit. Organizations with less than $1,000,000 must provide a financial compilation or financial statements prepared by a CPA or an audit or review.

5. The organization must have an active, local, volunteer Board of Directors that acts according to the organization's bylaws and establishes and enforces policy.

6. The organization must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations of the State. It must have clearance for gifts to the Nonprofit Partner to be deductible for income tax purposes under Sec. 170 [c] of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The organization must comply with all Federal and State regulations and requirements.

7. The organization must comply with all Federal and State nondiscrimination and counterterrorism laws.

8. The organization must operate its accounting system in conformance with the "**Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**".

9. The organization must demonstrate reasonable efficiency in program management and have data-driven, measurable outcomes for programs/services provided.

10. The organization has been operating (incorporated and 501(c)3 status) for at least three years.

11. The organization confers and collaborates with other organizations in the same or related fields.

12. The organization's program(s) and services must directly meet a **priority need** in one of the following **IMPACT AREAS**:

a. **Youth Opportunity:** Focus on long-term solutions that address childcare and early childhood education, in-school learning, after-school learning and programming, summer learning, family engagement, literacy development, and college and career opportunities.
b. **Financial Security:** Focus on financial solutions beyond charity through adult education and job training for career pathways, financial education and coaching, homelessness prevention and affordable housing, and public benefits access.
c. **Healthy Community:** Focus on health access and equity, maternal and child health, nutrition and food security, disease awareness and prevention, mental health support, and substance misuse recovery and prevention. Our commitment is to lasting solutions that build opportunities for all people, not short-term charity for a few.
d. **Community Resiliency:** Focus on disaster relief and recovery, emergency preparedness, crisis hotline and support, and recovery of children and adults from trauma experiences.

Nonprofit Partner Program Requirements

A. Nonprofit Partner programs must directly serve citizens in Smith County. The program must directly meet a priority need in one of the following IMPACT AREAS:
   a. Youth Opportunity: Focus on long-term solutions that address childcare and early childhood education, in-school learning, after-school learning and programming, summer learning, family engagement, literacy development, and college and career opportunities.
   b. Financial Security: Focus on financial solutions beyond charity through adult education and job training for career pathways, financial education and coaching, homelessness prevention and affordable housing, and public benefits access.
   c. Healthy Community: Focus on health access and equity, maternal and child health, nutrition and food security, disease awareness and prevention, mental health support, and substance misuse recovery and prevention. Our commitment is to lasting solutions that build opportunities for all people, not short-term charity for a few.
   d. Community Resiliency: Focus on disaster relief and recovery, emergency preparedness, crisis hotline and support, and recovery of children and adults from trauma experiences.

~~C.~~B. The Nonprofit partner should be able to adequately demonstrate that they are the best organization for delivering the service, are unique compared to other organizations delivering the same or similar service, or are working in concert with similar organizations.

~~D.~~C. Programs should be aligned with the mission of the nonprofit partner.

~~E.~~D. Program must deliver impact data beyond the number of clients served, highlighting the effect of the program on the community.

~~F.~~E. Programs must have been active for one year with presentable outcome measurements for Nonprofit Partners with less than three years of UW partnership (year of acceptance and two completed funding cycles). Nonprofit Partners with more than three years of UW partnership may present a program with trial results and measures.

~~G.~~F. Capital expenses are not a part of funding requests unless they are an instrumental part of the regular operation of the program.

~~H.~~G. Funding for individual programs should be diverse, allowing the program to continue functioning if one funder is lost.