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UNITED WAY OFFERS MINI-GRANTS FOR EDUCATION BASED PROJECTS IN EUP

SAULT STE MARIE – The United Way of the EUP’s Community Engagement Committee is excited to offer a new mini grant program in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. We’re committed to helping our EUP students succeed in school! These creative projects can come from Chippewa, Luce or Mackinac counties and will support students preschool through college. “We are seeking passionate projects that will help support our children as they navigate their futures,” says United Way’s Executive Director, Suzanne Prell. Typically, grants will be awarded for between \$250 and \$500. The application process for this new program opens Monday, September 11, and all applications should be received no later than the end of business (5 p.m.) on Friday, October 13, 2017.

The grant process is open to any human care organization, student, and youth or community volunteer group so long as they are an established tax-deductible organization. Applicants must operate or provide service within Chippewa, Luce or Mackinac counties; and projects must align with United Way of the EUP’s currently identified mission.

Each year, United Way will change the focus of this mini-grant. For this first-year cycle, grant applicants are required to focus on Education in the EUP. Projects should revolve around that premise and somehow benefit our school-aged children and young adults.

“There are so many creative, out-of-the-box thinkers in our area that will see this mini-grant as a resource to kick-start an educational project or program that they’ve been thinking about for a while. We can’t wait to see what type of projects come up through the application process,” says United Way’s Community Engagement Director, Raulaniesa Aranda.

In addition to the application, which can be found by visiting www.unitedwayeup.org/grants-awards, applicants must also provide a brief (no longer than 30-second) cell phone video explaining what their project is, who it helps, and why they feel passionate about the project.

Applications and videos will be scored through United Way’s Community Engagement Committee and projects will be awarded by early November. For more information on the mini-grant process, visit www.unitedwayeup.org/grants-awards, contact Aranda at 906-632-3700 ext. 3 or email volunteer@unitedwayeup.org.

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