

United Way of Southeast Mississippi (SEMS) is dedicated to the development of stronger communities. To achieve this, United Way SEMS will support innovative & collaborative service projects through the Day of Action Mini-Grant. This grant provides funding for one-time expenses and projects that have a positive impact in the community to take place during United Way's Day of Action on June 21, 2019 and/or the week prior. Any organization or community group conducting a project that meets the requirements outlined below is eligible to apply for a maximum amount of \$1,000.00.

Day of Action Goals & Application Alignment

United Way SEMS Day of Action is an initiative to achieve the following goals:

1. Encourage collaboration among individuals through volunteerism
2. Promote the value of service and its importance in a community
3. Meet critical community needs

Five grants will be awarded to organizations that meet the requirements below. Applicants with a well-developed plan that is meeting a community need, that displays collaboration and promotes the spirit of service will be prioritized.

These funds are not designed to support ongoing program expenses, sponsor annual events or fund capital campaigns. Examples of inappropriate funding requests include operating expenses, salaries and consulting fees. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Requirements

1. Applicants must be meeting a community need in Forrest, Lamar, Marion and/or Perry counties.
2. Applicants must consist of a team of individuals no fewer than ten (10) people.
3. Applications must be submitted with a detailed budget (Template found at <https://www.unitedwaysems.org/day-action-mini-grant>).
4. If funding is awarded, the total amount of funds must be utilized for project material expenses as outlined in the budget. Any leftover funds must be returned to United Way SEMS by June 30th, 2019.
5. Grant recipients must provide a one-page summary of the project and its benefits by June 30th, 2019 with receipts.

Questions may be submitted electronically to Kari Lynn Besing at Kari@unitedwaysems.org and Stacy Ahua at S.Ahua@unitedwaysems.org.

Day of Action Mini-Grant Cover Page

Organization Name:

Point of Contact Information:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Amount Requested (Template found at
<https://www.unitedwaysems.org/day-action-mini-grant>):

Project Details

Outline the following in an attached PDF:

- Description of the project being conducted including any materials needed
- The community need being met and any community organizations being worked with
- Number of volunteers participating and their tasks
- Any additional logistic information that displays a well-developed plan of action
- How this project aligns with the three goals of Day of Action