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**Spark Tank Live! Grant Application**

**Contact Information:**

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

City: State: Zip:

Executive Director/CEO Name: Phone:

Executive Director/CEO Email:

Contact information of funds distribution person if different from Executive Director/CEO:

Name: Phone:

**Eligibility:**

[ ] Yes [ ]  No Does your agency currently have a 501c3?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No Are you currently an existing organization with an established Board of Directors or defined governing agency that meets at least 4 times per year?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No Does your program serve residents in Reno County?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No Is your organization willing to sign the Agency Agreement (signed after funding has been approved)?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No Has your Board of Directors reviewed the application and was it signed by an authorized member?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No If your program is chosen as a finalist, are you willing to present/pitch in front of a live judging panel and a live audience of 250 people on Thursday, September 25th?

*If you answered “yes” to all questions, please proceed and complete the application. If unable to answer yes to all questions, you do not currently meet the funding criteria for United Way of Reno County. Please contact United Way of Reno County at (620) 669-9329 with any questions.*

**About Your Organization:**

Website:

Mission Statement:

Vision Statement:

How many employees does your agency have?

How often does your Board of Directors meet?

What is the average percentage of attendance at your board meetings?

How much does your organization have in operating reserves?

**About Your Program**

**Name of your program:**

**How much are you requesting in funding for your program?**

**How long has this program (not just the agency) been in operation** *(minimum 18 months required):*

**Describe your program and the services it provides. What community problem does it aim to solve?**

Enter text here

**Strategic Alignment**

**Which United Way of Reno County focus area(s) does your program align with? *(Check all that apply)***

[ ]  Healthy Communities

[ ]  Financial Security

[ ]  Youth Opportunity

[ ]  Community Resiliency

**How does your program take an upstream approach to reduce crisis and build long-term solutions?**

Enter text here

**Community Impact and Equity**

**Who are the intended beneficiaries of your program? How do you ensure equitable access across all demographics, including protected classes and economically disadvantaged individuals?**

Enter text here

**Do you have a waitlist or have to turn away participants? If so, why?**

Enter text here

**How do you currently market or promote your program to reach the people who need it most?**

Enter text here

**Collaboration and Innovation**

**What organizations or partners do you with to deliver this program? How do you collaborate with them?**

Enter text here

**Are there similar programs in the community? What makes your unique?**

Enter text here

**What creative or innovative approaches is your program using to solve community problems?**

Enter text here

**Community Impact and Equity**

**What would additional visibility, volunteer support, and funding help you achieve in the next year?**

Enter text here

**What is your vision for the program five years from now? How do you plan to scale or deepen your impact?**

Enter text here

**How do you currently measure the success of your program (outcomes, metrics, stories, etc)?**

Enter text here

**Financial Viability**

**Please provide a brief overview of your program’s current funding sources.** *(Include major funders, grants, donations, and any earned revenue if applicable.)*

Enter text here

**What is the total annual budget for this program?** $

**How would Spark Tank funding be used to support or expand your program? *(Be specific—e.g., staffing, outreach, equipment, program expansion, volunteer infrastructure, etc.)***

Enter text here

**Do you have financial management systems in place to track expenses and report on the use of grant funds?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If yes, briefly describe the systems or practices you use (e.g., accounting software, oversight processes, audits, etc.):*

**If Spark Tank funding is a one-time investment, how do you plan to sustain or continue your program’s impact after this grant year?**

Enter text here

**Impact Statement**

**Do you have a client testimonial or story that you wish to share with us?**

Enter text here

**United Way of Reno County Partnership**

**Has your organization received funding from United Way of Reno County in the past two years?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If yes, please describe the type of support received (e.g., funding, volunteer coordination, promotional support) and how it has impacted your program:*

Enter text here

**If your program is not currently a UWRC-funded partner, how would you plan to acknowledge and promote your partnership with United Way of Reno County if selected as a Spark Tank finalist or recipient?** *(Examples might include recognition on your website, social media, printed materials, at events, etc.)*

Enter text here

*By signing below, the undersigned affirms that all information provided in this application is accurate to the best of their knowledge. The undersigned also acknowledges that the organization’s board chair has reviewed and is aware of this application being submitted to United Way for funding consideration.*

Agency Executive Director/CEO Signature Date

\*Please print this document when completed, sign, and scan in to email. Your submissions can be sent to lmills@uwrenocounty.org.