



Community Investment

2018 Panel Member Job Description

PURPOSE

Community Investment volunteers become our best ambassadors in the workplace and community because they understand the real impact of United Way.

Community Investment volunteers serve on one of three councils that are focused on critical issues in our community: education; successful youth; and income, health, and safety. The Panels of each Council are made up of various partner agencies and alternate year after year. For example, if you choose to serve on the *Successful Youth Council*, you will hear presentations from the *Youth Services Panel* in 2018; if you choose to continue in 2019 you would hear presentations from the *Removing Barriers Panel*.

Council	Panel – 2018 Cycle	Panel – 2019 Cycle
Education	Literacy & Mentoring	Children at Risk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Churches: RSVP Reading Buddies • Ozarks Literacy Council • Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks • OTC Middle College (High School Program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Circle Springfield • CASA of Southwest MO • The Kitchen, Inc./ Rare Breed
Successful Youth	Youth Services	Removing Barriers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scouts of America Ozark Trails • Girl Scouts of MO Heartland • Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield • Ozarks Regional YMCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation for SPS: Kids First • Developmental Center of the Ozarks
Income, Health, & Safety	Basic Needs	Emergency Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI Southwest MO • Ozarks Counseling Center • The Salvation Army, Springfield • Habitat for Humanity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Red Cross of Southern MO • The Victim Center • Harmony House • Lutheran Family & Children’s Services

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attend the Community Investment orientation session to learn about the needs and challenges facing our communities. *(required)*
2. Carefully read and study the grant proposals for each agency program and thoughtfully evaluate and score the agency and each program, using the evaluation sheets provided, prior to attending the agency presentations. *(required)*
3. Attend the Council session when agencies present their program/s for funding. *(required)*
4. During presentations, make final scoring changes and/or add comments. *(required)*
5. Participate in discussions that assist in the formation of allocation recommendations.

6. Attend the United Way board meeting when your Council's findings are presented.
7. Share your experience with others throughout the year to promote fundraising and volunteerism for United Way of the Ozarks.

TIME REQUIREMENT

A minimum time commitment of 8-10 hours is expected. The following attendance is required from Council volunteers: orientation (2 hours), review of grant proposal/s from each agency (2-4 hours), attend program presentations and complete evaluations (3-4 hours). Attending the UWO board meeting is optional (2 hours) but encouraged. We do appreciate a 2-4 year commitment to this process due to the 2-year funding cycle to our partner agencies.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Community Investment Councils represent a broad section of the community. Skill in accounting is not necessary unless you are an appointed Financial Certification Chair. An understanding of human services in our community is helpful, but not required. A member should be sensitive to the needs of our community. ***Council members must be donors to United Way of the Ozarks*** through their employer, as an individual, or household. There is no minimum financial requirement, but donations are encouraged to be given **before** you attend the Council orientation in March 2018.

LIMITATIONS

If a volunteer is on the board of directors or staff of a partner agency, that individual **cannot** serve on the Council that evaluates that agency. Otherwise, care should be taken to avoid conflict of interest and the appearance of bias.