

# Frequently Asked Questions\*

## What do we mean when we say “BIPOC-led organizations”?

BIPOC is an acronym for Black, Indigenous, People of Color. Although this term is used to describe a diverse group of people who are non-white, we recognize the uniqueness and distinct challenges of each demographic that fits under this umbrella. The Executive Director or the Founder of the organization applying must be a member of the BIPOC community.

## What does it mean to be aligned with our Neighborhood Networks? Can I still receive funding if I am not aligned?

Alignment means that your organization is a member or partner of one of our Neighborhood Networks. If you are not aligned, you are still eligible to receive funding pending your geographic and/or service area. The following list includes our Neighborhood Networks, along with their lead agencies that fall into the geographical requirements to receive funding through the United Neighborhoods Equity Fund:

- **Auburn Gresham**, Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation
- **Austin**, Austin Coming Together
- **Blue Island/Robbins**, Metropolitan Family Services
- **Brighton Park**, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
- **Bronzeville**, Bright Star Community Outreach
- **Cicero**, Cicero Community Collaborative
- **Englewood**, Teamwork Englewood
- **Far South**, Far South Chicago Coalition
- **Ford Heights/Chicago Heights**, Cornerstone Community Development Corporation
- **Garfield Park**, Garfield Park Rite to Wellness
- **Harvey**, Restoration Ministries and CEDA
- **Little Village**, Latinos Progresando
- **Park Forest/Richton Park**, OAI Chicago Southland
- **South Chicago**, Claretian Associates

You can learn more about our Neighborhood Networks at [LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/neighborhood-networks](https://LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/neighborhood-networks)

## How often can my organization apply?

Your organization can apply as often as you would like, but an organization is not eligible to receive funding for more than one granting cycle, if accepted.

## Who reviews my application?

Applications will be reviewed by a mix of United Way staff, volunteers, and United Neighborhoods Equity Fund Steering Committee members, who are comprised of corporate and community leaders.

## What is the time commitment I can expect for involvement within the cohort?

For year 1 of the cohort (September 2023–June 2024), you can expect to commit to about 20–30 hours of your time. This includes capacity-building sessions with DePaul University, as well as other meetings as needed.

## Will there be virtual options for meetings?

We have a hybrid cohort model with some mandatory in-person meetings built into the timeline. Virtual accommodations will be available if needed.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FAQ

### I've never used e-CImpact, how do I sign up?

You can register your agency on the log-in webpage, located at site [tinyurl.com/eCImpactRegister](https://tinyurl.com/eCImpactRegister)

### e-CImpact is asking for an organizational code number. What's that?

The organization code is the numerical part of the site's URL. To access United Way of Metro Chicago's specific site go to [bit.ly/UWOrgCode](https://bit.ly/UWOrgCode)

### I've lost my sign in information for e-CImpact. How do I sign in?

United Way typically sets your username as your email address. Use that email address in conjunction with the “Forgot Your Password?” link on the site's main page to recover your password. If that does not work, email: [UnitedNeighborhoodsEquityFund@LIVEUNITEDchicago.org](mailto:UnitedNeighborhoodsEquityFund@LIVEUNITEDchicago.org)

\*These questions are catered toward nonprofit agencies applying to participate in the United Neighborhoods Equity Fund. For sponsorship information, please contact the Resource Development team at [ResourceDevelopment@LIVEUNITEDchicago.org](mailto:ResourceDevelopment@LIVEUNITEDchicago.org)

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