## United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties Certified Partner Agency Program

The Certified Partner Agency program is intended to build the capacity of Volusia-Flagler nonprofit organizations. Certified Partner Agencies, while not recipients of United Way's Community Impact funding, are verified and recommended to the community by the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties as being financially viable, operating under strong governance, and working to positively impact the Volusia-Flagler community.

## Benefits to Certified Partner Agencies:

- Professional development and capacity-building training at a discounted rate
  - Trainings will be held at the United Way offices, and provided by professionals from the Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
  - Topics Include:
    - Proposal Writing October 5-6, 2017
    - Outcomes Measurement February 9-10, 2018
    - Diversified Fundraising April 6, 2018
- Inclusion in appropriate UWVFC marketing materials
- Volunteer support through UWVFC's Get Connected tool
- Opportunities for collaboration and networking
- Involvement in identification of future Community Impact priority areas

## Requirements to Become a Certified Partner Agency:

- Agencies must be 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations serving Volusia or Flagler Counties.
- Agencies must be committed to the United Way mission.
- Agencies must maintain an updated 211 profile.
- Agencies must pay an annual fee of \$50.

Applications to become a Certified Partner Agency can be found at uwvfc.communityforce.com

- Applications will remain open throughout the grant cycle.
- Applications require proof of nonprofit status, IRS Forms 990 and W-9, a current agency budget, the agency's most recent financial audit, and a roster of the Board of Directors.
- Partner certifications are valid for one year, and can be renewed upon reapplication.

Applications are reviewed by the United Way Community Impact staff, and approved by the volunteer Community Impact Cabinet. Acceptance as a Certified Partner Agency is based upon an agency's finances, governance, commitment to the United Way mission, and overall sustainability.



