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## **Greater Valdosta United Way**

Community Investment Committee

The Greater Valdosta United Way's (GVUW) mission is to create positive change in the lives of community members by mobilizing the caring power of the community. The GVUW is looking to recruit a strong group of community-minded individuals to help make funding recommendations for our partner nonprofits. Every year, our board makes decisions on investing dollars entrusted to the GVUW into programs and services that have the biggest impact in our South Georgia region. This is done by a Community Investment Committee (CIC), a volunteer-led group of community leaders who are passionate about local nonprofits and critical community needs and who are willing to lead and drive decisions about the strategic investment of resources in the community.

**This year, we ask that you apply to be a part of this monumental decision! Want to help us make the best decisions for our community and region?**

Applicants must have:

- civic awareness and the belief in equitable treatment of all citizens.
- be enthusiastic about creating positive change.
- commit to acting ethically.
- participate in making difficult decisions within a team setting.
- be able to commit to the time requirements (25–30 hours total).

Please see the documents below that explain the CIC process, the CIC Nondisclosure and Code of Ethics, and the application to apply.

**We hope you will accept our invitation to apply and be a part of something big. Will you join us in Living United?**

For more information on the CIC process, please contact [staff@gvuw.org](mailto:staff@gvuw.org).

Please remit applications to [snebel@gvuw.org](mailto:snebel@gvuw.org).

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This document will provide a brief overview and introduction to the Community Investment Committee Process Including roles, responsibilities, and expectations of CIC members.

- **Application Process and Timeline from Raising Funds To Distribution**

- From October to January, GVUW runs a campaign to raise funds to invest in the community
- From mid-December to mid-January, nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding
- In February, the CIC reviews the applications, conducts interviews and site visits, and makes funding recommendations
- Once approved, funds are distributed to nonprofits from March through December

- **Roles and Responsibilities of the CIC**

- CIC members are responsible for participating in the investment process by:
  - reading and scoring applications, reviewing agency and program budgets
  - conducting nonprofit interviews
  - expressing comments and/or concerns regarding nonprofit operations
  - making funding recommendations

- **Time Commitment**

- Time commitment is approximately 4-6 weeks
  - mid-January, review, and score applications
  - early February, site visits and interviews
  - mid-February, hold a CIC meeting to discuss applicants and make funding recommendations
- **Partner Nonprofit Interviews- February 7th, 9 am - 3 pm (Tentative)**
  - nonprofit organizations will present information on their mission and goals, explain program funding requests, organizational capacity, etc.
  - after the presentation, CIC will participate in an interview in the form of question-and-answer session with the nonprofit representatives
- **Investment Day (Mid-February)**
  - CIC discusses program proposals and deliberate funding recommendations
    - all members are encouraged to actively participate in program discussions and funding recommendations
  - the meeting concludes with the committee's unanimous agreement on the recommendation for funding distributions to be presented to the GVUW Board of Directors for final approval



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- **Expectations of CIC Volunteers**

- It is expected that CIC volunteers will:
  - Respect the diversity of opinions expressed throughout the investment process and maintain a professional level of courtesy, respect, and objectivity
  - Make every effort to attend all meetings and site visits
  - Monitor adherence to the investment policies and procedures of United Way
  - Monitor the quality and success of agency programs
  - Report critical observations or concerns regarding agencies to the board representative and GVUW staff
  - Identify and recommend possible collaborations that might result in more efficient delivery of services, if applicable
  - Provide recommendations to the GVUW staff and board representatives for improvements in the investment process

- **Greater Valdosta United Way Disclosures/Ethics Statement**

- Decisions at Greater Valdosta United Way are made by individuals of the highest character who are concerned about the well-being of their community and those who live here. Policy-making volunteers include Georgia's top business, labor, civic, and cultural leaders. Many of these individuals have leadership roles in other organizations. If a vote on an issue at GVUW affects one or more of those organizations and a volunteer feels that his or her vote is or may be a conflict of interest with other responsibilities, he or she may abstain from voting on that issue. Annually, GVUW asks each volunteer to sign a Code of Ethics statement to affirm their understanding and support of the standards included within that document.

- **Action Items**



- Please review the CIC Disclosure and Code of Ethics before app to serve on the CIC
- Please reach out to [staff@gvuw.org](mailto:staff@gvuw.org) for clarity on aspects of the Community Investment Process
- Please remit applications to [snebel@gvuw.org](mailto:snebel@gvuw.org)

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### Community Investment Committee Application

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSITION/TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER/ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF YEARS WITH PRESENT WITH THE ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF YEARS LIVED OR WORKED IN/WITH THE GREATER VALDOSTA AREA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT INTERESTS YOU ABOUT JOINING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:**

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**YOUR CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR ROLE(S)):**

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**WHICH OF GUVW FOCUS AREAS DO YOUR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND INTEREST ALIGN WITH? Circle all that apply.**

Mental Health

Youth and Afterschool

Basic Needs

Housing and Sheltering

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OUR COMMUNITIES MOST PRESSING NEEDS ARE?**

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**If you are selected to join the committee, you agree to the time commitment (25 - 30 hours), expectations, and responsibilities of the Community Investment process.**

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_