United Way NEMS Partner Agency Handbook 2024-2026





United Way of Northeast Mississippi

United Way of Northeast Mississippi is proud to partner with you for the next two years. This partnership provides a unique opportunity for all agencies to build capacity by networking, sharing resources, exchanging ideas, and developing strategies to better serve our neighbors in Northeast Mississippi.

EXPECTATIONS OF FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

- 1. Conduct an annual UWNEMS fundraising campaign among staff and/or volunteers.
- Provide written notification to UWNEMS prior to effective date of change of any significant program changes including activities, target population, and /or use of funds.
- 3. Ensure community impact payments are credited to the correct programs in the correct program amounts as indicated in the 2022 Notice of Funding letter.
- 4. Provide services within the UWNEMS service area and under an impact area, as identified in grant request.
- 5. Use the UWNEMS logo on digital, print, and marketing materials, when appropriate.
- 6. Participate in any appropriate event or services as provided by UWNEMS and as available.
- 7. Provide proofs of insurance coverage, where applicable.
- 8. Participate in any program evaluation processes as determined by UWNEMS to include site visits, semi-annual reporting (where applicable), and end-of-year reporting.
- 9. Attend semi-annual collaboration meetings (roundtables).
- 10. Submit reports according to deadline schedule. Any late reports will require a written notification to UWNEMS Board of Directors. Failure to submit required reports may result in a termination of funding.
- 11. Provide Volunteer NEMS with any volunteer opportunities available within the organization. Update at least every six months.





IMPORTANT DATES

ROUNDTABLES

Please note that someone from your organization MUST attend the roundtables. You may choose to send a staff member, board member, or a volunteer in your place if you cannot attend.

SUMMER 2024 (Attendees choose day)

Tuesday, June 25 – 10:00-11:30 Wednesday, June 26 – 2:00-3:30 Thursday, June 27 – 10:00-11:30

FALL 2024 (Attendees attend based on impact area)

Family Stability – Monday, October 7– 2:00-3:30 Health & Wellness – Tuesday, October 8 – 2:00-3:30 Academic Success – Wednesday, October 9 – 10:00-11:30

SPRING 2025 (Attendees choose day)

Monday, March 24 – 2:00-3:30 Tuesday, March 25 – 10:00-11:30 Wednesday, March 26 – 2:00-3:30

FALL 2025 (Attendees attend based on impact area)

Family Stability – Monday, October 6 – 2:00-3:30 Health & Wellness – Tuesday, October 7 – 2:00-3:30 Academic Success – Wednesday, October 8 – 10:00-11:30



▶ January 31, 2025 – Mid-year report for Year 1 due (indicators only) – covers July 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024

July 31, 2025 – Year-end report for Year 1 due (financials and indicators) – covers July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

▶ January 31, 2026 – Mid-end report for Year 2 due (indicators only) – covers July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

▶ July 31, 2026 – Year-end report for Year 2 (financials and indicators) – covers July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026





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RESOURCES

e-C Impact

agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=26240F

Use this link to log into your account for the mid-year and year-end reports. This link can also be reached by going to unitedwaynems.org > Resources > Portals > e-C Impact Agency Login.

The Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy

alliancems.org

If your agency is not a member already, please consider joining. Among other services, The Alliance offers a large selection of trainings and online courses for nonprofits.

GuideStar

guidestar.org

If you have not claimed your agency's profile, please do so as soon as possible. Funders generally look at GuideStar first when making funding decisions. The higher your seal of transparency, the better.

Volunteer Northeast Mississippi

volunteernems.org

Post your volunteer opportunities and encourage potential volunteers to access this page for helpful information.

GrantWatch and Mississippi GrantWatch

grantwatch.com mississippi.grantwatch.com These are good sources for reliable, up-to-date grant opportunities.

GrantStation

grantstation.com

This is another good resource for grant opportunities. Membership is FREE for members of The Alliance.

