



## **Project Application Information**

## **Basic Project Criteria**

- 50% of your team involved in this project must be between ages 12 and 24, including your team leader
- All team members must be active participants in the project
- All team members must participate as volunteers. Project team members may not be paid for time spent carrying out the project.
- A total of ten \$1000 grants will be awarded each year (goal is to provide 3, \$1000 grants during February 2017)
- Projects must be active in nature. This means that United Way Oxford Youth United is looking to fund projects that involve individuals or teams doing something other than purchasing items
- Projects can benefit anyone in the community and should contribute to making your community a better place to live, work and play
- All teams must have a community sponsor. This can be a school, or any local community organization with a registered charitable number.
- All projects must use the funds to directly affect the Oxford County community
- All projects must address poverty, belongingness, mental health and/or addictions, or youth

## **Funding Process and Decisions**

- All funding recommendations are made by Youth United, a youth committee working alongside
  United Way Oxford staff member
- Youth United is made up of youth ages 12 to 24 that represent a cross-section of our community. This committee reviews each application and interviews project teams. It is a good idea to have as many team members as possible at the face-to-face interview. If teachers/sponsors wish to participate in the interview, we ask that they do as observers only.
- Project teams will be notified about funding decisions within four weeks of the application deadline

## **Grant Approval**

- Individuals or teams are required to submit a written final report one month following the completion of their projects; this report will be distributed following acceptance of application
- Funded projects must be completed and reports submitted before teams can re-apply for additional money
- Each funded project will be supported by a member of Youth United or United Way Staff who is there to answer questions and check in on your progress regularly. This individual's name and contact information will be provided once an application is approved for funding.

To apply for funding, <u>please submit information here</u>. If you have any questions, please contact jennifer@unitedwayoxford.ca