May 23, 2024

Mikie Benton Russellville Independent Schools 1101 W. 9th Street Russellville, KY 42276



Dear Mikie:

The United Way Board of Directors reviewed and approved the 2024/25 program funding recommendations as presented by the Allocations Investment Teams on May 23, 2024.

As you are aware, United Way of Southern Kentucky continues to focus our efforts on the Community Impact Platform. Within that platform, we continue to prioritize Education through using Kindergarten Readiness and College and Career Readiness as the drivers for our work. We are focused on creating deeper community partnerships and seeking out new innovative partners and programs to carry out the work needed in the community. Through these investments we are continuing to see results - knowledge gain, educational improvements, and progress forward in the indicators we are tracking.

While we are continuing to make improvements and refine the funding process, many things remain the same from the prior year. Funding is zero based, meaning current year awards are not indicative of anything you may see next year or in future years. Our Board directed allocation percentages, including allocating 50% of all funding toward Education, remain the same, as we work to move the needle and reach our BIG BOLD GOALS in Kindergarten Readiness and College and Career Readiness.

The allocation volunteers appreciated the time and effort you dedicated to ensuring they received the necessary information to make funding recommendations. When the process is complete, more than \$1,000,000 will be allocated in our service area to ensure the ongoing needs in Education, Income, Health, and Safety Net are met.

Based upon many hours of evaluation and review by 100 dedicated allocation volunteers across the ten-county area, the following funding amounts have been awarded to your organization:

PROGRAM NAME	<u>2024/25 FUNDING</u>	
Logan, 12 For 12 Dual Credit Program and ACT Assistance	\$	25,000
Total	\$	25,000