

## **United Way of Greater Mercer County Resource Investment Grant Cycle Timeline**

- **January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 – 3 Year Grant Cycle with Collaborations**
  - Ø **Projects took up to 6 months to come together as collaborations with jointly developed structures with shared policies, procedures, responsibilities and norms**
  - Ø **First Year focus was on developing mutual authority, decision-making and accountability, sharing of resources, and cross-training staff**
  - Ø **Second Year focus was on levels and units of service**
  - Ø **Third year focus is on community outcomes (see Attachment A)**
  
- **January 2010 to June 2010 – Project Evaluation and Community Assessment**
  - Ø **Each Project conducts internal review of what has worked, considers dropping or adding partners, and works with UW to plan any changes**
  - Ø **RI staff do secondary research on demographics, trends, etc. (see Attachment B, research for last grant cycle)**
  
- **September 2010 – Community Assessment**
  - Ø **RI staff and volunteers conduct Focus Groups with community stakeholders**
  - Ø **Evaluate success of collaborations**
  - Ø **Work with Projects to make necessary adjustments, based on the results of above evaluation and assessment**
  - Ø **Board recommend continued funding for successful collaborations**
  
- **January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 – 1 Year Grant Cycle Extension**
  
- **January 2011 – Next RFP Process**
  - Ø **Publish RFP for next grant cycle, 2012 to 2014 or 2015 (3 or 4 years)**
  
- **February 2011 – RFP due**
  
- **March to May 2011 – Proposal Review**
  
- **June 2011 – Board Approve Proposals**
  - **Campaign Materials developed**
  
- **July 2011 – Agencies Notified of Grant Funding**
  
- **September 2011 – Annual Campaign begins with New Investment Products**
  
- **January 1, 2012 – Next Grant Cycle Begins**