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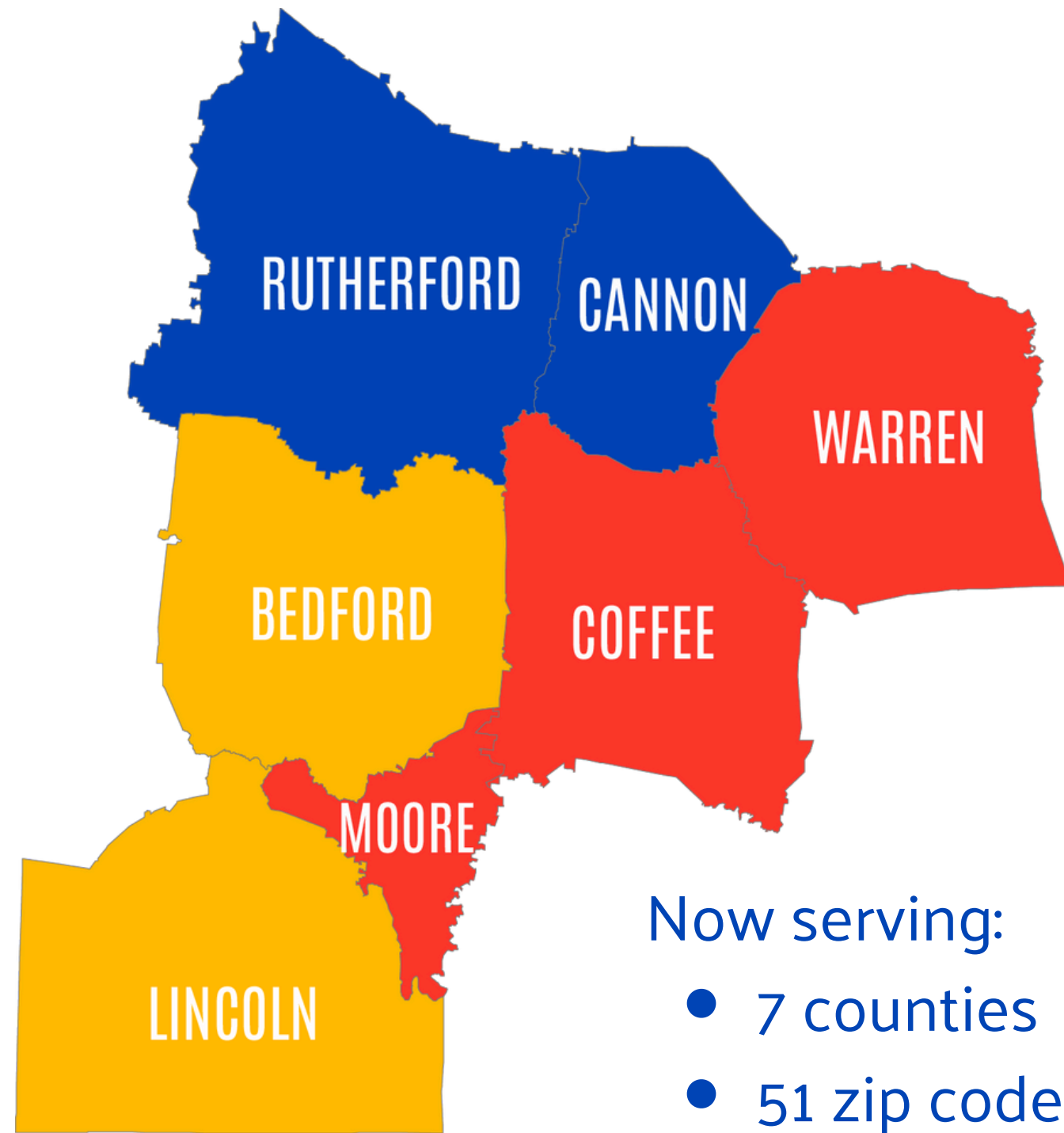Rutherford and Cannon Counties

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- 7 counties
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Rutherford and Cannon Counties Application
- Request Access by March 6
- Must align with Bold Goal Impact Areas
- Application completed on Compyle platform

Bedford and Lincoln and Coffee, Moore, and Warren Counties Application
- No Request for Access needed
- Must align with Health, Income, Education, or Basic Essentials
- Application completed on Jotform

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 20

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TODAY'S GOALS

- Communicate funding priorities
- Clarify application timeline & access
- Overview of application components & evaluation criteria
- Review tips for success
- Clarify post-award expectations
- Address remaining questions

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RUTHERFORD AND CANNON COUNTY GRANT

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Alignment with Bold Goal Impact Areas, Strategies, and Tactics
- Collaborative Funding
- Addressing Gaps in Services

BOLD GOALS & IMPACT AREAS

Early Childhood Development
- Bold Goal: 50% or more of children will be kindergarten-ready.

Financial Stability
- Bold Goal: 80% or more of households will pay less than 30% of their income on housing.
- Bold Goal: 75% or more of households will be above the ALICE threshold.

Healthy Behaviors
- Bold Goal: 30% or less of public school students and adults will be overweight or obese.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Bold Goal: Improve mental health by 25% or more.
- Bold Goal: Decrease drug-related overdose deaths and suicides by 25% or more.

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GRANT TIMELINE

- **February 4** Grant Application opens
- **February 5** Informational Meeting for Rutherford and Cannon Counties
- **February 6** Information Session for Bedford, Coffee, Lincoln, Moore and Warren Counties
- **March 6** Deadline to <u>request access to an application</u> for Rutherford and Cannon Counties only
- **March 20** Grant Application closes
- **Mid-June** Award notifications
- **July 1** Funding cycle begins

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ACCESS THE APPLICATION

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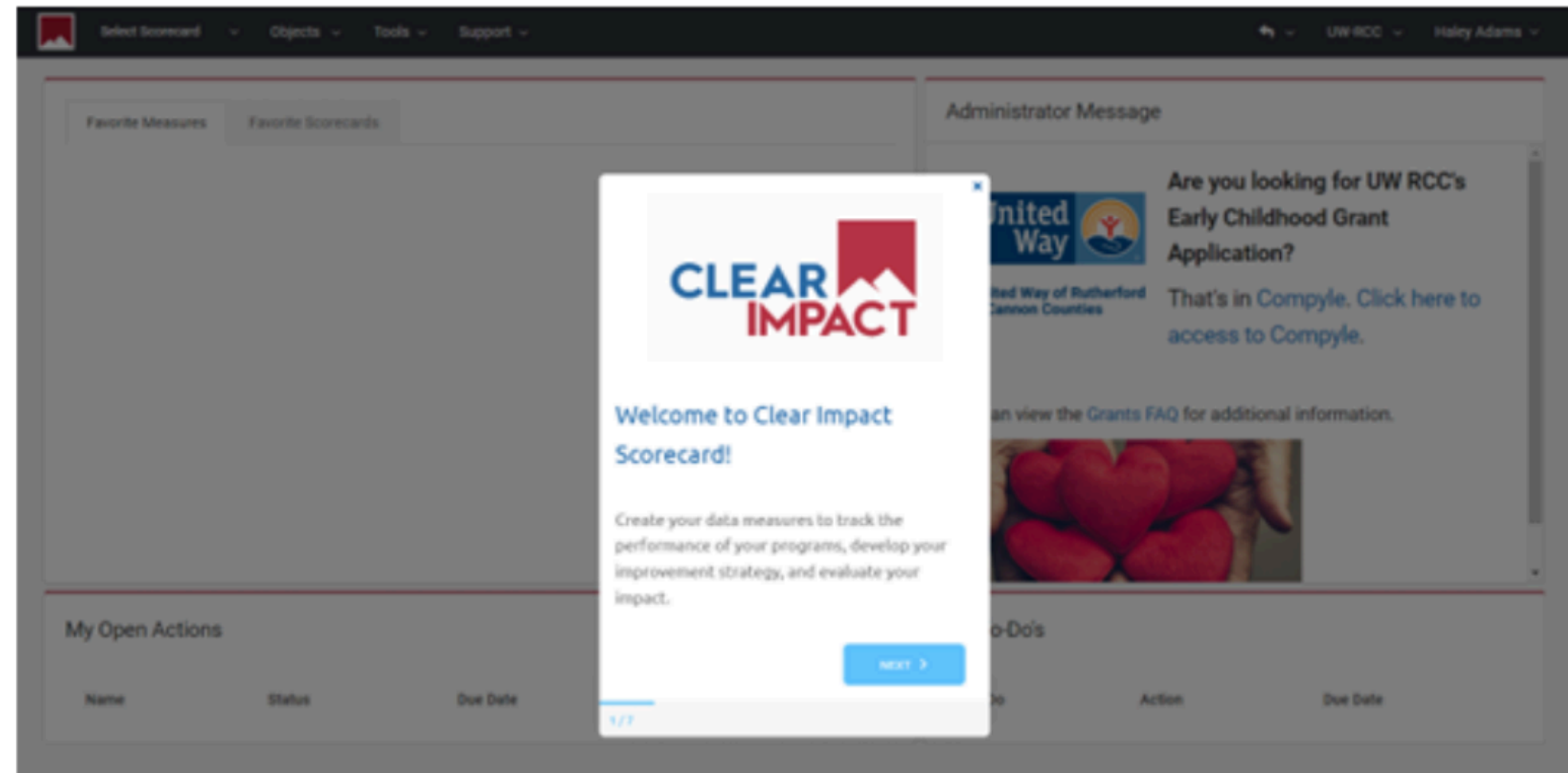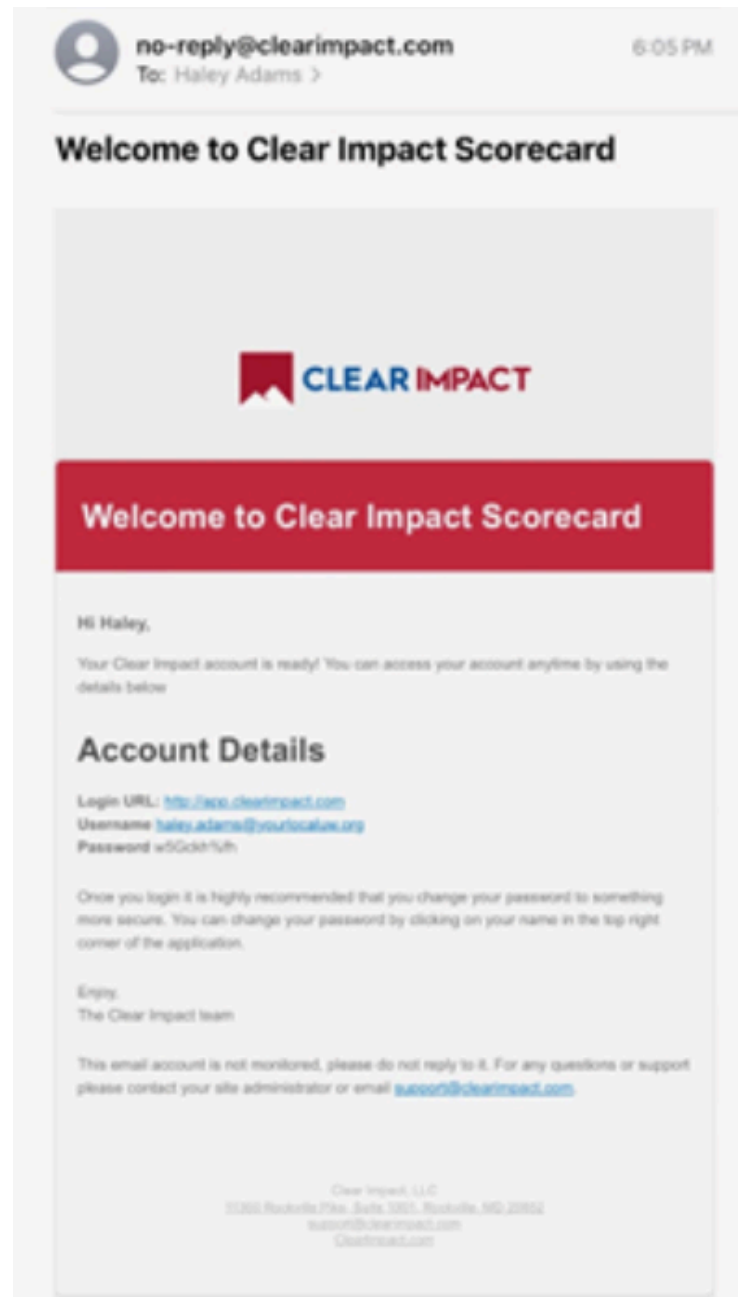
APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Agency Information - Collaborators, Giving Matters, 211
- Program Information
- Bold Goal & Impact Area Alignment
- Statement of Need
- Bonus Points - Addressing a Gap in Services
- Program Budget + Budget Narrative
- Program Impact & Evaluation + Demographics
- Bonus Points - Collaboration
- Final Agreements & Submission - Patriot Act, Partnership Agreement, DEI Statement

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Case for Funding
  - Program aligns with funding priorities, including the Bold Goals 2030 and the UWSCTN DEI Statement.
  - Demonstration of need is compelling and uses current local data.
- Bonus: Addressing a Gap in Services
  - Gap in services is clearly defined and substantiated with relevant data or evidence.
  - Program strategies and activities are innovative, unique, or easily distinguished from others addressing similar gaps in services.
- Effective Use and Impact of Funding
  - Specific use of funds is clear.
  - Budget and budget narrative demonstrate reasonable costs and diverse revenue sources that support the successful implementation of the program.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Program Impact & Evaluation
  - Program creates positive impact on the indviduals it serves.
  - Measurable objectives and clearly defined outcomes are ambitious and achievable considering the program design and budget.
  - The tools and systems used to measure the indicators/outcomes are reasonable and appropriate.
- Bonus: Collaboration
  - Program design clearly defines a collaborative framework among the participating organizations, outlining roles, responsibilities, and communication channels.
  - Program partners are diverse in terms of expertise, resources, and perspectives leading to innovation or approaches that leverage their collective strengths and capabilities.
- Overall Strength of Program Design
  - There is alignment between the needs of the priority population, program activities/services, and the anticipated impact.
  - Applicant has a realistic plan to implement the program including a realistic timeline in relation to the grant funding cycle.

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TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Alignment with funding priorities
- Recommended word limit
- File uploads
- Save progress often
- Read the Applicant Instructions
- Request assistance early
- Fully answer the questions

Example: Describe how the collaborators will engage with each other to meet the goals of the program. Include the roles and responsibilities of each agency, the resources each agency will commit, and identified communication strategies.

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POST-AWARD EXPECTATIONS

- Updated Partnership Agreement with Collaborators
- Revised outcome goals (if necessary)
- Quarterly Reporting on chosen Shared Measurements
- Disaggregated Demographics on Final Report - Participants & Outcomes
- Agency Visit with UW Staff

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EXPLORING COLLABORATIVES

- Overview of Fostering Resilience
- How the collaborative came to be
- What role each partner plays
- Any successes or challenges experienced so far
- Plans to change or grow the program in the future

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QUESTIONS?

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