



UCOWF Corporate Partner Policy

Purpose

To establish a fair, transparent process for reviewing, approving, and renewing Corporate Partners that align with the United Council on Welfare Fraud's (UCOWF) mission and values.

Scope

Applies to all entities seeking or renewing Corporate Partner status with UCOWF.

Application Process

1. Submission

- All applications to become a Corporate Partner must be submitted in writing to the **Membership Committee**.
- Applications must include: company background, services/products offered, relevant industry experience, and any potential connections to UCOWF's mission.

2. Membership Committee Review

The Membership Committee will evaluate:

- **Mission Alignment:** Whether the applicant's business, services, and practices support UCOWF's objectives in fraud prevention, detection, and prosecution in public assistance programs.
- **Business Integrity & Reputation:** Any known history of legal or ethical violations, negative industry standing, or other concerns that could affect UCOWF's reputation.

3. Recommendation to Executive Board and Board of Directors

- The Membership Committee will submit a recommendation (approval or denial) to the **Executive Board and Board of Directors**.
- If there are objections to an application, the matter will be discussed before proceeding to a vote.
- A simple majority vote is required for approval.



Renewals

- Renewals for Corporate Partners will be voted on at the time the renewal takes place. The same review process above will occur.
- Current Corporate Partners seeking renewal are subject to the same review criteria as new applicants and may be denied renewal based on updated evaluations.

Corporate Partner Relationship Disclaimers

- Corporate Partners are **not** governing members of UCOWF and have **no authority** over UCOWF policy, programs, or advocacy positions.
- Affiliation does **not** constitute UCOWF endorsement of any product, service, or political position.
- UCOWF reserves the right to terminate any Corporate Partner at its sole discretion if continuing the relationship is deemed not in the best interest of the organization.
- Acceptance as an affiliate does not grant exclusivity in any industry or service area.