



UNITED WAY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY
Request for Proposals
2026 Community Investment Grants

Submission Deadline: September 19, 2025

Purpose

United Way of Alamance County (UWAC) is seeking proposals from nonprofit agencies providing services that advance housing stability and financial security for individuals and families in Alamance County. These grant investments aim to support programs that address critical community needs, help residents achieve long-term stability, and align with UWAC's mission to mobilize resources and partner with the community to improve lives.

Priority will be given to programs that are evidence-based, collaborative, and responsive to the realities of Alamance County residents, particularly those who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed (ALICE).

Funding Availability

- Maximum request: \$15,000
 - Requests exceeding \$15,000 will not be considered.
 - Funding period: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
 - UWAC reserves the right to fund proposals at a lower amount than requested.
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Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or a qualifying governmental or faith-based entity.
 - Only one application per Federal EIN will be accepted.
- Applicants must be established in providing programs and services for at least 3 years and have one full fiscal year of financials.
- Applying organizations must have an updated agency listing on [NC 211](#)
- Programs must address housing or financial security through direct services, prevention efforts, or system-level initiatives.
 - Programs should be based on local data and serve individuals living in Alamance County.

- Programs may be established or new and funding requests may include staff salary costs.
 - Applying organizations must be in good standing with applicable reporting, financial, and legal requirements.
 - Preference is given to agencies that:
 - Actively work to eliminate disparities with an equity lens
 - Engage community members, especially those whose voices have traditionally been marginalized
 - Have intentional strategies to reach vulnerable, underserved, or marginalized populations
 - Collaborate with other initiatives or nonprofits
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Focus Areas

Funding priority areas include but are not limited to:

- Eviction prevention and housing retention
 - Emergency rental, mortgage, or utility assistance
 - Housing navigation and case management
 - Affordable housing and home ownership
 - Financial education and coaching
 - Adult education, job training, and career pathways
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Submission Preparation

Interested applicants are encouraged to:

1. Attend a grant applicant training session.
 - August 21, 2025 at 9:00am - [please register](#)
 - August 27, 2025 at 12:00pm - [please register](#)
2. Schedule a consultation meeting with Tara Nager, Community Partnerships Manager.
 - Please email tnager@uwalamance.org with three available meeting times.

These sessions will provide guidance on funding priorities, application requirements, and United Way of Alamance County's funding process.

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted by September 19, 2025 at 5pm through Community Force. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of community volunteers. Funding decisions will be based on:

- Alignment with funding priorities
 - Responsiveness to community needs
 - Program design, innovation, and adaptability
 - Strategies to serve vulnerable populations
 - Collaboration and partnerships
 - Community impact and outcomes
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Site Visits

All applicants will be required to host a site visit for select committee members as part of the review process. These visits provide an opportunity for committee members to gain a deeper understanding of your programs, services, and day-to-day operations.

Site visits will be scheduled between **September 29 and October 29** and will be coordinated in advance to ensure minimal disruption to your work.

Funding notifications will be issued by December 19, 2025. Grant recipients are required to submit mid-year and end-of-year reporting.

Questions

For questions about this RFP or to schedule your consultation, please contact:

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