



2027 Community Investment Grants Request for Proposals

Investing in Youth Opportunity & Financial Security in Alamance County

Purpose

United Way of Alamance County (UWAC) is seeking Letters of Intent from nonprofit agencies providing services that advance Youth Opportunity and Financial Security for individuals and families in Alamance County. These grant investments aim to support programs that help children and youth succeed academically and socially, equip individuals and families with tools for long-term financial stability, and/or address critical community needs in alignment with UWAC's mission to mobilize resources and partner with the community to improve lives.

Priority will be given to evidence-based programs that demonstrate strong collaboration with local nonprofits. Proposals must actively respond to the unique needs of Alamance County residents, with a specific focus on supporting the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population.

Focus Areas

Youth Opportunity: The Youth Opportunity pillar focuses on empowering young people to succeed through education, skill-building, and leadership development. It aims to create pathways that help youth overcome barriers and achieve their full potential in school, work, and life. By investing in youth, United Way of Alamance County supports stronger local communities and a brighter future for our area's young people.

Learn more about this pillar here: <https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/youth-opportunity>

Financial Security: The Financial Security pillar focuses on helping individuals and families achieve stability through access to essential resources like budgeting, savings, and credit management. It supports programs that promote economic independence and reduce barriers to financial



well-being. By strengthening financial security, United Way of Alamance County helps build a more resilient and thriving community for all residents.

Learn more about this pillar here: <https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/financial-security>

Funding Availability

- Maximum request: \$10,000
- Requests exceeding \$10,000 will not be considered.
- Requests may include staff salary costs.
- Funding period: January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027
- UWAC reserves the right to fund proposals at a lower amount than requested.

Eligibility Criteria

Proposed programs may be established or new programs. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria for their letter of intent to be approved:

- **Location & Relevance:** Must be located in and serve residents of Alamance County, demonstrating that programs are informed by local data and community needs.
- **Tax Status:** Must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a qualifying government entity, or a faith-based organization. Note: Only one application is permitted per Federal EIN.
- **Service History & Financials:** Must have operated as a registered nonprofit for at least three consecutive years and possess at least one full fiscal year of financial records.
- **NC-211 Profile:** Must maintain an accurate, up-to-date agency listing on NC 211.
 - If you need to create a 2-1-1 profile, you may do so here:
<https://nc211.org/add-your-agency/>
 - If you need to update your 2-1-1 profile, you may do so here:
<https://nc211.org/update-your-listing/>



- **United Way Compliance:** Past partners must be in good standing with United Way of Alamance County, including being current on all reporting, financial obligations, and legal requirements.
- **Population Served:** Must intentionally engage and reach vulnerable, underserved, and marginalized populations within Alamance County.
- **Collaboration:** Must partner with other local nonprofits to prevent the duplication of services, maximize accessibility, and ensure the community is holistically and appropriately served.

Grant Workshop

Interested applicants are required to attend at least one virtual grant workshop.

- June 15, 2026 at 9:00am – Access the virtual workshop here: <https://bit.ly/UWAC-CIG>
- June 17, 2026 at 2:00pm – Access the virtual workshop here: <https://bit.ly/UWAC-CIG>

These sessions will provide guidance on funding priorities, eligibility requirements, and the application process.

Office hours will be available and individual meetings can be scheduled to answer any questions.

- Office Hour: June 25, 2026 from 2:00-3:30 PM. – Access the virtual meeting here: <https://bit.ly/UWAC-CIG>
- Office Hour: July 22, 2026 from 9:00-11:00 AM. – Access the virtual meeting here: <https://bit.ly/UWAC-CIG>

Community Investment Grant Timeline

- Letter of Intent Submission Period: July 1, 2026 - July 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
 - All letters of intent must be submitted on agency letterhead.
 - Applicants should include the following in their letter of intent:



- General organization information (mission, location, population served)
- Contact information
- Brief description of the proposed project or program
- Funding amount being requested.
- Provide a copy your organization's 501(c)(3) IRS Determination Letter
- A sample letter of intent can be provided upon request.
- **Note: Only organizations with an approved Letter of Intent will be invited to submit a full application.**
- Grant Application: August 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026
- Site Visits: September 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026
- Grant Reviewer Deliberations: October 1, 2026 - October 9, 2026
- Funding notifications will be issued in early November 2026.

Questions

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

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