

## **UWSCTN - 2026 Community Investment Grants Application**

*Use this document to draft and review your responses before submitting your official application online [here](#). Only applications submitted through the online form by March 10 at 11:59 pm will be considered. Note: Word counts in the online form are enforced automatically.*

### **SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

#### ***Coordinating Agency***

- Legal Name & DBA
- EIN
- Street & Mailing Address
- Primary Contact & Executive Director (Name, Title, Email)
- Financial Documents/Giving Matters Link
- 211 Link

#### ***Collaborative Application? Yes/No***

- If yes, list collaborating agencies and EINs

Briefly describe your organization's mission and history serving the community. What relevant experience, successful partnerships, or organizational strengths position you to deliver impactful programs in our region?

### **SECTION 2: PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- **Program Title**
- **Brief Program Description** (100 words max)
- **Detailed Program Description** (250 words max)
  - What are the program activities?
  - What is your implementation plan and timeline for the funding cycle?
- **Program Experience** (250 words max)
  - *New programs:* How does your approach align with best practices? Why is it likely to achieve results?
  - *Existing programs:* What evidence demonstrates past success (outcomes, metrics, participant feedback)?
- **How will you ensure the program is inclusive and responsive to diverse needs?** (250 words max)
- **How does collaboration support this program's delivery?** (250 words max)
  - What community partnerships are essential to success?
  - *If collaborative:* How will partners work together to meet program goals? Describe each agency's roles, responsibilities, and resources.

### **SECTION 3: PROGRAM IMPACT & COMMUNITY NEED**

- **Statement of Need** (300 words max)
  - Who is your priority population?
  - What specific needs or challenges do they face?
  - How were these needs identified and what evidence supports them?
- **Alignment with ALICE Focus** (250 words max)

- Describe how your program will directly impact ALICE households in our region. What specific barriers or challenges faced by ALICE households does your program address?
- Select the ALICE categories that best fit the services you provide: \* (Select all that apply)

Housing & Shelter

Utilities & Technology: water, electricity, internet, cellphone services, etc.

Child Care & Education: enrichment activities for children, educational opportunities for any age, summer camp, etc.

Food: food security, access to healthy food, access to food pathways

Transportation: auto repairs, DMV fees, insurance costs, etc.

Health Care: physical, mental, holistic, and substance abuse services.

- **Addressing a Service Gap** (250 words max)
  - What gap in services does this program fill?
  - What data demonstrates this gap exists?
  - What makes your approach unique or innovative?

## SECTION 4: BUDGET

### Amount Requested

#### What percent of your total program budget is your allocation request?

Upload completed Program Budget Template including:

1. Program Income or Revenue
2. Budgeted Program Expenses
3. Use of Requested United Way Funds

### Budget Narrative (300 words max)

- Explain major program expenses and how they support program activities
- And how UW funds are used
- What other financial resources will be used to support this program?
- *If collaborative:* Funding allocation per agency and purpose of the funds

## SECTION 5: IMPACT & EVALUATION

### This section asks you to describe your program's intended impact:

- Goals: The broad change you're working toward (e.g., "ALICE families will achieve greater financial stability")
- Outcomes: Specific results participants will achieve (e.g., "Participants will increase income and reduce debt")
- Measurements: The data points you will track (e.g., "% of participants who increase income or access to resources")

**Program Goals** (200 words max) What are the primary goals of this program? What will be different for participants or the community because of this program?

**Program Outcomes** (250 words max) What specific, measurable outcomes do you expect participants to achieve? How will you know if someone has been successful in your program?

**How many unduplicated individuals** do you expect to serve with this program during the funding cycle?

**Provide an estimate of the percentage of program participants** you expect to serve in each county. Percentages should total 100%.

## Shared Measurements

Select measurements from the categories below that align with your program outcomes. For each measurement selected, provide your target or goal.

### HOW MUCH DID WE DO? (Activity - choose 1-2)

- # of individuals served
- # of sessions/classes/activities provided
- # of families/households connected to wraparound services
- # of referrals made to partner organizations

### HOW WELL DID WE DO IT? (Quality - choose 1-2)

- #/% of participants who meet program engagement goals (as defined by your program)
- #/% of participants demonstrating improved knowledge/skills (via pre/post assessment)
- #/% of participants who report feeling supported and connected to resources
- #/% of participants engaged in identifying personal goals and taking steps toward achieving them

### IS ANYONE BETTER OFF? (Impact - choose 1-2)

- #/% of participants who increase income or access to resources
- #/% of participants who achieve/maintain stability (housing, employment, health, etc.)
- #/% of participants who demonstrate improvement in assessment scores
- #/% of participants who report reduced barriers to accessing services
- #/% of participants who successfully complete their program goals
- #/% of individuals who report a positive change in behaviors

## Evaluation Plan (250 words max)

Describe your plan for collecting and tracking these measurements throughout the funding cycle. If assessments are infrequent (e.g., pre/post only), explain how you will monitor progress between assessment points.

## SECTION 6: SUBMISSION

*Required attachments:*

- Patriot Act Form
- Partnership Agreement

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