

United Way 2026 Grant Application

[Rice County Area United Way](#) works with partners to build a healthier community for all people in Rice County. We invite nonprofit agencies serving the Rice County area to apply for grants. Funding for two-year grants will begin July 1, 2026, and conclude June 30, 2028.

Rice County Area United Way tackles four big issues:

- 1) Youth Opportunity
- 2) Healthy Community
- 3) Financial Stability/Basic Needs
- 4) Literacy

Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

NOTE: This form does not automatically save partially completed forms.

* Indicates required question

Eligibility Requirements

Before proceeding, please ensure you meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements:

1. This agency is a governmental agency or an agency that is recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt 501(c)(3).
2. This agency is organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
3. This agency files an IRS 990 (if required).
4. This agency is directed by an active and responsible governing body whose members have no material conflict of interest and a majority of whom serve without compensation.

1. Does your organization comply with ALL for of the above stated qualifying items? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes *Skip to question 2*

No

Contact Information

Contact information for the Executive Director (or organizational leader)

2. Full Name *

3. Title *

4. Phone Number *

5. Email Address *

Contact information for primary point of contact regarding this application

6. Full Name *

7. Title *

8. Phone Number *

9. Email Address *

Organizational information

10. Name of your organization *

11. Physical address *

12. Mailing address (if different from physical address)

13. Phone number *

14. Website *

15. Your organization's EIN *

16. For which type of grant are you applying? *

Mark only one oval.

Organizational grant

Program grant

17. How many full-time staff does your organization or program have? *

18. How many part-time staff does your organization or program have? *

19. Roughly how many volunteers does your organization or program utilize each year? *

20. Which of the following is most applicable to your organization? *

Mark only one oval.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization *Skip to question 24*

We are a public agency/unit of government *Skip to question 24*

We have a fiscal sponsor *Skip to question 21*

None of the above

Skip to question 24

Fiscal Sponsor Details

21. What is the name of your fiscal sponsor? *

22. What is the address of your fiscal sponsor? *

23. What is the EIN of your fiscal sponsor? *

Funding Request Details

24. For how many years are you requesting funding? *

A one-year grant term will run July 2026 through June 2027.

A two-year grant term will run July 2026 through June 2028.

Mark only one oval.

1 Year

2 Years

25. **Request Amount** *

Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 per year. Rice County Area United Way will not consider requests above \$65,000 per year.

Please indicate the total requested for your grant (number only; no commas). If you are applying for a two-year grant, let us know the **total** amount you are requesting. (Note: Grants will be split evenly between year one and year two. While we intend to fund grants at the same level in year one as in year two of the cycle, amounts may need to be adjusted based on United Way donations, in which case we will communicate with you.)

Grant Narrative

26. What impact area(s) will your grant address? *

Please select all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Youth opportunity
- Healthy community
- Financial security and basic needs
- Literacy

27. How will your organization or project address the impact area(s) you selected above? *

500 character limit

28. Describe the population and number of people your organization or project will serve. Include demographics such as income level, race/ethnicity, age range, etc.

500 character limit

29. What other resources do you bring to this organization or project, such as other funds or collaborators?

If you receive additional funding, please list your funding sources below and explain why United Way funding is essential for your success. Will you collaborate with other groups? If so, tell us about the value of that collaboration.

500 character limit

30. How will you use the funds? How will these funds help you reach your goals? *

500 character limit

Tell us a bit about your key activities, programs, and/or services

Please share 1-5 key activities, programs, and/or services. For each, please share the following information:

1. Brief description of the activity, program, and/or service
2. Last year's outcome
3. Measurable planned outcome in current fiscal year
4. How will you measure impact? How you will record individuals served and evaluate your program? What data will you collect to know if your project has actually accomplished your goal?

31. Key Activity, Program, and/or Service #1 *

32. Key Activity, Program, and/or Service #2

33. Key Activity, Program, and/or Service #3

34. Key Activity, Program, and/or Service #4

35. Key Activity, Program, and/or Service #5

Geographic Area Served

36. How would you like to define the geographic area you serve? *

Mark only one oval.

By City or ZIP Code *Skip to question 37*

By School District *Skip to question 38*

Geographic Area Served (by City/Town)

What is the geographic area you serve?

37. **City/Town (check all that apply) ***

Check all that apply.

- Faribault (55021)
- Northfield (55057)
- Dennison (55018)
- Dundas (55019)
- Kilkenny (56052)
- Lonsdale (55046)
- Montgomery (55069)
- Morristown (55052)
- Nerstrand (55053)
- Warsaw (55087)
- Webster (55088)
- Other: _____

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Geographic Area Served (by School District)

What is the geographic area you serve?

38. **School District (check all that apply) ***

Check all that apply.

- Faribault School District
- Northfield School District
- Tri-City School District
- Other: _____

39. **Other School District (specify below)**

File Uploads

40. Upload your Organization's Budget *

Files submitted:

41. Upload your most recent 990 or tax filing *

Files submitted:

42. Upload your agency audited or reviewed financial statement, if you have one.

Files submitted:

43. Upload 3-5 photos that capture your organization and/or program, making sure you have waivers signed for all images.

Files submitted:

44. Photo Release *

Check all that apply.

I certify that I have obtained all necessary permissions and releases for any photos submitted with this application, and I authorize Rice County Area United Way to use the submitted photos for marketing, communications, and publication materials (including print and digital).

45. Upload any additional documents here

Files submitted:

Signature

46. Signature *

Typing your full name here constitutes your signature.

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