



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY

United Way of Central Kentucky was founded in 2001 to serve Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, and Meade counties. Since our inception, we have aimed to operate and fund programs that address health and human services issues within our five-county region.

MISSION

Connecting our community for the common good.

VISION

Each individual in our community is self-sufficient in the areas of Education, Financial Stability, Health and Basic Needs.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

UWCK's Community Investment Grants are awarded through a competitive process that convenes community members to maximize the impact of community resources. The objective of the Community Investment Grant Program is to support programs and services that improve Education, Financial Stability, Health, & Basic Needs within UWCK's service area.

*Note: UWCK offers a mini-grant program for funding requests of up to \$3,000. The Community Investment Grant Program is for funding requests that exceed \$3,000.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a UWCK grant, the applicant must:

- Attend the annual grant training session to learn how to prepare a competitive application
- Demonstrate that grant funds will benefit individuals and communities within the United Way of Central Kentucky region (Hardin, Breckinridge, Grayson, LaRue, and Meade Counties)
- Be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a school district, or a coalition of agencies with a nonprofit Fiscal Agent.
- Adhere to good governance standards by having an annual tax return (990/990EZ), an active Board of Directors, and an IRS determination letter verifying non-profit status. A complete annual independent audit or certification of financial controls is required based on the agency's revenue and/or funding request. Please review the content of the grant application to see what we require for programs to be considered for funding.
- Applicants previously funded must be in good standing with prior grant agreement terms and post-award follow-up reporting.

The program you are requesting funding for must:

- Align with at least one of UWCK's focus areas: Education, Health, Financial Stability or Basic Needs.

United Way of Central Kentucky does NOT typically fund the following types of programs/projects:

- Arts and culture programs
- Sports teams and recreation activities
- Capital campaigns or projects
- Environmental projects or organizations
- Direct religious activities of religious groups or organizations

Please note there is no guarantee of funding. All funds will be awarded at the discretion of the UWCK Board of Directors.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

- *September 2026:* Grant Training Sessions (Applicants must attend one session)
 - *September 10:* 9:30-11:00 am EST, UWCK Office
 - *September 16:* 2:00-3:30 pm EST, UWCK
 - *September 18:* 11:00 am-12:30 pm EST, Virtual Training
- *October 5:* Letter of Intent Due to UWCK
 - Deadline: 12:00 PM EST
- *October 12:* Applicants notified by UWCK if a full grant application is requested
- *November 9:* Full grant applications and supporting documentation due to UWCK
 - Deadline: 2:00 PM EST
 - **NO LATE SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- *December 4:* Additional Questions from our Community Investment Team sent to applicants
- *December 10:* Answers to the Community Investment Team questions due to UWCK
- *December 22:* Applicants notified of funding decisions
- *January 2027:* Grant year begins and payments disperse

Grantees will receive an award letter and a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The grant MOA must be fully executed prior to the submission deadline noted in the award letter for disbursement of grant funds.

Grantees will also be required to submit post-award follow-up reports throughout the funding period—generally on a quarterly schedule. Post-award follow-up reporting forms will be made available after the grant is awarded.

QUESTIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

UWCK staff will be available for feedback on your individual questions during the grant training meetings. Please feel free to contact the UWCK office at (270) 737-6608 if additional questions arise during the completion of your application. We will make every effort to answer any questions.

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