



## United Way of Greater New Haven Summer Youth Fund Grant Opportunity 2024

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### Grant Applications due Monday, April 1, 2024 by 4:00pm EST

#### I. Grant Context, Overview, and Outcomes:

United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) is committed to broadening children's access to programs that spark their learning and support their healthy development. We believe that when all children have access to high-quality educational opportunities, they have brighter futures and help make our community stronger.

UWGNH recognizes that summer programs are an important opportunity for children and youth to learn new skills, develop strong relationships with caring adults and peers, and have healthy and fun experiences that promote their growth and development. UWGNH is releasing this Summer Youth Fund grant opportunity to ensure that more children and youth from low-income families in Greater New Haven have the opportunity to attend high-quality summer programs.

Grant awards are available to provide general operating funds for summer programs operating in New Haven, West Haven, Hamden, East Haven, and Branford that serve children and youth in kindergarten through grade twelve from June to September.

Priority will be given to programs that are accessible for young people from low-income families and that offer academic enrichment, skill-building, and personal development.

The 2024 Summer Youth Fund is **only** available for programs that do not receive grant funding through the New Haven Tutoring Initiative as a tutoring model partner. Infusion model partners may apply.

Funding awards will be competitive, will have a maximum award of \$15,000, and awards could be made for a portion of the total funding request.

#### II. Eligible Applicants:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a tax-exempt agency operating in greater New Haven:
  - Not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status

- Government agency
- School or academic institution
- Faith-based organization
- Have a documented fiscal sponsorship
- Be an existing youth program with a location serving young people in **New Haven, Hamden, Branford, East Haven, or West Haven.**
- Serve “young people” - defined for the purposes of this grant as individuals in kindergarten through grade 12.
- Provide in-person summer programming.
- Have provided programming to youth from low-income households for a minimum of 3 years.
- Have a Non-Discrimination Policy.
- Serve young people and families who are included in the [ALICE and below](#) population (e.g., lower-income households).
- Prioritization will be given to programs that have demonstrated the ability to successfully serve underserved communities such as but not limited to, communities of color, low-income families, immigrant families, female-headed and/or single-parent households, and families who have children with disabilities.

**III. Data and Performance Measures:**

Applicants seeking funding must demonstrate their ability to track performance measures, describe how they measure program impact, and share program outcomes at the end of summer. Required reporting elements will include at a minimum: unique number of children served, participant demographics (city/town of residence, age, gender, race and ethnicity), hours of programming offered and program impact on participants/families.

**IV. Timeline:**

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| ● Grant Announcement         | Monday, March 18, 2024       |
| ● Grant Application Deadline | Monday, April 1, 2024 by 4pm |
| ● Notification of Awards     | Friday, April 26, 2024       |
| ● Grant Period               | June 1 - September 1, 2024   |

Submit questions via email to Charlene Cua at [ccua@uwgnh.org](mailto:ccua@uwgnh.org)

**V. Application Submission:**

- All submissions must go through the online application portal [HERE](#)

#### **VI. Terms and Conditions:**

Once selected, grantees will be required to meet the following terms for funding:

- Regularly attend and actively participate in the Greater New Haven Youth Network organized by United Way to share challenges, lessons learned and successes.
- Host an informal site visit with a UWGNH Community Impact team member during your summer programming.
- Share at least one youth/family level story with UWGNH.
- Provide a final report at the end of the grant period.

#### **VII. Grant Application Questions:**

##### **Organization Information:**

- Agency Name
- Contact First & Last Name
- Job Title
- E-mail Address
- Phone Number
- Organization Address for primary place of business
- Executive Director Name
- Executive Director Email
- Please indicate the race/ethnicity of your Executive Director/CEO
- Are you currently a tutoring model partner with the New Haven Tutoring Initiative? Y/N
- Please select the option that describes your agency: 501(c)3 / Fiscal Sponsor (Awardees will be required to provide their IRS determination letter or a letter from their fiscal sponsor)
- How many years have you been providing youth programming in Greater New Haven? (Number only)
- In what cities/towns does your program serve? Check all that apply. (Branford, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, West Haven).
- Please complete and upload the staff and youth demographics template provided.
- Please tell us more about the youth your summer program plans to serve (e.g., what neighborhoods they are coming from, genders, age ranges, etc.)

##### **Program Design and Outcomes**

Applicants will be expected to answer every part of each question below:

- Please describe the focus of your program curriculum (e.g., recreation, technology, outdoor leadership, tutoring, etc.) and the types of activities your program will offer.
- Please provide the start and end dates for the summer program.
- When does the summer program operate (days of the week and hours per day)?
- Where does your summer programming take place?
- How many (unique) young people will your summer program serve? (Number Only)
- How many full-time paid staff members operate your program? (Number Only)
- How many part-time paid staff members operate your program? (Number Only)
- What will be your program staff to participant ratio? (enter as #staff : #youth)

### **Commitments to Impact and Equity**

- This grant intends to support programs that provide youth from low-income households an opportunity to attend high quality summer programs through 1) enriching and educational summer experiences; 2) addressing academic, social, and emotional needs; 3) promoting youth development and empowerment; 4) encouraging collaboration and community engagement. Please describe specifically how your program provides high quality summer programming (e.g., specific curriculum, activities, program structure, etc.).
- What are the specific outcomes your program hopes to achieve in this summer program? How will you measure the impact this summer program has on participants?
- We know that barriers exist preventing many families from enrolling their child/children in summer programming. Please select any/all barriers from the list below that your youth agency intends to address:
  1. Decrease/eliminate costs/fees for enrollment & participation
  2. Provide transportation to and from programming
  3. Make programs accessible for youth living with disabilities
  4. Promote awareness of/recruitment for summer program opportunities to marginalized communities
  5. Increase quality of program curriculum and materials
  6. Hire summer staff who are from/represent the communities the program serves
  7. We don't currently address any of these
  8. Other:
- Please describe how your agency has incorporated the efforts identified above to eliminate barriers to participation.

- UWGNH is committed to continued learning and action to foster an equitable, just, and inclusive community. Please identify what steps your agency has taken to advance its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (check any/all that apply):
  1. Agency has established policies and practices supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion (i.e. vendor/consultant policy, hiring policy, cultural and linguistic competence policy, etc.)
  2. Agency performs an organizational evaluation of diversity, equity, and inclusion to hold itself accountable to its policies
  3. Agency is led (e.g., executive director, CEO) by a person of color or another marginalized identity
  4. Percentage of staff whose demographics reflect community served demographics
  5. Percentage of board members whose demographics reflect community served demographics
  6. Agency is primarily focused on improving the lives of community members who hold marginalized identities, and reflects that commitment in their mission, goals, and actions
  7. Agency conducts internal cultural competency and diversity training for staff
  8. We aren't currently taking any of these steps
  9. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please describe how your agency has incorporated the efforts identified above to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in your agency's operations and youth programming.
- UWGNH is also committed to building effective collaboration between youth agencies and other service providers. Describe how your organization actively and intentionally collaborates with other agencies - in providing services, referrals, advocacy, participation in collaborative groups, or in other ways.
- Do you have a non-discrimination policy? (Awardees will be required to submit a copy of their Board approved non-discrimination policy) Y/N

**Program Budget & Use of Funds**

- How much is your organization's annual budget? (Number Only)
- How much is your organization's summer programming budget? (Number Only)
- What amount of funding are you requesting? (Up to \$15,000; Number Only)
- Describe how you would use these funds to enhance your summer program budget.
- Please use the budget template provided including a high-level breakdown of costs (e.g., \$5,000 for staffing, \$2,000 for supplies, etc.) for your funding request.

- If you only received partial funding from this grant request, would you still be able to offer this program?
- Are your programs offered free of charge, or is there a fee to participate in the program? If there is a fee, what is the cost and is there a sliding scale or are there any scholarships offered?

**VIII. Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications that are submitted by the deadline will be evaluated by a diverse committee of UWGNH staff, community members, youth advocates, and young people. Answers will be reviewed and scored based on responses. Questions are weighted using the following breakdown of points:

Program Design	20
Commitments to Impact and Equity	20
<u>Program Budget &amp; Use of Funds</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Possible Points	50

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