

United Way of Greater New Haven Request for Proposals Summer Youth Fund Grant Opportunity 2025

Grant Applications are due Friday, April 4th, 2025, by 4:00pm EST

Applications must be submitted through the application portal this link.

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 to young people from low-income families and that offer academic enrichment, skill-building, and personal development.

Funding awards will be competitive, will have a maximum award of \$10,000, and awards could be made for a portion of the total funding request.

II. Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- a. Be a tax-exempt agency operating in New Haven, Hamden, Branford, East Haven, or West Haven:
 - i. Not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status
 - ii. Government agency
 - iii. School or academic institution
 - iv. Faith-based organization
- b. Be an existing youth* program and have provided a minimum of 3 years of programming
 - i. *For purposes of this grant, "youth" are defined as individuals in grades K-12
- c. Have a documented fiscal sponsorship
- d. Provide in-person summer programming
- e. Have a Non-Discrimination Policy*

- i. *Awardees may be required to submit a copy of their Board approved nondiscrimination policy
- f. Serve young people and families who are included in the <u>ALICE and below</u> population (e.g., lower-income households).
 - i. Priority 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. Timeline:

Grant Announcement Monday, March 17, 2025
Grant Information Session Monday, March 24, 2025, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Grant Application Deadline Friday, April 4, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.
Notification of Awards Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Grant Period June 1 - September 1, 2025

Click here to register for the Grant Information Session on Monday 3/24/2025 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

IV. Application Submission:

All submissions must go through the online application portal.

- a. Click here to access the application portal
- b. If you require special assistance with submitting your application, please contact Laura Callachan at lcallachan@uwgnh.org.
- c. Application questions can be found starting on page 3 of this document. Applicants are encouraged to draft responses utilizing this section of the RFP. Final submissions must be submitted via the link above.

V. Terms and Conditions:

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

- a. Host an informal site visit with a UWGNH Community Impact team member during your summer programming.
- b. Share at least one youth/family story with UWGNH
- c. Provide a final report at the end of the grant period
- d. Support other youth organizations by participating in the GNH Youth Network to share challenges, lessons learned, and success stories.

VI. 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:

- a. Unique number of children served
- b. Participant demographics (city/town of residence, age, gender, race and ethnicity)
- c. Hours of programming offered
- d. Program impact on participants/families

VII. 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. Please note, additional materials may be requested following submission or review. Questions are weighted using the following breakdown of points:

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

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Grant Application Questions

Organization Information:

- 1. Agency Legal Name
- 2. Application Contact First & Last Name
- 3. Application Contact Job Title
- 4. Application Contact E-mail Address
- 5. Phone Number
- 6. Organization Address for your primary place of business
- 7. Are you authorized to sign contracts on behalf of your agency?
 - If no, please provide the name, email, job title of who is authorized to sign contracts on behalf of your agency
- 8. Is this agency a subsidiary of or part of a larger organization? If yes, please provide the legal name of that organization
- 9. Please indicate the race/ethnicity of your Executive Director/CEO
- 10. Please select the option that describes your agency:
 - o Not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status
 - Government agency
 - School or academic institution
 - Faith-based organization
- 11. How many years have you been providing youth programming in Greater New Haven? (Number only)
- 12. In what cities/towns does your program serve? Check all that apply.
 - o Branford, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, West Haven
- 13. 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:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Please provide the start and end dates for the summer program.
- 3. When does the summer program operate (days of the week and hours per day)?
- 4. Where does your summer programming take place?
- 5. How many (unique) young people will your summer program serve? (Number Only)
- 6. What grade levels does your program serve? Select all that apply.
 - o K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- 7. What will be your program staff-to-participant ratio? (enter as #staff: #youth)
- 8. How will you measure the impact this summer program has on participants?

Commitments to Impact and Opportunity:

- 1. 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 how your summer programming currently aligns with the grant intentions outlined above and how access to grant funding will enhance your ability to meet those goals.
- 2. UWGNH is <u>committed</u> to continued learning and action to foster an equitable, just, and inclusive community. Please describe what steps your agency has taken to further its

- commitment to advancing opportunities for the youth you serve, and how these efforts are incorporated into your operations and programming?
- 3. Does your agency have a non-discrimination policy? (Awardees may be <u>required</u> to submit a copy of their Board approved non-discrimination policy)
 - o Yes / No

Program Budget & Use of Funds:

- 1. How much is your organization's annual budget? (Number Only)
- 2. How much is your organization's summer programming budget? (Number Only)
- 3. What amount of funding are you requesting? (Up to \$10,000; Number Only)
- 4. Describe how you would use these funds to enhance your summer program budget.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Are your programs offered free of charge?
 - Yes / No
- 7. If no, what is the cost, and is there a sliding scale or scholarships available?



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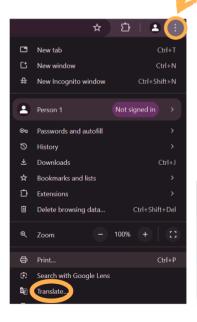
for United Way of Greater New Haven Funding Opportunity Applicants

United Way of Greater New Haven utilizes Formstack to create online application forms for all funding opportunities. Utilizing the web browser Google Chrome, applicants can translate our online applications and respond to United Way funding opportunities in their preferred language. Instructions on how to do so can be found below. Please be aware that utilizing this process shares your data with Google, as translation is done via Google Translate.

If you already have the web browser Google Chrome, and your language is set to one other than English, Google Translate may send a pop-up window prompting you to translate the form. In that case, you will not need to complete the following steps.

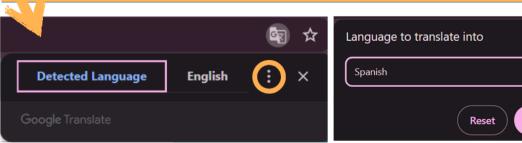
Awarded funding?

If an applicant is awarded funding, all future documentation will be distributed and completed in English. Additional supports may be available dependent upon the funding opportunity.



STEPS

- Download and install the web browser Google Chrome if you do not already have access to it. Instructions for how to do so for different computer types can be found here. (To translate web browser download instructions, scroll to the bottom of the page and select another language from the 'Language' button.)
- Open a new window in Google Chrome, and navigate to the online United Way of Greater New Haven application. The link to the application can be found on our website and in the application preview.
- Once the application is open in Google Chrome, select the three dots at the top, right-hand corner to open Google Chrome's menu. Scroll down and select 'Translate.'
 - Google Chrome will show you the language it is detecting on the page in the window that pops up. Select the three dots in the top, right-hand corner of the window and scroll until you select your preferred language.
- Once you have selected the language you want the form translated into, click 'Translate.' The application form should show in your preferred language. You will now be able to read and respond to the form in the language you are most comfortable in.



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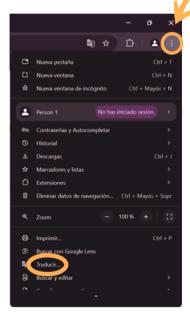
para los solicitantes de oportunidades de financiación de United Way of Greater New Haven

United Way of Greater New Haven utiliza Formstack plataforma para crear formularios de solicitud en línea para todas las oportunidades de financiamiento. Utilizando el navegador web Google Chrome, los solicitantes pueden traducir nuestras solicitudes en línea y responder a las oportunidades de financiación de United Way of Greater New Haven en su idioma preferido. Las instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo se pueden encontrar a continuación. Tenga en cuenta que el uso de este proceso comparte sus datos con Google, ya que la traducción se realiza a través de la herramienta de traduccion Google Translate.

Si ya tienes el navegador web Google Chrome y tu idioma está configurado en uno que no sea el inglés, es posible que el Traductor de Google envíe una ventana emergente pidiéndote que traduzcas el formulario. En ese caso, no será necesario que complete los siguientes pasos.

¿Ha recibido financiación?

Si a un solicitante se le otorga financiamiento, toda la documentación futura se distribuirá y completará en inglés. Es posible que haya apoyos adicionales disponibles dependiendo de la oportunidad de finaciamiento.



PASOS

- Descargue e instale el navegador web Google Chrome si aún no tiene acceso a él. Las instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo para diferentes tipos de computadoras se pueden encontrar aquí. (Para traducir las instrucciones de descarga del navegador web, desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página y seleccione otro idioma el el botón 'Idioma')
- Abra una nueva ventana en Google Chrome y navegue hasta la aplicación en línea United Way of Greater New Haven. El enlace a la aplicación se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web y en la vista previa de la aplicación.
- Una vez que la aplicación esté abierta en Google Chrome, seleccione los tres puntos en la esquina superior derecha para abrir el menú de Google Chrome. Desplázate hacia abajo y selecciona 'Traducir.'
- Google Chrome le monstrará el idioma que está detectando en la página en la ventana que aparece. Selecciona los tres puntos en la esquina superior derecha de la ventana y desplázate hasta que selecciones tu idioma preferido.
- Una vez que haya seleccionado el idioma al que desea traducir el formulario, haga clic en 'Traducir.' El formulario de solicitud debe aparecer en su idioma preferido. Ahora podrá leer y responder el formulario en el idioma en el que se sienta más cómodo.



