



United Way of Greater New Haven

Summer Youth Fund Grant Opportunity

Grant Applications due Friday, April 29th, 2022 by 4:00pm EST

I. Grant Context, Overview, and Outcomes:

United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) is committed to helping our community reimagine a more equitable and financially stable life post-pandemic. That means helping families make sure their children get a strong start, can access programs that continue to spark their learning, and that teachers, caregivers, and youth workers have the skills and resources to support children’s healthy growth and development. We believe that when all children have access to a quality education, they have brighter futures and help make our community stronger.

Throughout the pandemic, UWGNH has engaged with efforts across Greater New Haven to support children including: the Community Learning Hubs, financial assistance programs for student families, door-to-door canvassing of NHPS students struggling to attend school, convening youth agencies, and providing support for summer youth programming. With the input from these experiences and perspectives, UWGNH is releasing another Summer Youth Fund grant opportunity to assist youth agencies in Greater New Haven to have the resources they need to provide safe and meaningful experiences that will help children and young people rebuild relationships with peers and trusted adults.

The goal of this year’s Summer Youth Fund will once again be to help meet the learning and relationship needs for a spectrum of students – the most disengaged and those who are engaged but need additional support. Eligible youth organizations must provide summer programs (June – September) that safely serve young people through in-person (prioritized) or hybrid programming. This grant will not support programs that will be fully remote or online.

Funding requests could include but are not limited to: 1) additional staffing required to meet safe staff:children ratios; 2) adding specific training and/or curriculum to support the social and emotional learning needs of students; 3) additional equipment such as tents and tables to offer outdoor activities; 4) PPE equipment, masks, and sanitizer; and other Covid-related program needs; and 5) support for program communications to foster promotion, recruitment, and family follow up to maximize access and enrollment.

Some of the additional goals for the grant include:

- Engaging community partners, young people, and UWGNH staff, volunteers, and Board members in the grant review and recommendation process.
- Continued listening and responding to the needs of valued community partners.
- Reporting on themes of capacity building and technical assistance that could better meet the needs of youth agencies to have the necessary skills and resources so support their young people and their families.
- Reporting on impact and effectiveness of programs and share best practices and learnings across the grant cohort to be applied to future school and afterschool programming.

Funding awards will be up to \$15,000.

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 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 (or at minimum hybrid programming where every participant receives both in person and virtual activities).
- Have provided youth programming for a minimum of at least 2 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 common standard performance measures. Required reporting elements will include at a minimum: unique number of children served, participant demographics (city/town of residence, age, gender, race and ethnicity), and hours of programming offered.

IV. Timeline:

Grant Announcement	April 8, 2022
Grant Application Deadline	April 29, 2022 by 4:00pm
Notification of Awards	May 25, 2022
Grant Period	June 1 - September 31, 2022

Submit questions via email to Mike Degen at mdegen@uwgnh.org

V. Application Submission:

- All submissions must go through the online 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
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address
- Organization Address for primary place of business
- Are you a 501(c)3 or fiscal sponsor? (Awardees will be asked 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?
- Please describe the cities/towns your program serves (New Haven, Hamden, Branford, East Haven, and/or West Haven).

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 describe the structure of your program: date the program begins and ends, frequency of participation (daily, M/W/F, etc.), length of participation time (1 hour, full day, etc.), location of program, and whether it is fully in-person or hybrid.
- How many (unique) young people will your summer program serve?
- How many full-time or part-time summer program staff members will you have? What will be your program staff to participant ratio?
- Please describe the basic demographics of the young people your organization would serve through this summer programming (age, gender, race/ethnicity, school grades, neighborhood, etc).
- This grant intends to support programs that help young people: 1) have safe in-person interactions with their peers; 2) have a chance to build trusted relationships with adults; 3) be supported to recover from pandemic isolation and trauma and rebuild critical social and emotional skills. What actions will your program take to accomplish these goals? How will you measure your progress?
- How will your program safely serve young people due to pandemic health and safety concerns?

Financial Capacity & Use of Funds

- How much is your organization's annual budget?

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

Commitments to Equity and Collaboration

- Do you have a non-discrimination policy? (Awardees will be asked to submit a copy of their policy)
- UWGNH is committed to continued learning and action to foster an equitable, just, and inclusive community where each of our neighbors has the opportunity to thrive. Please tell us how your agency demonstrates a commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in your operations and programming.
- UWGNH is also committed to building effective collaboration between and across service providers. Describe how your organization collaborates with other agencies - in providing services, referrals, advocacy, participation in collaborative groups, or in other ways.

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
Financial Capacity & Use of Funds	20
<u>Commitments to Equity and Collaboration</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Possible Points	50

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