

United Way Launches 2026 Funding Opportunity for Wayne County Nonprofits

Wayne County, NC — United Way of Wayne County (UWWC) announces its **2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** for nonprofit organizations serving Wayne County residents. The NOFO and additional grant materials will be available beginning **July 28, 2025**, at www.unitedwayne.org/501c3.

Eligible applicants must hold a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, be incorporated in North Carolina, and actively deliver impact-driven services in Wayne County. Programs must demonstrate measurable outcomes and align with at least one of UWWC's four focus areas: Basic Needs, Education, Health & Wellness, or Financial Stability. New or pilot programs without outcome data will not be considered for funding. Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible.

United Way of Wayne County invests in proactive, prevention-focused programs that help people reach their full potential. Priority will be given to high-quality programs that are results-driven, innovative, and responsive to community needs.

All nonprofit applicants are required to attend one of the in-person orientation sessions to be eligible for consideration. Orientation sessions will be held on August 7, 2025, at 9:00 AM and on August 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The sessions will cover the application process and navigation of UWWC's grant portal, e-CImpact. Only agencies that attend orientation will be invited to submit a pre-qualification application, which must include all required documents in digital format (Word, Excel, or PDF). Handwritten documents or screenshots will not be accepted. Incomplete packets will not be reviewed. Agencies that pass the pre-qualification stage will then be invited to submit a full application.

Grant funding begins January 2026 for the program year covering January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

For more information or to register for orientation, visit www.unitedwayne.org/501c3 or contact Pilar Parks at pilar@unitedwayne.org

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Attachment: Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2026 United Way of Wayne County Grant

United Way of Wayne County is a local non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of our residents by uniting people and resources. Our strategies mobilize and leverage community resources and fund 2-1-1 for Wayne County. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, and multi-lingual helpline.

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