



United Way of Yellowstone County's (UWYC) mission is to address the needs of Yellowstone County and to improve lives by connecting and collaborating for a thriving community. As part of this mission we are seeking grant applications to create and strengthen our areas of impact and complement our strategic goals.

Impact Areas

Services/programs must align with one of the following.

Building Futures: We strive to empower youth to reach their full potential through the following strategies –

Literacy – Increasing reading proficiency

Which includes:

- Programs/initiatives that support increasing adult to child reading interactions
- Increasing reading skills to Yellowstone County children ages 0-18

School Readiness – Increasing school readiness outcomes

Which includes:

- Programs/initiatives that support parent engagement
- Increasing school readiness skills among Yellowstone County children ages 0-5

School Success – Increasing school success outcomes

Which includes:

- Programs/initiatives that support school attendance
- Increasing school success skills among Yellowstone County residents ages 5-24
- Increasing social supports to Yellowstone County transitional age youth (ages 16-24) including but not limited to those coming out of the foster care system, experiencing homelessness, etc.

Community Resiliency: We strive to enhance the wellbeing and support basic needs for our community through the following strategies –

Crisis Stabilization – Stabilizing vulnerable populations

Which includes:

- Programs/initiatives that support housing stabilization
- Programs/initiatives that increase Yellowstone County resident self-sufficiency (education, job training, financial literacy, etc.)
- Increasing resource awareness and/or access to services for Yellowstone County residents

Mental Health – Increasing positive mental health outcomes

Which includes:

- Programs/initiatives that increase access to mental health supports



Funding Overview

Basic details of this funding opportunity include:

Award Amount	\$25,000 - \$50,000 annually (\$75,000 - \$150,000 total award)
Funding Period	Over three years from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028
Application Deadline	February 14, 2025
Award Announcement	July 1, 2025
Payment Schedule	Payments will be made on the last Friday of each month in equal installments. First payment will be distributed July 25, 2025.

Key Changes From 2024-2025 Funding Cycle

Basic details of this funding opportunity include:

Award Amount	From \$10,000-\$40,000 annually to \$25,000-\$50,000 annually
Funding Period	From 1 year of funding to 3 years of funding
Anticipated amount of annual community investment	\$300,000 6-12 three-year grant awards
Application Process	Only ONE application per agency

Who Can Apply

Eligibility requirements include:

Non-Profit Status	Must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency.
Geography	Must be located in and provide services for Yellowstone County.
Alignment with UWYC	Must address one of the Impact Areas described on page 1.
Partnership with UWYC	Must meet partner expectations described in the application.

Key Dates And Proposal Process

Funding timeline and key dates:

December 2, 2024	Official release of Request for Proposals (RFP)
December 5, 2024	Virtual RFP Lunch and Learn
January 17, 2025	Community Investment Grant Virtual Information Session
January 20, 2025	Community Investment Grant Online Portal opens
February 14, 2025	Community Investment Grant Online Portal closes
February 24 – 28, 2025	Reviewer Orientation
March – April 2025	Application review and prioritization
May 2025	Final decision by United Way of Yellowstone County Board of Directors
June 2025	Organizations notified as to the status of their application Grant agreements signed
July 2025	Funding begins

How To Apply

The Application can be found at:

<https://www.unitedwayyellowstone.org/apply>

Questions or need more information?

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