UNITED WAY
Mid & South
Jefferson County

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

ASSESS NEEDS | DEVELOP STRATEGIES | INVEST RESOURCES | COLLABORATE | CREATE IMPACT

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Applicants must provide services within the United Way of Mid & South Jefferson jurisdiction (zip codes) 77619, 77627, 77640, 77641, 77642, 77643, 77651, 77655 & cities included Groves, Nederland, Port Arthur, Port Neches, and Sabine Pass

Application Requirements

- Letter of Intent is Required for all applicants not currently funded.
- Once the Letter of Intent is submitted, it will be reviewed. If it meets the basic criteria, an invitation to apply will be made via e-mail by January 6.
- Applications will be reviewed only if the packet submitted is completed and all requested documentation is included at time of submission. The committee will not review incomplete applications.
- Applications without required forms (i.e. United Way budget forms) or incomplete forms are considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Eligibility Requirements

- An active nonpaid local or regional governing board of adequate size, background, and diversity to represent the community, serving without compensation, holding regular, documented meetings (at least quarterly), and demonstrating effective administrative control.
- Clearly stated, measurable objectives for each program seeking Community Investment Funds.
- A program that addresses a clearly demonstrated community need in reference to at least one of the four United Way impact areas of focus: Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community, Household Financial Security, and Community Resiliency.
- A satisfactory past record of providing community services that is demonstrated by two years of service utilized by the community as evidenced by service utilization figures; and individual program financing during this time period from several sources (including at least one that is inherent to the community.)

Grant FAQ's

- Letter of Intent Due December 15, 2026
- Letter of Intent required for all unaffiliated applicants
- Application Released Dec. 1, 2026
- Applications Due Jan. 15, 2027
- Site Visits & Interviews Feb-March
- Grants Announced May

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- A categorized operating budget system that translates program plans into financial terms; uses proper financial accounting procedures; regular annual financial reviews/audits, as outlined in the Annual Financial Reporting.
- The organization has an annual independent financial review. Please see our Annual Financial Review Policy for details and specific requirements by organization size.
- All applicants must be in good standing with 501 (c) 3 status and provide IRS Determination letter.
- Partner programs are required to have a Belonging & Community Statement, a Disaster Plan/COOP, and an annual financial review.



- Evidence of consultation and cooperation with established, related agencies to prevent duplication of effort and achieve efficiency and economy of operation.
- Programs available to citizens of the community without regard to race, religion, national origin, or political creed; Incorporated, non-profit corporation status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue code. Demonstrated compliance with all applicable statutes and licensing, accreditation, and governmental code requirements.

Community Investment Grant

United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County (UWMSJC) recruits people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite those agencies with programming supporting our four part focus and meeting the stated requirements to apply for grant funding.

Healthy Community - Improving health and well-being for all
Financial Security - Building financial stability and strength
Youth Opportunity - Helping young people realize their full potential
Community Resiliency - Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow