



2026 United Way of Perry County Grant Application Guidelines

We are excited to announce – United Way of Perry County will soon be accepting grant applications from eligible, non-profit organizations located within and serving the Perry County community! Completed applications **will only be accepted from – February 2, 2026 through February 27, 2026.**

Late applications will NOT be considered for review.

Please review grant guidelines and submit your grant application online, by visiting our website:
<https://www.unitedwayperrycounty.com/>

The United Way of Perry County is a non-profit organization, committed to raising funds, in an ongoing effort to align with and support local health and human service entities – who are dedicated to and share our organizational mission and values for impacting and improving the quality of life of those we serve in the community.

Please see the attached information regarding our – funding priorities, grant review timeline process and instructions for completing your application. If you have any questions – please contact Lacy Jones, by emailing us at: unitedwayperry@gmail.com or calling us at: **(812) 547-2577.**

We look forward to working with you!

Lacy Dutschke

Executive Director

United Way of Perry County



2026 GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

Applications will only be reviewed if they meet a need under one of the following pillars:

Youth Opportunity, Financial Security, Healthy Communities, and Community Resiliency

The Four Pillars Explained

- **Youth Opportunity**: Focuses on early childhood education, school readiness, literacy, and college/career readiness to help young people reach their potential.
- **Financial Security**: Aims to build stable households through job skills training, financial literacy, stable housing, and temporary assistance for those in crisis.
- **Healthy Community**: Supports programs for better physical and mental health, improved access to social services, and overall well-being.
- **Community Resiliency**: Works to strengthen communities' ability to withstand crises and meet basic needs like food, shelter, and safety.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING OR CONSIDERATION

- Religious Organizations, programs or directly affiliated programs
- Political Parties/Campaigns and/or projects suggesting endorsement
- Endowment Creation and/or debt reduction
- Capital Campaigns and/or directly related programs/projects
- Reimbursements for purchases made prior to submission of this application.
- Operational Costs that are NOT directly related to the proposed project or program
- Salaries/Human Capital requests WILL NOT be considered

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION)

- IRS Determination Letter
- Current List of Board Members
- Proposed Budget



GRANT PROCESS TIMELINE

What to Expect “Start-to-Finish”

- February 2nd Grant Cycle Opens (9:00AM CST)
- February 27th Grant Cycle Closes (6:00PM CST)
- March 12th – 13th Grant Presentations (will be conducted via zoom)
- March 19th – 21st Applicants will be notified of award determination
- March 27th Recipients to sign and submit REQUIRED contract

*****A Grant Celebration will be held on the first or second Friday of April and a member of your organization will need to be present to accept your check.***

*****Funding will not be dispersed until all contracts are signed and returned.***

*****Applicants will be notified if additional information is needed.***

FRIENDLY REMINDERS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered
- 12-month progress report is required to be submitted to UWPC
- If you are NOT awarded grant funding, a letter of determination with a brief explanation will be mailed or emailed to you between March 19th and March 21st.
- There is NO PRE-DETERMINED, “set amount” or minimum/maximum amount that you can or should apply for **at this time** – we ask that you only apply for the amount you NEED

****PLEASE NOTE**** Applicants who **are not** registered as a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization, **may still be eligible to apply**, by using or partnering with an eligible fiscal agent/applicant. Partnerships and collaborations are **HIGHLY considered and preferred**. If you are **not an exempt organization and have questions regarding eligibility**, please contact Lacy Dutschke by emailing unitedwayperry@gmail.com or calling (812) 547-2577