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United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties Opens the 2025–2027 Community Grant Application Cycle

Kennewick, WA - June 23, 2025 - United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties is now accepting applications for its 2025–2027 Community Grant cycle. The organization will invest in local nonprofit programs that directly serve children from birth through middle school, aligned with United Way's mission to eliminate barriers to education, health, and well-being across our region

We are seeking letters of interest for services in the following areas:

- Kindergarten Preparedness support for pre-K children and their parents/caregivers including, but not limited to, early literacy and/or numeracy, or other educational enrichment; early intervention support; mental and behavioral health; and social and emotional skills development.
- Student Success support for school attendance for Kindergarten through Middle School students including, but not limited to, educational or learning loss enrichment; services to students experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness; mental and behavioral health; and social and emotional skills development.
- Basic Needs support for children, birth through middle school, and their parents/caregivers to ensure health and hygiene, food, housing, and safety.

"We know that sustained, meaningful support leads to stronger outcomes for kids and families," said Asta Bonheyo, Community Impact Director at United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties. "This grant cycle reflects our ongoing commitment to equitable investment—prioritizing programs that serve local children with least access to resources." Bonheyo also emphasized the value of partnerships rooted in trust and accountability: "When nonprofits are given the time and resources to plan, deliver, and measure their work over multiple years, we see deeper, more lasting results. This cycle will help us support organizations that not only meet immediate needs but also drive systems change and we're here to support applicants through the process."

By partnering with local nonprofit organizations to expand their capacity to provide direct services to children, birth through middle school, and/or their parents/caregivers in Benton and Franklin Counties we are able to continue to better the lives of local kids.

Eligibility: To submit a Letter of Interest, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Provide services to children (birth – middle school) and/or their parents/caregivers in Benton and/or Franklin County, Washington, USA.
- Be a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization (or its faith-based equivalent) in good standing with the IRS and registered with the Washington State Secretary of State as a charitable organization (if applicable for their size).
- Have less than \$1.5 million in total revenue as reported on the most recent IRS form 990 (or Board approved financial statements if a form 990 is not required).
- Have an active board of directors that meets, with a quorum, at least quarterly to review and approve financial statements.

Grant Parameters: Agencies can apply for one program with a request of \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year. Grants commence October 1, 2025 and end on September 30, 2027.

Application Process:

- Submit an online Letter of Intent (LOI) by 5:00 pm, July 15, 2025. Link on our website at: <https://www.uwbfc.org/grants>

Additional information on eligibility, parameters and the overall process can be found at [uwbfc.org/grants](https://www.uwbfc.org/grants), or email grants@uwbfc.org or call (509) 581 3947. You can also attend an optional informational meeting on Microsoft Teams, Thursday, June 26 at 9:00 am or Monday, June 30 at 3:00 pm. To register, please complete this form: [UWBFC LOI Info Session Registration](#).

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