

United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County

FY 2025-2026 Funding Cycle Summary Sheet

United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County funds programs and community coalitions that improve health, advance education, promote financial stability, and meet basic needs for Lafayette County residents. Eligible grant applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations and other nonprofit or public entities such as libraries, schools, or universities that run a program that aligns with United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County's focus areas or funding preferences. For-profit businesses and organizations that are highly controversial, political in nature, or benefit animals are ineligible for grant funding.

Two-Step Submission Process for Each Agency Seeking Funds

Step 1: Primary Fiscal Agent Pre-Application

- The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2025.
- The pre-application must include basic organizational information such as the agency's mission statement, management structure, board roster, and other requested details.
- Financial documentation such as an annual budget, balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and Form 990 are required as well.
- Even if you plan to apply for multiple programs, only one Primary Fiscal Agent Pre-Application is required.

Step 2: Program Grant Application

- The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2025.
- A Primary Fiscal Agent Pre-Application must have been submitted by the designated due date in order for a Program Grant Application to be considered.
- A Program Grant Application is required for each program for which you are seeking a grant award.
- The proposed programming must focus on health, education, financial stability, and/or basic needs.
- The application should include detailed information regarding community need, programmatic goals, program effectiveness, and outcome measurement.
- Describe in your narrative how all awarded grant funds will be used strictly in Lafayette County.
- Explain why the program is needed in our community and how the proposed goals can be effectively accomplished so as to maximize community impact in an efficient, practical manner.
- Detail how the program's performance will be measured so as to ensure its goals are being achieved and programmatic improvements will result moving forward.

FY 2025-2026 Application Workshop

- An application workshop will be held for prospective applicants via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
- The workshop will provide guidance on how to develop a strong proposal and insight regarding the application review process.
- For the Zoom meeting information, email Kurt Brummett at kurt@unitedwayoxfordms.org.