



UNITED WAY
Greater New Haven

UNITED WAY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Summer Youth Fund 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Grant Announcement

March 20, 2026

Grant Applications Due:

April 13, 2026 by 4:00p.m. EST

Grant Information Session

March 25, 2026 at 11:30a.m.
EST

Notification of Awards

May 8, 2026

Grant Period

June 1-September 1, 2026

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United Way of Greater New Haven Request for Proposals

Summer Youth Fund Grant Opportunity 2026

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Applications must be submitted through the online portal via [this link](#). Please be aware the online application closes automatically at 4:00pm. Any applications submitted at or around that time may be lost and will not be accepted in another format.

I. Grant Context, Overview, and Outcomes:

United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) is committed to broadening children's access to programs that spark their learning and support their healthy development. We believe that when all children have access to high-quality educational opportunities, they have brighter futures and help make our community stronger.

United Way of Greater New Haven recognizes that summer programs are an important opportunity for children and youth to learn new skills, develop strong relationships with caring adults and peers, and have healthy and fun experiences that promote their growth and development. UWGNH is releasing this Summer Youth Fund grant opportunity to ensure that more children and youth from low-income families in Greater New Haven have the opportunity to attend high-quality summer programs.

Grant awards are available to provide general operating funds for summer programs operating in **New Haven, West Haven, Hamden, East Haven, and Branford** that serve children and youth in kindergarten through grade twelve from June to September. Priority will be given to programs that serve young people from low-income families and that offer academic enrichment, skill-building, and personal development. Priority will also be given to programs that provide mental health and emotional support for youth.

Funding awards will be competitive, with a standard award of \$10,000 per application. Partial or variable awards will not be made. To streamline the review process, we request that each organization submit a single, comprehensive application that reflects all program locations.

II. Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- a. Be a tax-exempt agency operating in New Haven, Hamden, Branford, East Haven, or West Haven:
 - i. Not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status
 - ii. Government agency
 - iii. School or academic institution

- iv. Faith-based organization
- b. Have an annual organizational budget of \$1,000,000 or less
- c. Be an existing youth* program and have provided a minimum of 3 years of programming
 - i. **For the purposes of this grant, “youth” are defined as individuals in grades K-12*
- d. Have a documented fiscal sponsorship (if applicable)
- e. Provide in-person summer programming
- f. Have a non-discrimination policy*
 - i. **Awardees may be required to submit a copy of their Board approved non-discrimination policy*
- g. Serve young people and families who are included in the ALICE and below population (e.g. lower-income households)
 - i. Priority will be given to programs that have demonstrated the ability to successfully serve underserved communities such as but not limited to, communities of color, low-income families, immigrant families, female-headed and/or single-parent households, and families who have children with disabilities

UWGNH does not promote, endorse, or oppose any religion or religious belief, or the absence thereof, and does not discriminate on the basis of religion or creed in its governance, programs, funding decisions or service delivery. No person or entity shall be favored or disadvantaged by UWGNH based on religious belief or affiliation. All programs sponsored, administered, or funded by UWGNH must be nonsectarian in purpose and operation and consistent with the Corporation’s 501(c)(3) status. Please see the organization’s [full Nonsectarian Policy](#) for more information.

III. Timeline:

Grant Announcement:	Friday, March 20 2026
Grant Information Session:	Wednesday, March 25 2026
Grant Application Deadline:	Monday, April 13 2026 by 4:00p.m. EST
Notification of Awards:	Friday, May 8 2026
Grant Period:	June 1- September 1, 2026

[Click here to register for the grant information session](#) on **Wednesday, March 25 2026 from 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. on Zoom.**

IV. Application Submission

All submissions must go through the online application portal

- a. [Click here to access the application portal](#)
- b. If you require assistance with submitting your application, please contact Abigail Mariam at amariam@uwgnh.org
- c. Application questions can be found starting on page 7 of this document. Applicants are encouraged to draft responses utilizing this section of the RFP. Final submissions must be submitted via the link above

V. Terms and Conditions

Once selected, grantees will be required to meet the following terms for funding:

- a. Host an informal site visit with a United Way of Greater New Haven Community Impact team member during your summer programming
- b. Share at least one youth/family story with United Way of Greater New Haven
- c. Provide a final report at the end of the grant period
- d. Support other youth organizations by participating in United Way of Greater New Haven Education community programming

VI. Data and Performance Measures

Applicants seeking funding must demonstrate their ability to track performance measures, describe how they measure program impact, and share program outcomes at the end of the summer. Required reporting elements will include at a minimum:

- a. Unique number of children served
- b. Participant demographics (city/town of residence, age, gender, income, race and ethnicity)
- c. Hours of programming offered
- d. Program impact on participants/families

VII. Evaluation Criteria

Applications that are submitted by the deadline will be evaluated by a diverse committee of United Way of Greater New Haven staff, community members, youth advocates, and young people. Answers will be reviewed and scored based on responses. Please note, additional materials may be requested following submission or review. Questions are weighted using the following breakdown of points:

Program Design	16
Commitments to Impact and Opportunity	28
Program Budget and Use of Funds	8
Total Possible Points	52

Community reviewers will score on a 1-4 scale per point of evaluation. The four scores on the scale are:

- **4- Exceptional:** the response is thorough, insightful, and well-articulated going beyond what is asked and exceeding expectations in quality of response. It provides or articulates valuable alternate information or is innovative in its approach
- **3- Meets Basic Expectations:** the response is generally clear and complete, adequately addressing the requirements of each question. The response does not go beyond what is asked, either in detail or in described proposals/outcomes

- **2- Needs Improvement:** the response shows some effort but falls short in key areas such as clarity, completeness, or relevance to the question being asked
- **1- Unclear/Incomplete:** the response lacks sufficient detail or clarity, making it difficult to understand or evaluate effectively

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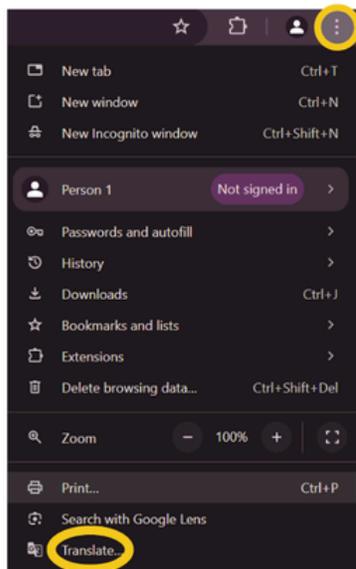
for United Way of Greater New Haven Funding Opportunity Applicants

United Way of Greater New Haven utilizes Formstack to create online application forms for all funding opportunities. Utilizing the web browser Google Chrome, applicants can translate our online applications and respond to United Way funding opportunities in their preferred language. Instructions on how to do so can be found below. Please be aware that utilizing this process shares your data with Google, as translation is done via Google Translate.

If you already have the web browser Google Chrome, and your language is set to one other than English, Google Translate may send a pop-up window prompting you to translate the form. In that case, you will not need to complete the following steps.

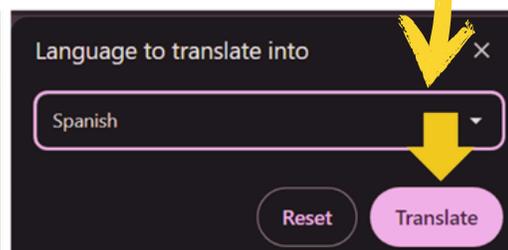
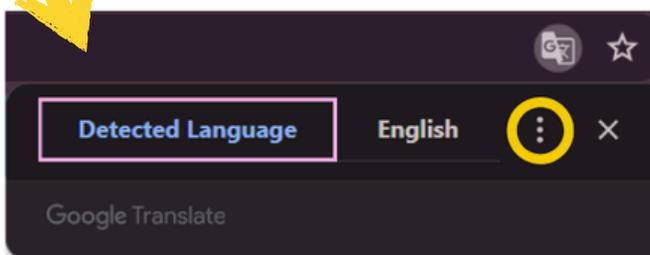
Awarded funding?

If an applicant is awarded funding, all future documentation will be distributed and completed in English. Additional supports may be available dependent upon the funding opportunity.



STEPS

- 1 Download and install the web browser Google Chrome if you do not already have access to it. Instructions for how to do so for different computer types can be found [here](#). (To translate web browser download instructions, scroll to the bottom of the page and select another language from the 'Language' button.)
- 2 Open a new window in Google Chrome, and navigate to the online United Way of Greater New Haven application. The link to the application can be found on our website and in the application preview.
- 3 Once the application is open in Google Chrome, select the three dots at the top, right-hand corner to open Google Chrome's menu. Scroll down and select 'Translate.'
- 4 Google Chrome will show you the language it is detecting on the page in the window that pops up. Select the three dots in the top, right-hand corner of the window and scroll until you select your preferred language.
- 5 Once you have selected the language you want the form translated into, click 'Translate.' The application form should show in your preferred language. You will now be able to read and respond to the form in the language you are most comfortable in.



May look different

If you have Google Chrome's Google Translate settings turned on to translate for a specific language, steps 4 and 5 may appear different. You may be shown the language the page is in in the top right corner, with the option to click your preferred language next to it. The page will then be translated.

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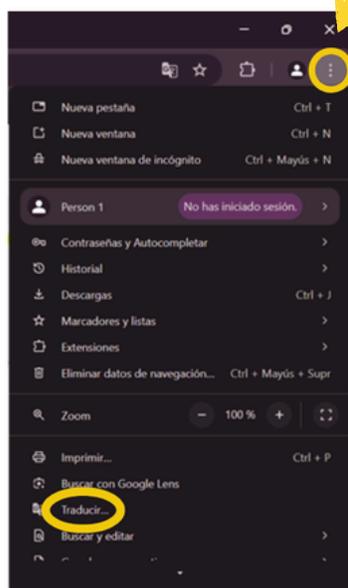
para los solicitantes de oportunidades de financiación de United Way of Greater New Haven

United Way of Greater New Haven utiliza Formstack plataforma para crear formularios de solicitud en línea para todas las oportunidades de financiamiento. Utilizando el navegador web Google Chrome, los solicitantes pueden traducir nuestras solicitudes en línea y responder a las oportunidades de financiación de United Way of Greater New Haven en su idioma preferido. Las instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo se pueden encontrar a continuación. Tenga en cuenta que el uso de este proceso comparte sus datos con Google, ya que la traducción se realiza a través de la herramienta de traducción Google Translate.

Si ya tienes el navegador web Google Chrome y tu idioma está configurado en uno que no sea el inglés, es posible que el Traductor de Google envíe una ventana emergente pidiéndote que traduzcas el formulario. En ese caso, no será necesario que complete los siguientes pasos.

¿Ha recibido financiación?

Si a un solicitante se le otorga financiamiento, toda la documentación futura se distribuirá y completará en inglés. Es posible que haya apoyos adicionales disponibles dependiendo de la oportunidad de financiamiento.



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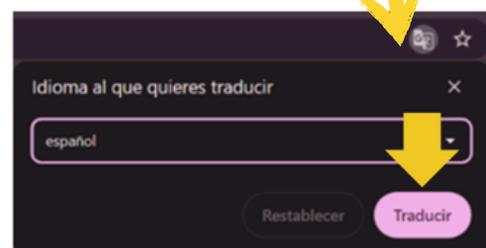
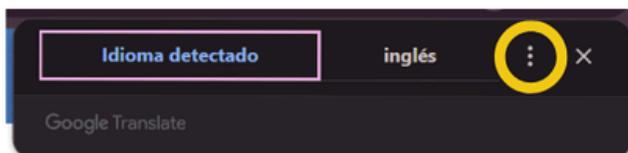
1 Descargue e instale el navegador web Google Chrome si aún no tiene acceso a él. Las instrucciones sobre cómo hacerlo para diferentes tipos de computadoras se pueden encontrar [aquí](#). (Para traducir las instrucciones de descarga del navegador web, desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página y seleccione otro idioma en el botón 'Idioma')

2 Abra una nueva ventana en Google Chrome y navegue hasta la aplicación en línea United Way of Greater New Haven. El enlace a la aplicación se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web y en la vista previa de la aplicación.

3 Una vez que la aplicación esté abierta en Google Chrome, seleccione los tres puntos en la esquina superior derecha para abrir el menú de Google Chrome. Desplácese hacia abajo y seleccione 'Traducir'.

4 Google Chrome le mostrará el idioma que está detectando en la página en la ventana que aparece. Seleccione los tres puntos en la esquina superior derecha de la ventana y desplácese hasta que seleccione su idioma preferido.

5 Una vez que haya seleccionado el idioma al que desea traducir el formulario, haga clic en 'Traducir.' El formulario de solicitud debe aparecer en su idioma preferido. Ahora podrá leer y responder el formulario en el idioma en el que se sienta más cómodo.



Puede parecer diferente

Si tienes activada la configuración de Google Translate de Google Chrome para traducir a un idioma específico, los pasos 4 y 5 pueden parecer diferentes. Es posible que se le muestre el idioma en el que se encuentra la página en la esquina superior derecha, con la opción de hacer clic en su idioma preferido junto a él. A continuación, se traducirá la página.



Please limit your responses to 1500 characters per question (about 250 words)

Responses must be submitted via the [online portal](#).

Organization Information:

1. Agency Legal Name
2. Application Contact First & Last Name
3. Application Contact Job Title
4. Application Contact E-mail Address
5. Phone Number
6. Organization Address for your primary place of business
7. Are you the person identified by your agency to sign agreements/contracts on its behalf?
 - a. If no, please provide the name, email, job title of the person identified by your agency to sign agreements on its behalf
8. Is this agency a subsidiary of or part of a larger organization?
 - a. If yes, please provide the legal name of that organization
9. Please select the option that describes your agency:
 - a. Not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status
 - b. Government agency
 - c. School or academic institution
 - d. Faith-based organization
10. How many years have you been providing youth programming in Greater New Haven? (Number only)
11. In what cities/towns does your program serve? Check all that apply.
 - a. Branford, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, West Haven
12. Please complete and upload the staff *and* youth demographics template found on our [website](#).

Program Design and Outcomes:

13. Please describe the focus of your summer program curriculum (e.g., recreation, technology, outdoor leadership, tutoring, etc.) and the types of activities your program will offer.
14. How has your program overcome or addressed programmatic challenges in the past? Please provide examples.
15. Please provide the start and end dates for the summer program.
16. When does the summer program operate (days of the week and hours per day)?
17. Where does your summer programming take place?
18. How many (unique) young people will your summer program serve? (Number only)
19. What grade levels does your program serve? Select all that apply.
 - a. K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
 - b. In addition to K-12 youth, serving youth out of high school
20. What will be your program staff-to-participant ratio? (Enter as #staff :#youth)
21. How will you measure the impact this summer program has on participants? Select all that apply.
 - a. Community Conversations
 - b. Surveys
 - c. Exit Interviews
 - d. Focus Groups
 - e. Staff Debrief
 - f. Other (please describe)

Commitments to Impact and Opportunity:

22. This grant intends to support programs that provide youth from low-income households with an opportunity to attend high-quality summer programs. These programs would offer enriching summer experiences, address academic and social needs, and promote youth empowerment. Please describe how your summer programming currently aligns with the grant intentions outlined above and achievements your organization has had in creating impact.
23. United Way of Greater New Haven is [committed](#) to continued learning and action to foster an equitable, just, and inclusive community. Please describe what steps your agency has taken to further its commitment to advancing opportunities for the youth you serve.
24. Does your agency have a non-discrimination policy? (Awardees may be required to submit a copy of their Board approved non-discrimination policy)
 - a. Yes / No

25. Does your programming have an emphasis on supporting youth in addressing mental health challenges or developing emotional wellness practices for youth?
- a. Yes / No
 - i. If no, how does your organization address youth mental health
 - ii. If yes, please describe your organization's approach to intervening in youth mental health and what kinds of mental health challenges you seek to address.
 - a. What are some successes you have seen from your approach? Please provide examples (and anonymize youth and family information)

Program Budget and Use of Funds:

26. How much is your organization's annual budget? (Number only)
27. How much is your organization's summer programming budget? (Number only)
28. Describe how you would use these funds to enhance your summer program budget.
29. Please use the budget template [provided](#) including a high-level breakdown of costs (e.g., \$5,000 for staffing, \$2,000 for supplies, etc.) for your funding request.
30. Are your programs offered free of charge?
- a. Yes / No
 - i. If no, what is the cost, and is there a sliding scale or scholarships available