

United Way of Dane County Foundation 2026 Loaned Executives Grants

Request for Proposals Criteria

Deadline to Apply: July 15, 2026

We are excited to invite your organization to apply for the United Way of Dane County Foundation's 2026 Loaned Executives Grants via the link below. At this time, we are requesting proposals from Dane County nonprofit agencies, community organizations and faith-based groups. Organizations must have 501(c)(3) exemption status or a 501(c)(3) organization acting as a fiscal agent. A total of \$10,000 in grant dollars is available, with \$5,000 being the maximum grant to a single organization.

This grant is made possible by funds distributed annually from United Way of Dane County Foundation's interest earnings. This year's focus is youth opportunity ([more on our plan for Youth Opportunity here](#)), which includes strategies and programs that help support quality childcare and early childhood development, as well as in school, after school, and summer learning, literacy and math development, social/emotional learning skills, and family engagement (K-12). Applying organizations should advance equitable outcomes aligned with our Plan for Community Well-Being. Examples of strategies aligned with this funding opportunity include, but are not limited to:

Educational support: Increase access to quality, culturally relevant early care and education experiences particularly for Black, Indigenous and Families of Color experiencing poverty.

Caregiver training: Build caregivers' (parents and early care and education teachers) understanding of healthy child development through family and community outreach.

Community resources: Remove barriers to accessing family support services (such as home visiting services) that allow families to access the resources they need to overcome the experience of poverty.

Student health and wellness: Build students' social/emotional and non-cognitive skills, ensure behavioral health and wellness, and foster connection, belonging, leadership and academic success with youth at risk of disconnecting.

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Proposals may be submitted starting Friday, May 15, and are due by Wednesday, July 15, 2026 by 4:30 pm. Applicants will be recommended for investments by the 2026 United Way Loaned Executive class through group review processes. Funds available through this grant may only be used for organizations in Dane County. Funding decisions will be approved by the United Way Board of Directors at its September 2026 meeting. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2027. We ask that grant recipients provide a brief report on the impact created by this support by September 30, 2027.

Please note: You must be available to present your application on Thursday, August 6 between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm. We will contact you via email to schedule your brief virtual presentation within that timeframe.

[APPLY HERE](#)

Questions and completed applications may be directed via email to foundation@uwdc.org.

If you have difficulty accessing the link above, a separate link to the application is below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6fCTYSkyCS>