

SUMMER CYCLE 2025 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RIDE UNITED MICRO GRANTS

United Way of York County recognizes that transportation needs in our community are varied and far-reaching. To make the deepest impact with our grant dollars, and in recognizing the roles that our community partners play in supporting transportation solutions, UWYC is offering the following funding opportunity to support ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families with transportation limitations:

We will fund: Quick-action, direct transportation solutions for ALICE households delivered through 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving York County residents. Transportation solutions may include, but are not limited to, rideshare vouchers, bus passes, bicycle purchases, food pantry deliveries, gas cards, and transportation repairs. Rideshare vouchers will be provided by UWYC through the Ride United Lyft partnership and food pantry delivery will be provided by UWYC through the Ride United DoorDash Partnership.

Eligibility

- Organizations must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Organizations without this status must apply under an eligible fiscal sponsor. For help identifying a fiscal sponsor, please contact Laura O'Grady at logrady@unitedway-york.org.
- Organizations must be in existence at least two years upon application submission and be able to demonstrate financial and organizational capacity to implement proposed initiatives.
- Organizations must serve those living in York County.
- Organizations whose mission or projects exclude any group of individuals based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, or disability will not be considered eligible.

Considerations

- Proposals must illustrate measurable impact, and organizations must agree to measure and report on defined outputs if funding is awarded.

- Organizations should demonstrate alignment with UWYC’s mission and vision of an equitably thriving York County, as well as financial and organizational capacity to implement proposed solutions.

Proposal Review Criteria

Funding decisions will be based on the following:

- Eligibility for UWYC investment
- The sources and diversity of funding for the organization
- Sound management of resources
- Adequacy of organizational documents
- Financial health
- Mission alignment

GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Organization Overview

- 1 Organization Name, Address, Contact, and Website URL
- 2 Organization’s mission statement.
- 3 Total number of households served annually **by your organization?**
5. Describe how your organization’s mission and the populations served align with UWYC’s mission, vision, and [Impact Agenda](#) with a specific focus on how the work supports the needs of ALICE households in York County.

GRANT FUNDED ACTIVITIES

In this section, organizations should outline what they intend to do with the grant funding and how they are best equipped to positively impact one or more of the issues outlined in UWYC’s Impact Agenda.

1. Describe the transportation solution(s) for which your organization is seeking funding.
 - a. What is the solution and why this approach?
 - b. Who will you serve?
 - c. What will you do?
 - d. Who in your organization will do this work? (i.e. What is your capacity to do the work?)
 - e. What is your timeline? (we request that UWYC grant funding be expended within 12 months of grant award)

2. At the end of the grant period, how will you know that community residents and program recipients were helped by this transportation solution?

GRANT REQUEST

How much funding does your organization request to achieve the selected proposal and anticipated outcomes?

*Awards will range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 with the average award expected to be \$5,000

*No more than 20% of the requested funding may be allocated to overhead/administrative costs.

PROPOSAL ENGAGEMENT MEETING

We request that each applicant who meets basic eligibility criteria agree to a 30-minute virtual or in-person meeting for our review committee to gain deeper insight into your program. Please include a statement indicating that you agree to this meeting.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Organizations must include the following documentation as part of their application:

- 501c3 IRS Designation
- Most recent IRS Form 990, if applicable
- Current Bureau of Charitable Organizations certificate, if applicable
- List of current Board of Directors, including service terms and corporate affiliation, if any
- Most Recently Board Approved Organizational Budget
- Ride United Project Budget (see template)
- Annual audit, independent financial review, or board-approved financial statements, dependent upon organizational revenue size
 - Audit required for organizations with annual revenues greater than \$500,000
 - Independent financial review required for organizations with annual revenues between \$250,000-\$499,000
 - Financial Statements with narrative required for organizations with annual revenues under \$250,000

DUE DATE: JUNE 30, 2025

IMPACT DATA

United Way of York County requires grant recipients to report output data related to funded initiatives. Please indicate your commitment to providing UWYC with data related to the number of clients served and transportation solutions implemented.

I agree ____

IMPACT STORIES

United Way of York County relies on impact stories to continue our impact work and advocate for systemic change. Please indicate your commitment to connecting UWYC with clients who would be willing to share how UWYC funding impacted their life.

I agree ____