



UNITED WAY
Dubuque Area
Tri-States

Community Information Session

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**Community
Impact
Grant
2026-2028**

Connect people and resources to advance the health, education, and financial stability of those in need in our community.

Mission



Bring our community together to prevent and reduce poverty on a scale no one can accomplish alone in our priority areas of healthy communities, youth opportunities, and financial security.



Promise

United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States (UWDATS) commits to promoting dignity, fairness, and belonging for the entire population it serves. UWDATS opposes and denounces any sort of discrimination and seeks to make overcoming social and economic disadvantages a priority. We prioritize identifying barriers that prevent individuals and communities from accessing opportunities, while also connecting them to the resources needed to support Community Resiliency, Financial Security, Healthy Communities and Youth Opportunities. We strive to embody fairness in our own procedures, processes, and distribution of resources. UWDATS recognizes that all individuals are entitled to dignity, fairness, a sense of belonging and the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Those served by UWDATS and its community partners should be able to express, and have respect given, to their distinct cultures, values, and norms.



Dignity, Fairness, & Belonging

Organizational Statement

Goal
CREATE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT



Means
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
Community Campaign



Method
COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



2024-2026
Distributed \$850,000
to 35 Nonprofits



24/7 Multilingual
Resource &
Referral Line



FEMA



Other UWDATS Resources

Healthy Communities

Youth Opportunities

Financial Security

Community Resiliency

**Our Pillars
drive our
beliefs**



Healthy Communities

Brain Health
Physical Health
Substance Misuse
Sexual Assault & Intimate
Partner Violence Support
Nutrition & Food Security
Transpiration

Youth Opportunities

Childcare & Early
Childhood Development
Social Emotional Support
Academic
Support/Graduation
Preparation
College & Career Readiness

Financial Security

Adult Job Readiness,
Training & Workforce
Development
Financial Education &
Coaching
Homelessness Prevention
& Safe Shelter
Crisis Supports

Community Resiliency

Disaster Relief & Recovery
Programs include:

- 211
- COAD
- Professional Clothes
Closet
- FEMA

UWDATS Priorities

UWDATS Service Area

Wisconsin

Grant (Bagley, Beetown, Bloomington, Cassville, Cuba City, Dickeyville, Fenimore, Glen Haven, Hazel Green, Kieler, Lancaster, Mount Hope, Patch Grove, Potosi, Sinsinawa)

Lafayette (Benton, Shullsburg)

Iowa

Allamakee (Church, Egan, Frankville, Gunder, Harpers Ferry, Junction Lansing, Postville, Village Creek, Waterville, Waukon)

Clayton

Delaware

Dubuque

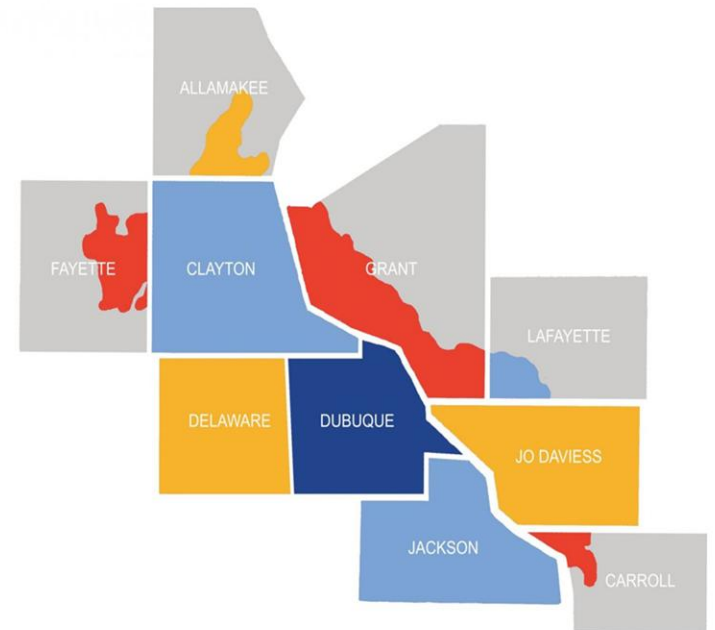
Fayette (Brainard, Clermont, Elgin, Wadena)

Jackson

Illinois

Carroll (Savanna)

Jo Daviess (Council Hill, East Dubuque, Galena, Menominee, Scales Mound)



- Collaboration to address community needs
- Attendance at quarterly Funded Partner meetings
- Funded Partner visit
- Bi-annual reporting
- Quarterly financial reporting
- United Way Workplace campaign
- United Way support and advocacy

Funded Partner Expectations




Grant Eligibility


- Organization Name & Program Name
- Tax ID Number
- 501 c3 Status
- Active and voluntary board of directors
- Been incorporated and actively conducting business for at least two years at time of application
- Annual audit or other form of financial review and a recent 990 Form
- Provide services within UWDATS service area
- Program alignment with our focus of poverty prevention and/or reduction in the areas of healthy communities, youth opportunities, and/or financial security
- Ability to report regularly on local community outcomes

Grant Application Website



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Community Impact Management

AGENCY SITE

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<https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=17175U>

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Funding Opportunities

Request Grant Application

Apply / Report

Community Impact

Please review the list of currently available Grant Applications below.

Select a grant from the list to request an application. Some grants may require pre-qualification information be provided.

Community Impact

2026-2028



Application

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United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States Agency Registration

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Grant Application

- **Agency Information**
- **Dignity, Fairness, & Belonging**
- **Program Information**
- **Program Details**
 - How does this program help prevent and/or reduce poverty?
- **Program Population Served**
- **Outputs**
- **Outcomes**
- **Program Budget**
- **Budget Narrative**
- **Uploads**
 - Highest level of financial review
 - Most Recent Audit
 - Financial review by outside party
 - Internal fiscal review
 - 990 Filed
 - Most recent Board of Directors Listing with contact information (minimally name, phone number, and email address)
 - Most recent Operating Budget



Program Outputs & Outcomes

- **Pick a primary pillar** (Healthy Communities, Youth Opportunities, Financial Security) that your program aligns with.
- **Outputs:** Choose a minimum of 1 output to report on under your chosen pillar.
- **Outcomes:** Choose a minimum of 3 outcomes to report on.
 - **Two (2)** outcomes must fall under your chosen pillar. The third can be from any pillar.
- If awarded funding, you will be asked to provide **success stories** related to your chosen outcomes on your midyear & final reports.

Program Budget

- Create a one year budget
- Minimum ask of \$5,000
- Maximum ask can be no more than 20% of the organizations annual operating budget
- Upload your highest level of financial review
- Program Budget spreadsheet
 - Numbers only
- Budget narrative
 - Explain the numbers

2024-2026 Awards

Highest: \$73,000

Lowest: \$6,000

Average: \$24,300

Program Beneficiary Report

If awarded funding, a beneficiary report is part of the mid year and year end report.

- Required reporting includes
 - Number of people served
 - Gender
 - County
- Not required, but **highly encouraged**
 - Race
 - Ethnicity

Application Process

2026-2028 Community Impact Grant Process

Grant Application Available

Monday, January 12, 2026

Grant Application Due

Friday, February 13, 2026, **5:00pm**

Investment Review Panel Review
Process

February 23 – April 8, 2026

Board Approval

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Award Announcements

Friday, May 1, 2026



Additional Resources



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Community Impact Grant

Every two years, United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States opens a fully competitive grant process. This page provides prospective nonprofit applicants with the information to determine if they qualify and wish to apply for United Way of Dubuque Area Tri States (UWDATS) funding. The 2026-2028 Community Impact Investment Process will **open on January 12, 2026** and **close at 5:00pm on Friday February 13, 2026**. No late submissions will be accepted.

Two informational sessions will be offered via teams; Tuesday January 13th, 3:00 - 4:00pm, and Wednesday January 14th, 9:00 - 10:00am. Links for the sessions are on the informational document found on this page. A recoring will be posted after the sessions are complete.

It is the goal of UWDATS to fund the strongest proposals based on established evaluation criteria with heavy emphasis on documented program performance. Top priority areas for UWDATS is poverty prevention and/or reduction in the areas of Healthy Communities, Youth Opportunities, Financial Security, and Community Resiliency, commitment to dignity, fairness, and belonging, as well as community collaboration.

For questions or more information, contact the UWDATS Director of Community Building and Impact, Paula Paider Licht via email at paula.paiderlicht@dbqunitedway.org



Community Impact Investment Process Information

Grant information and resources:

[e-CImpact](#) Grant site used to complete an application.

[Grant Guidelines](#) Everything you need to know about the 2024-2026 grant process including Key Dates and FAQs.

[Community Investment Priorities](#) This contains a list of community priorities, outputs, and outcomes.

[Service Area](#) UWDATS 10 county service area.

[Grant Information Sessions](#) Two virtual sessions will be held via Teams. Links within the document.

[Grant Information Session PowerPoint](#) 2024

[Scoring Rubric](#): Tool used by grant reviewers to help score grants.

[Weekly Q & A](#): UWDATS will accept grant questions in writing. Questions will be answered in writing in aggregate each Friday (with the last post date of February 13, 2026) so that all have access to the same information. Names of organization asking will not be disclosed.

For additional questions contact:

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Questions must be sent via email.
Answers will be posted on the UW
website each Friday until the due
date on February 13, 2026.



Questions?

