VOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Q3 2025 Request for Proposals



UNITED WAY North Central Florida



Q3 2025 Request for Proposal: Youth Opportunities

Overview: United Way North Central Florida (UWNCFL) invites eligible nonprofit organizations to apply for funding under our Youth Opportunities Impact Area. This initiative supports ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households by providing resources to achieve youth opportunity. Organizations receiving funding will be recognized as Impact Partners, collaborating with UWNCFL to create thriving communities.

Goal: Expand educational opportunities for youth.

Funding Details: Total available funding is \$20,000.00 with the intent to award funds to one (1) agency program. Applicants must apply under the following funding option:

A. Support pre-k or after-school programs focusing on STEM, literacy, and/or leadership skills.

Eligibility Criteria: Organizations must meet the following standards to apply for funding.

- Serve residents in one or more of the following counties: Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, or Union.
- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in good standing or an eligible public entity (e.g., schools, libraries).
- Been in operations for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Provide health, welfare, or social services that align with UWNCFL's Impact Area.
- Have a policy-making, volunteer Board of Directors meeting at least quarterly.
- Adhere to non-discrimination policies.
- Demonstrate strong financial and program management practices.
- Agree to comply with UWNCFL's Impact Partner Policies and Procedures.

Proposal Requirements: All proposals must include the following:

- 1. Organizational Overview
 - a. Mission and Vision
 - b. Target populations served, including percentage of ALICE households.
 - c. Alignment with UWNCFL's Impact Area and geographic focus.
- 2. <u>Program Description</u>
 - a. Detailed program narrative of activities and expected outcomes.
 - b. Projected number of individuals or households served.
- 3. <u>Budget</u>
 - a. Detailed line-item program budget showing how funds will be allocated as well as projected cost per person and/or household service.
- 4. Outcomes and Evaluation
 - a. Explain current outcomes and evaluation methods.



5. <u>Supporting Documents</u>

- a. 501(c)(3) determination letter
- b. Most recent 990
- c. Most recent audit or financial statements
- d. List of Board members with terms and meeting schedule
- e. Non-discrimination, equal employment, and anti-terrorism policies.
- f. Proof of liability insurance (including Directors and Officers coverage)

Outcomes and Evaluation: The funded program(s) will be required to submit a 6-month report and one final report on the following measurable outcomes and data collected based on funding option selected. All individuals/households assisted must be screened utilizing the <u>ALICE Budget and</u> <u>Income Status Tool</u> to verify ALICE threshold status.

- 1. Support pre-k or after-school programs focusing on STEM, literacy, and/or leadership skills:
 - a. Student age (corresponding student grade)
 - b. Student gender
 - c. Student race/ethnicity
 - d. Student zip code
 - e. ALICE households and households in poverty
 - f. Total attendance days per student
 - g. Number of active students
 - h. Client Success Stories
 - i. Other data based upon application

Funding Timeline

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Information Session:	July 25, 2025
RFP Release Date:	July 25, 2025
Deadline for Submissions:	August 15, 2025
Site Visits for Eligible Applicants:	September 2025
Award Notification:	October 2025
Funding Disbursement:	October 2025
Spending Period:	October 2025 – October 2026

Submission Instructions: All proposals must be submitted through UWNCFL's website at https:// unitedwayncfl.org/apply. Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 PM on August 15, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Review and Selection Process: Written proposals will be evaluated by a volunteer committee utilizing a scoring matrix based on the proposal's alignment with UWNCFL's Youth Opportunity Impact Area goals, demonstrated ability to meet the needs of ALICE households, organizational capacity and ability to report on required outcomes. The volunteer committee will combine written proposal and site visit scores to determine the most qualified agency(s) to receive funding and provide a recommendation to the UWNCFL Board of Directors for final approval.