



2026 ALICE Stability Micro – Grant

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Who is ALICE?

ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. These are individuals or families who are working, often in essential jobs, but still cannot afford the cost of living in our community.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and/or schools, or government agencies that provide direct services to individuals. Priority will be given to 501(c)(3) Organizations. Your status must be valid with the Ohio Attorney General and current with the Ohio Secretary of State, you must have filed your Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. Organizations must be located in Holmes and/or Wayne County. However, if your program ONLY supports programs in Orrville, Dalton, or Marshallville you will need to contact Orrville Area United Way. Their funding opportunities may differ from United Way Wayne and Holmes.

3. What type of services are eligible for funding?

Funding is intended for direct client services but is NOT a cash hand out. It is intended to help stabilize individuals and families and support their ability to remain employed.

Examples may include:

- Housing or rental assistance
- Transportation (gas cards, car repairs, etc.)
- Childcare support
- Utility assistance
- Work-related expenses (uniforms, certifications, etc.)

4. What type of services are not eligible?

This round of funding will not support salaries of case managers, intake coordinators or the like. It will not support capital expenses, equipment purchases (other than directly for a client), or programs and people who do not qualify as ALICE.

5. How much funding can organizations request?

Organizations may request funding based on the scope of their program. We may award in full, in partial or not at all.

6. How will applications be evaluated?

Applications will be reviewed by the Volunteer Investment Team (VIT) using a standardized scoring process. Key considerations include:

- Alignment with ALICE population needs
- Clear and realistic service delivery plan
- Demonstrated community need
- Impact on employment stability

7. Will reporting be required?

Yes. Funded organizations will be required to sign a Funded Partner Agreement which includes mandatory reporting, outlining how funds were used.

8. What if I cannot attach my form 990 or Organizational Budget?

If you are unable to attach your most recent Form 990 or budget please email it to info@uwwh.org or drop it off at our Wooster office, 215 S. Walnut Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691 or our Millersburg office, 6 W. Jackson Street, Suite B, Millersburg, Ohio 44654. If you already sent us a form 990 in the 2026 Spring Mental Health grant cycle, you do not need to resend the documentation.

9. Who can I contact with questions or clarification about this funding?

For questions and clarification please contact info@uwwh.org