



UNITED WAY

Wayne and Holmes Counties

2026 Mental Health Micro – Grant

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Can we request less than \$7,500?

Yes. Applicants may request any amount up to \$7,500.

If the request is for salaries only, partial awards may be considered. However, please note that funding decisions are typically all-or-nothing, and full requests are more commonly funded.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and/or schools that provide mental health-related programs or services. 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 types of programs or services are eligible for funding?

Funding is intended to support mental health programs, services, and initiatives that improve access to care, prevention, early intervention, education, or treatment. Priority may be given to programs addressing unmet community needs.

4. What expenses are allowable under this grant?

Allowable expenses may include program supplies, materials, direct service costs, professional fees, training, and a portion of salaries directly related to the funded program. Administrative or indirect costs should be reasonable and clearly justified.

5. Are salaries an allowable expense?

Yes. Salary support is allowable when staff time is directly related to the mental health program or service being funded. Partial awards may be considered for salary-only requests, though funding is typically awarded in full or not at all.

6. What expenses are not allowable?

Grant funds may not be used for capital projects, equipment purchases, debt reduction, endowments, political activities, or expenses unrelated to mental health programming.

7. How many grants may an organization receive?

Organizations may submit one application per funding cycle. Receipt of a previous grant does not guarantee future funding.

8. What is the grant period?

Grant funds must be used within the next 12 months. Once awarded, you will receive further instructions on reporting. Extensions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

9. When will applicants be notified of funding decisions?

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by the end of April 2026. All applicants will receive notification, regardless of funding outcome.

10. How are grant applications reviewed?

Applications are reviewed by a group of community members and based on alignment with funding priorities, demonstrated community need, program impact, organizational capacity, and clarity of the proposed budget.

12. Is a report required after receiving funding?

Yes. Funded organizations will be required to submit a brief final report describing how funds were used and the outcomes achieved. Instructions will be included in grant award notification.

13. What if I cannot attach my Form 990?

If you are unable to attach your most recent Form 990 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

14. Who can we contact with questions about the application?

Questions may be directed to info@uwwh.org