



## FY2026-2027 Grant Application Priorities

Valley of the Sun United Way is excited to launch a new competitive grant application cycle, opening in early **February 2026 for FY27 funding**. This year's process invites nonprofit partners to submit proposals addressing current community needs, with funding contingent on dollars raised in FY26.

Grants will support impact priorities across Education, Health, Housing & Homelessness, and Workforce Development—focusing on strengthening early literacy and family supports, increasing food access for vulnerable populations, expanding housing stability through wraparound services, and connecting individuals to in-demand, sustainable career pathways. Together, we aim to invest in solutions that help every person in our community thrive.

The following are the impact priorities that will be funded:

### **Education**

*Prioritizing supportive services that help students perform academically*

- Early Education and Reading to Build and Strengthen Literacy Capacity of Practitioners in Early Learning Environments
- Parent and Family Support - Increase socio-emotional supportive services to parents, caregivers, and teachers
- Youth Workforce Development - Efforts within P-12 education increasing access to basic family needs and supportive services

### **Health**

*Prioritizing food insecurity amongst vulnerable populations*

- Food Access - Support the Emergency Food System and home-delivered meals that reduce hunger in families and seniors.

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Housing and Wraparound Services- Services and programs that prioritize social determinants and wraparound services that prevent and assist those experiencing homelessness.

### **Workforce Development**

*Prioritizing job placement and supportive services that help individuals become employed and self-sufficient*

- Access to Jobs- Increase resources to help individuals obtain job opportunities that will raise their income and create sustainable careers and increase the number of workers with high paying in-demand jobs.