



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.