

## United Way of Knox County

305 E. High Street

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Tel: (740)-397-5721



## SHORT TERM FUNDING - WOMEN UNITED GRANTS

Women United, an affiliate group of United Way, seeks to invest strategically in Knox County through a community grant that supports transformative initiatives and builds a thriving, inclusive community. The funds for this grant come from Women United member dues as well as funds raised through philanthropic events.

Grounded in the principles of equity, impact, and collaboration, Women United prioritizes projects that foster educational attainment, promote family stability, and drive holistic community development. The following project areas will receive funding priority:

**Women in Leadership and Philanthropy** – Projects that cultivate women’s leadership skills, encourage women’s participation in decision-making, and promote philanthropic efforts that drive community change.

**Girls in Leadership** – Projects that create opportunities for young women that nurture leadership qualities, provide mentorship, and offer resources for girls to lead and excel.

**Equitable Education** – Projects that improve access to quality education, provide essential resources and support services, and foster lifelong learning

### Application Requirements and Process

Applications for Women United grants are accepted throughout the year. Our Women United Grants Committee meets bimonthly to discuss applications and make recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. All funding decisions are finalized by the Board of Directors.

To be considered for funding in 2025, applicants must:

- Align with one or more of the Women United strategic priorities
- Benefit individuals in Knox County, Ohio
- Clearly articulate a specific community need and outline a detailed plan for addressing it
- Adhere to principles of inclusivity and diversity that align with United Way’s Diversity and Inclusion statement.

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Applications must not:

- Exceed \$5,000 per program per year
- Promote political campaigns or promotion of candidates for public office
- Promote specific and/or exclusive religious activities or beliefs
- Promote firearms

Completed 2025 Women United Grant applications along with all required attachments may be submitted: in pdf form by emailing [liveunited@uwayknox.org](mailto:liveunited@uwayknox.org) or as a physical copy to United Way of Knox County, 305 E. High St., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050. Please reach out to [liveunited@uwayknox.org](mailto:liveunited@uwayknox.org) or 740.397.5721 with questions.

### Reporting Requirements

Recipients of Women United grants are required to publicly acknowledge their partnership with Women United. The United Way and Women United logos may be used in formal publications and promotional materials to highlight this collaboration.

**Program Data:** Recipients must submit follow-up program reports within sixty (60) days of the grant period's end. This report should include measurable outcomes and an assessment of the program's impact.

**Photographic Evidence:** Recipients must also provide a minimum of three high-resolution photographs showcasing the program's activities and outcomes. These photographs should be submitted within sixty (60) days of the grant period's end. All photographs submitted to the United Way of Knox County may be used for media purposes and should only contain individuals who have given written media consent to the grantseeking organization/individual.

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## WOMEN UNITED GRANT APPLICATION

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Women United member sponsor (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of project:

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Total cost of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If the total project cost is greater than the amount requested, what other sources of funds are available to the project?

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How will Women United funds be used in this project?

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Project start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project end date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of population and number of participants that will be served by project:

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Thank you for applying to the United Way. By signing below, you agree to the terms and conditions of the Women United Grant program as stated above.

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Signature

Date

Along with a completed application, please include:

- Tax ID information:
  - EIN and tax-exempt status if affiliated with a 501(c)3
  - W9 if funding is directed to individual or LLC
- A list of individuals associated with this project (i.e. board members, committee members, steering team)
- If total project costs are more than \$10,000, United Way might request back up documentation before reviewing application

The following may also be included:

- A separate sheet with additional comments about project
- Any press releases or letters of support for project