



Request for Proposals 2025

Granite United Way Responsive Grant Opportunities - February 2025 Cycle

Welcome to Granite United Way's Responsive Grant Request for Proposal. Register for access to our portal and opportunities here on this [LINK](#).

Granite United Way Responsive Funding Model

Over the past decade, Granite United Way (GUW) has evolved to meet the changing landscape of philanthropy. By fostering partnerships with nonprofits, government, and businesses, we address critical issues like housing, childcare, financial stability, and health. We mobilize community resources and engage donors and nonprofits to strengthen our communities through investments of unrestricted funds, volunteers, and support for local agencies.

Community Investment Grants will support the immediate and emerging needs of organizations and programs, especially grassroots organizations meeting the needs of underserved and underrepresented populations (including Women, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, persons living with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, new Americans, veterans, and seniors). This approach aligns with United Way's strategic plan goals, our 100+ years of lifting partners and our belief that those closest to the community are best positioned to develop effective local solutions. We continue to collaborate with nonprofits of all sizes, leveraging individual donations, corporate grants, and government funding to create impact.

Responsive Community Grant Opportunity

Granite United Way is pleased to announce the availability of its responsive grants application. Responsive Grants will be made available 3 times per year. **Granite United Way will provide responsive grants of \$1,000 - \$10,000 to meet immediate and emerging needs.** Granite United Way seeks partners focused on addressing the needs of underserved and underrepresented populations and aligned with its mission and work to help people Learn, Earn, and Be Healthy.

This round of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process will open on February 24, 2025.

The third round of the process is slated to open on May 19, 2025.

Mary Gale Foundation (MGF) Grants

Granite United Way administers the Mary Gale Foundation Process. This private, grantmaking foundation supports housing, health and other in-home services and programs for low-income women aged 65 and older living in the Greater Manchester area. Grants are made annually and requests for proposal information are released annually.

Strategic Opportunities

Granite United Way looks for opportunities to partner with local nonprofits to address issues around our pillars of work. These four pillars focus on Early Childhood Development, Financial Empowerment, Housing, and Public Health (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder). Connect with your regional lead to discuss additional collaborative opportunities.

Granite United Way's application process involves TWO steps

1. THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) PROCESS

To be eligible for a responsive grant, an agency must complete the RFQ process. The RFQ process for 2024-2025 funding will be rolling throughout the G UW fiscal year. It is recommended that organizations complete this information early in the fiscal year to ensure access to all funding opportunities and to be included in annual opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and information on G UW initiatives.

RFQ Requirements

- Mission Statement
- 501(c)(3) IRS Letter of Determination (or Fiscal Sponsor)
- Most Recent Financial Documents:
 - *For organizations who are required to have an audit by federal or state governments or by an umbrella organization: Please submit the most recent organization financial audit.
 - For organizations who are required to have a financial review by federal or state governments or by an umbrella organization: Please submit the most recent organization financial review.
 - For organizations who are not required to have an audit or financial review: Please submit the most recent compilation.
- *IRS 990 or 990 EZ Form
- Be a registered charity and in good standing in the State of New Hampshire or Vermont

*For applicants utilizing a fiscal sponsor, please provide the sponsor's documents.

Please direct any questions about Qualification Requirements to rfp@graniteuw.org

Grantmaking Conditions and Selection and Application Questions

Granite United Way's Strategic Plan calls for evolving partnerships and becoming more inclusive. We encourage grassroots organizations, and organizations new to United Way, who address an equity gap and the needs of underserved and historically marginalized populations to apply.

Grant funding decisions are based on the following:

1. **Granite United Way results for the 2023 and 2024 Campaign**
2. **Urgency of need and impact of investment on target population and local community**
3. **Alignment with Granite United Way mission and community needs**

Each proposal will be evaluated individually by a local Community Impact Committee (CIC) comprised of volunteers who live and work in the respective region. These volunteers review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for funding. **All funding decisions are subject to the availability of funds.**

Granite United Way reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, and to waive any minor irregularities in the proposals. Applicants will be notified as to whether their proposal was approved within one month of the application being submitted.

Appropriate Use of Funds

Funding is unrestricted and uses may include operations, capital expenses, sponsorships. Once awarded, funding will be paid in full within 8 weeks of decisions being rendered.

Grant Term Requirements

- Keep records of their activities and expenditures related to G UW funded and services.
- Organizations are expected to carry out our work as submitted in the proposal. Those who experience challenges should proactively contact their G UW region's community impact staff, as this could affect an organization's future funding.
- Funds can be spent over a 12-month period and a final report on use of funding will be due within one year of start of grant.



2. APPLICATION: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) QUESTIONS

Select the Granite United Way region where you are seeking funding. Applicants can apply in only one region. A full list of regions / towns can be found [here](#).

Amount of funding requested (maximum of \$10,000):

Are you a statewide organization? Yes No

Indicate budget size: Under \$250K \$250K-\$499K \$500k-999K \$1M-\$9.99M \$10M (+)

Please upload your agency operational budget. (pdf preferred and no special characters in file name)

Indicate the number of paid staff (full time equivalent) in your organization: _____

Total number of individuals served by your organization annually within the region you are applying: _____

Organization Summary

- Describe your organization including mission, purpose, founding date, and target population(s) (1 - 250 words)

Proposal Summary and Statement of Need

- Provide a brief description of your funding request. Include the urgency of this request and how it will impact the target population / community you serve. Be as specific as possible (1-500 words)

Evaluation Process

- How will you measure success and how will your success impact the population/ community you serve (1-500 words)

Budget

- Describe the impact if not funded for this request (1-200 words)

Regional questions should be submitted to:

Central Region: Scoop Welch at scoop.welch@graniteuw.org

Greater Seacoast Region: Kerry Folkins at kerry.folkins@graniteuw.org

Merrimack County Region: Christina Huntress at christina.huntress@graniteuw.org

North Country Region: Nanci Carney at nanci.carney@graniteuw.org

Northern NH Region: Laura Boucher at laura.boucher@graniteuw.org

Southern Region: KR Epstein at kr.epstein@graniteuw.org

Upper Valley Region: Katie Berndsen at katie.berndsen@graniteuw.org

Questions about the online application system should be directed to RFP@graniteuw.org.

