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2026-2027 Funding Cycle Grant Application Overview / Instructions

Issue Date: January 5, 2026
Submission Deadline: February 27, 2026 at 5:00pm



United Way of Southwest Oklahoma Community Investment Committee Important Dates

Timeline FY 2026-2027

January 5, 2026	Community Investment Grant Application opens
January 13, 2026	<i>Application training</i> for all organizations applying for UWSWOK grant for the 2026-2027 funding cycle. Grant Training will take place at 11:00AM at the UWSWOK Office in lieu of the regularly scheduled Partner Council meeting.
January 20, 2026	Deadline to submit questions for the “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” document.
January 27, 2026	United Way will upload FAQ document to website.
February 12, 2026	Panel Chair Volunteer Training
February 23, 2026	5:00 pm. Deadline to submit applications for a completion audit (applications will be audited for completion only -aka no content will be reviewed). *NOTE: Organizations/Programs are not required to submit application for completion audit*
February 27, 2026	Panel Member Volunteer Training
February 27, 2026	All Community Investment Grant Applications due to UWSWOK office by 5:00pm (Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding review.)
March 3, 2026	Grant applications open up for Panel Review
March 9- April 3, 2026	Partner Site Visits
April 6-10, 2026	Panels complete post-visit assessments and compile feedback from site visits
April 13, 2026	Panel Recommendations Due
April 16, 2026	Panel Chair Meeting
April 22, 2026	UWSWOK Board Meeting

****A hard copy is highly recommended to ensure all documents are submitted and to avoid technical issues with downloads/uploads.***

Instructions for preparing RFP Packet

The basis for your organization's program review and application for funds is this RFP Packet. You are asked to provide detailed information regarding your organization's management, budget, programs, and outcome measurements. If you have any questions about the grant application, please email the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma at info@uwswo.org

Formatting Instructions and Requirements

- **Submit completed application** provided to you by UWSWOK including each program for which you are applying for funding to the UWSWOK office no later than 5PM on February 27, 2026.
- ALL uploaded and saved documents on the website application **MUST HAVE SIGNATURES.**
- To take part in the Completion Audit (see page 2 for due date) a complete application must be submitted. No email applications will be accepted.
- YTD balance sheet and profit/loss statement are to be uploaded as 1 document.
- Before submitting your application, please review it to ensure that all requested items are included. After the deadline you may not make any changes to your submitted grant application.
- Do NOT add any additional information other than those specifically requested.
- **Proposals missing any required information will be marked "INCOMPLETE" and will not be considered for funding.**