

ACE Grants - Application Guidelines and FAQs

Contact us with any questions or concerns not covered by this document by emailing communityinvestments@uwsuncoast.org

Who is eligible to apply for an ACE grant?

To ensure a focus on supporting grassroots innovation, ACE grants are currently available to nonprofit organizations with an annual revenue of \$2.1 million or less. Your organization must be active or intend to be active with ALICE families in United Way Suncoast priority areas within DeSoto, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, and Sarasota (see list of areas below).

Are there any other requirements?

An applicant must be a 501c3 organization with the ability to receive funding through electronic deposit. However, we have removed other requirements to ensure broad access to this opportunity, specifically:

- No minimum number of years of operation
- No minimum number of staff or volunteers
- No audited or compiled financial statements

Applications and reporting will be online, so internet access will be needed. Guest internet connections may be available at a UWS location, if needed. Please contact us for assistance.

UWS will review publicly available financial information for each applicant. If none can be found, or further questions arise, UWS will contact the applicant directly for that information. If you require the ability to submit your application in a language other than English, please reach out to our team to explore options.

I currently receive funding from United Way Suncoast. Can I still apply for an ACE grant?

Yes - funding through other UWS investment streams does not disqualify you from applying for an ACE grant. However, current ACE grant recipients are not eligible to re-apply during the term of their ACE grant. You will be able to apply for another ACE grant after the term of your current grant ends.

What questions will I be asked during the application and final report? What additional documentation will I need to provide?

Our goal is to make applying for and managing an ACE grant as simple as possible. [Please click here](#) to access a full list of questions to be asked.

What is the term of the grant?

Full grant agreement terms can be found here [link to be added to the document "ACE Grant Partnership Agreement Template_2"]. ACE grants will be paid in full at the time of the award. A report that shares the impact of the ACE grant is due within 18 months of the award date. When that report has been accepted by our team, the term of the grant will end.