



What are the eligibility requirements?

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have 501(c)3 status or be a government entity
- Have access to or be able to attain access to HMIS.
- Provide services in Yellowstone County
- Have the organizational capacity to hire, supervise & train a **Community Housing Navigator (CHN)**

What will be funded?

- Up to \$75,000 annually (for CHN salary, overhead & fringe)
- September 10th, 2026- December 31, 2028
- One Community Housing Navigator Positions will be funded.

What are applicant expectations?

When an agency partners with the United Way of Yellowstone County, the agency connects their brand to the trusted United Way brand. Therefore, we strive to assure all grantees share core values and practices that support long-term success. Which include but are not limited to:

- **Collaboration** – to ensure that scarce financial and human resources are used effectively, UWYC encourages collaboration among public and private human service providers.
- **Reducing Duplication of Effort** – While having multiple locations provide services is important, United Way shares a community desire to reduce unnecessary duplication of work to streamline our response to community needs.
- **Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Commitment** – The United Way of Yellowstone County has always stood for coming together to support one another.
- **Supporting United Way as a Community Partner** - This includes co-branding marketing materials as they relate to funding.

Is this money from a federal source?

No, all funds related to this RFP and the United to Solve Homelessness program are from non-federal sources and are not subject to the revocation or delays many federal grant recipients are dealing with.

How are funding decisions made?

Funding decisions are made through a committee review process. After reviews of applications are made, recommendations are made to the UWYC board. Upon approval, dollars are awarded to selected applicants.

How much funding is available?

Funding for One CHN is available. Each applicant can apply for all one position. A CHN awarded to an agency comes with up to \$75,000 in salary, fringe and admin support funds Per year. In addition, agencies who receive a CHN will be able to access the full Housing Solutions Fund (HSF).



Application & funding timeline?

- **RFP Release & Applications Open**, August 3, 2026
- **Application Close**, August 21, 2026
- **Award Notification Start Date**, September 10th, 2026
- **Funds Available for Disbursement**, September 10th, 2026
- **Grant Close Date**, December 31st, 2028

What is the Housing Solutions Fund?

The Housing Solutions fund (HSF) is a pool of money set aside to be used to remove barriers for families experiencing homelessness. It will primarily be accessed by CHNs but a portion of it will be open to other navigators in the community. The HSF is not tied directly to this grant application and receiving a CHN does not guarantee you any funds outside of your awarded amount.

When will selected, applicants be expected to have a CHN hired?

We hope to support selected applicants to have job postings up as soon as possible, we expect a CHN to be hired before the end of October. Agencies who are unable to hire a CHN for an extended period may lose funding in favor of an agency that is able to hire staff.

What are HMIS?

The Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) software is a database that helps agencies coordinate client cases across communities. It is open for any agency to join, they will need to work through MISI Pathways and the UWYC to do so.

What reporting is required?

The amount of data tracked will be kept to a minimum and be outlined on the Annual Reporting Form due every August.

How do I apply?

Link: <https://www.unitedwayyellowstone.org/united-solve-homelessness-chn-application>

What do I do if I have questions?

Visit [United to Solve Homelessness | United Way of Yellowstone County](#) where you can:

- Download a paper copy of the application when it is released on August 3rd
- See information about and watch the recording of the FAQ session from the first round of applications last year.

For additional information and to ask questions contact:

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