

Request for Proposals: Renee Beyer Community Development Fund

United Way of Northern New York (UWNNY) announces a special grant opportunity for Lewis County nonprofit organizations. Funding is made available through the Renee Beyer Fund, established at the Northern New York Community Foundation to honor Renee's enduring legacy of community service and leadership.

Renee Beyer, a beloved Lewis County leader and advocate, passed away in 2013. Renee devoted her life to uplifting others and strengthening her community through service, compassion, and action. This fund is a tribute to her vision and values.

UWNNY seeks to support nonprofit organizations in Lewis County that are working to strengthen community connections, build local capacity, and improve quality of life. A total of **\$8,500 in funding** will be awarded through this competitive grant opportunity.

Grant Focus

Proposals must align with one or more of the following values inspired by Renee's legacy:

- Community development and revitalization
- Grassroots leadership and civic engagement
- Strengthening connections between neighbors
- Enhancing opportunities and quality of life for residents of Lewis County

Eligibility

- Must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Must serve residents of **Lewis County**
- Preference will be given to organizations with **annual budgets under \$1 million**
- Applicants must have been in operation for at least two years
- Organization must be governed by a board of directors

Application Guidelines

- Maximum request per application: **\$5,000**
- Total funds available: **\$8,500**
- Grants may be used for programming, supplies, community engagement efforts, or general operating support
- Projects should be completed by **December 31, 2026**

UWNNY will not fund:

- Capital projects
- Political or religious activities
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, ability, or sexual orientation

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the grant portal:

<https://unitedwaynnnycommunityreview.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

Required sections and attachments:

- **Organization Information**
 - IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter
 - List of current Board of Directors
 - Cover letter from Executive Director or Board Chair
- **Project Summary**
 - Program description, intended outcomes, and amount requested
- **Budget Information**
 - Program/project budget
 - Organization's current fiscal year operating budget

Timeline

- **May 9, 2025** – Application portal opens
- **June 16, 2025 (11:59 PM)** – Application deadline
- **July 2025** – Internal review and community panel evaluation
- **August 2025** – Applicants notified
- **September 2025** – Grant cycle begins

Contact

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