

Black-Led Nonprofit Funding Focus

United Way of Greater Stark County supports small Black-Led nonprofits by strengthening organizational capacity in board governance, leadership, strategic planning, fiscal management, revenue development, and marketing. This support positions organizations for larger funding opportunities and long-term sustainability as trusted community partners. The BLNP seeks programs that prevent or lessen the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences among children from birth through age eight and their caregivers.

Eligibility Requirements

- Black CEO/President and/or board composed of at least 51% Black members
- Less than \$500,000 in combined annual revenue or assets
- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit operating for at least two years and serving Stark and/or Carroll Counties.
- Offer a program for children from birth through age eight that prevents or lessens the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- Serve a population in which at least 80% of participants are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and document how eligibility will be verified and maintained.
- Complete Agency Review and receive approval before applying.

How to Apply

Step One: If your organization does not have an e-CImpact account, register for an account and complete the Agency Review process. If your organization already has an account, sign in to continue.

To register for eCImpact, visit the [eCImpact website](#) and follow the registration prompts.

Step Two: Schedule an Interview

Step Three: Complete the Agency Review Process and receive confirmation of Agency Review Approval

Step Four: Submit the BLNP application by December 18, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

FAQs

If my organization does not apply for the BLNP funding during this cycle, will there be another opportunity to apply in 2027?

No. If an organization does not apply during the current funding cycle, the opportunity will close for the two-year grant period and will not reopen until the cycle has ended.

Who should we contact if we have questions?

Questions can be sent to allocations@uwstark.org. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response. For password assistance, email allocations@uwstark.org.