

**2025-2026 Ascension Parish Vision Council
Request for Proposals
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Overview

Capital Area United Way (CAUW) envisions a community where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. Our mission is to solve our community's toughest challenges by leveraging partnerships to advance the common good in education, income stability, and healthy living. In pursuit of this mission, the Ascension Parish Vision Council (APVC) was created to ensure a greater understanding of the challenges facing Ascension Parish residents. The APVC was created in 2016 as a committee under the Capital Area United Way (CAUW) serving in an advisory capacity to provide guidance for CAUW's Impact work in Ascension Parish. The Council is comprised of community members, corporate partners, government entities and non-profits seeking to improve the health, education, income stability, and basic needs of Ascension Parish residents. APVC continuously engages in research, community outreach, and advising CAUW as it develops community solutions in Ascension Parish and serves as advocates for CAUW's impact work. Founding members of the group include representatives from BASF, Shell, Methanex, Ascension Parish Schools, River Parishes Community College, The ARC of East Ascension, Volunteer Ascension, The Futures Fund, The Mayors Youth Council of Donaldsonville and Donaldsonville Area Arc.

How much funding is available?

- Up to \$100,000 will be granted to workforce development programmatic and project solutions through this opportunity generously sponsored by BASF.
- Grant awards will typically range between \$1,500 and \$25,000 depending on the impact of the request.

Who can apply for funds?

- Any nonprofit organization serving residents in Ascension Parish with preference for organization prioritizing the solutions and zip codes listed below.
- All applicants must have tax exempt status for at least **one (1)** year prior to grant submission.
- All applicants must be in good standing with the State of Louisiana at the time of grant submission and at the time payment is made.
- Current CAUW grantees must be up to date with all reporting.c

Allowable/Non-Allowable Expenses

- Grant requests should address workforce development solutions within Ascension Parish that promote the un- and underemployed to get and keep jobs where they earn a living wage. Solutions and services may include, but are not limited to:
 - Professional development, employment certifications, technical and soft skills training
 - Financial support for employer required identification, such as TWIC
 - Workplace tools and uniforms
 - Career counseling and case management
 - Unmet educational needs
 - Wraparound supports directly affecting employment stability, such as childcare, transportation, and housing
- Priority will be given to projects supporting the 70737, 70769, 70346, and 70774 zip codes.

- Priority will also be given to applicants with strong community and employer collaborations in Ascension Parish.

Non-Allowable Expenses:

- Lobbying efforts designed to influence legislation are prohibited.
- For-profit organizations are ineligible to apply.
- Subcontract agreements. This includes fiscal agents. We will only fund direct service organizations that provide services directly to individual clients.

When can I apply?

Applications will open on Monday, April 7th, 2025, and close on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at 5 p.m. Grant notifications will occur in June 2025.

Please note all funding decisions are driven by community volunteers through a formal review process in collaboration with CAUW's Ascension Parish Vision Council.

Application Questions

- **Organization Mission Statement (500-character limit)**
- **Brief Organizational History (2000-character limit)**
Provide a brief history of the organization, its structure, and major accomplishments.
- **Select the type of CAUW funds your organization has received in past 5 years (select all the apply): (Designations, Disaster, Program, Project, Ascension, Other, None)**
- **Name of the Grant Request**
- **Funding Amount Requested from CAUW**
- **Primary Contact Person for this Grant Request**
- **Primary Contact Email**
- **Grant Request Description (3000-character limit)**
Provide a detailed description of the workforce development project that will be funded with the requested grant. This description should explain what services you will deliver to what population, what results you expect to bring about how they will be achieved, and how success or failure will be measured. Highlight how your request serves Ascension Parish clients at or below the ALICE Threshold. Describe how your organization's services are responsive to Ascension Parish priorities listed above. Describe any specific geographic limitations of the services requested (e.g. city/town, zip code, neighborhood). How will clients learn about your services? Describe the continuums of care provided for clients before, during, or after their time with your organization.
- **Grant Goals (2000-character limit)**
What are the top three goals of this grant request? Describe the impact the request will have on the community if those goals are achieved.
- **Organizational Capacity (1500-character limit)**
Describe your organization's capacity to implement the proposed activities, including leadership experience, facilities, and/or other relevant resources.
- **Proposed Outcomes Achieved (1500-character limit)**
List 3-5 detailed projections of the outcomes achieved by this project and grant.
- **Geographic Reach (1500-character limit)**
List the estimated number of clients served with CAUW funds by Ascension Parish zip code. Priority will be given to workforce projects supporting the 70737, 70769, 70346, and 70774 zip codes.

- **Collaboration (2000-character limit)**
Who does your organization collaborate with to accomplish workforce development service delivery? What partnerships fuel your work?
- **Project Implementation Timeline (2000-character limit)**
Provide a timeline that shows the chronological order in which the activities will be completed. Include activities that have been completed or resources that are currently secured. In addition, provide information about how/when funds that are awarded will be spent to support each activity.
- **Grant Request Budget (2000-character limit)**
Provide a line-item breakdown with categories of expenditure that will be funded if your grant is awarded. Please include necessary context for each line item. Do not include other sources of funding in the budget.

Required Attachments

1. Documentation of Status of Good standing with Louisiana Secretary of State
2. Organization's most recent 990
3. Documentation of 501c3 Status
4. Organization's most recent audited financial statements OR Board-Approved financial statements

Reporting Requirements

- **Grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2026.**
- CAUW requires accountability and transparency in our funding process.
- **All grant awardees are required to submit a final report within one month of funds expended but no later than July 15th, 2026. This report will be available for submission through E-CImpact.**
- Failure to comply with reporting deadlines will prohibit organizations from being eligible for future CAUW funding opportunities.

Final Report Questions:

1. How many total clients were served or benefited from this grant?
2. Please give a detailed summary of the complete project. Include whether goals were met, lessons learned/challenges, successes, and services delivered to what population. **(2500-character limit)**
3. List the 3-5 detailed project outcomes achieved based on your original application. How much did you do? How many are better off? Include the number of ALICE individuals who were helped if measured. **(3000-character limit)**
4. Were all CAUW grant funds used during the 12-month grant period? **(20-character limit)**
5. If not, how much of the funding is left over? Why are there leftover funds? What are your plans for utilizing the remaining funds? **(2500-character limit)**
6. If funds were spent on different line items than requested in the original application, please explain. **(2500-character limit)**
7. Share a client success story highlighting how a client is better off after program completion **(3000-character limit)**

How do I apply?

- Apply online through e-CImpact at <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=20020U>. You can also access the link through www.cauw.org at the bottom of the page under E-CIMPACT LOGIN for Partners.
- If you do not have an agency profile set up, please create an e-CImpact account under "New to e-CImpact?"
- If you currently have an e-CImpact account, log in and select the 2025-2026 Ascension Parish Grants on the left hand navigation tree.

Contact Information for Questions
For questions regarding eligibility and criteria contact email programinvestment@cauw.org .