Grants for Growth: Nonprofit Grant

Application — Spring 2026

Instructions for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in Grants for Growth: Nonprofit Microgrant, Verity Credit Union's grant program for small, grassroots nonprofits in Washington State. This application is designed to be simple, flexible, and rooted in trust. We invite you to share your story in your own words.

What to Know Before You Begin

Who should apply?

This grant is for nonprofits with total assets under $250,000 that are led by or serving individuals from communities historically excluded from accessible funding opportunities in Washington State.

What is the funding?

- Five grants of $5,000 — all flexible funding. You decide how to use it.

How are decisions made?

Applications are reviewed by a diverse group of Verity staff using a mission-aligned and values-based rubric. We prioritize community-rooted leadership and alignment with our mission — not perfect writing or formal grant language.

How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted through the online form. This ensures all information is received and reviewed consistently. If you need support or accommodations completing the form, email us at CommunityImpact@veritycu.com and we'll work with you.

Apply now

Application Deadline: May 31, 2026, 11:59 pm
Decision Notifications: Early July 2026
Awards Disbursement: Late July 2026

Tips for Completing the Application

- There are no trick questions. Be honest, specific, and mission-driven.
- Share what growth looks like for you — there is no one-size-fits-all answer.
- Use the optional question at the end to tell us anything else you want us to know.

Section 1: Organization Information

Please share some basic information about your organization. This helps us understand your eligibility and context.

Legal Name of Organization
DBA / Alternate Name (if applicable)
EIN (Tax ID)
Name of Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)
EIN of Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)

Total Asset Size

Please select your organization's total assets from the options below.

- $0–$9,999
- $10,000–$49,999
- $50,000–$99,999
- $100,000–$199,999
- $200,000–$249,999
- Not sure

Where does your work take place?

Please list your organization's physical address and/or the ZIP codes or regions you serve.

Has your organization received grant funding before?

- Yes
- No

Section 2: Your Work and Impact

These questions reflect the heart of your application and align directly with how proposals will be reviewed.

Tell us about your organization. *(200–250 words)*

What do you do, who do you serve, and what inspired you to start this work?

How is your work shaped by the community you serve? *(175–200 words)*

Tell us how your leadership, decision-making, or services reflect the voices and experiences of your community.

What community need, gap, or opportunity are you addressing? *(175–200 words)*

Describe the issue you are working on and why it matters to the people you serve.

How does your work support economic well-being or opportunity? *(175–200 words)*

This could include income generation, access to housing or education, financial wellness, or other ways you support financial stability and growth.

What would this grant help you grow or strengthen? *(175–200 words)*

Growth can mean many things: expanding a program, increasing staff capacity, stabilizing operations, deepening your reach, investing in leadership, and more. Tell us what's possible if you receive this funding.

In what ways does your work challenge barriers or support equity? *(200–250 words)*
How do you work to create more equitable outcomes for your community or reduce systemic harm?

Is there anything else you want to share with us? *(Optional — up to 200 words)*
This could include your values, your story, your dreams for the future, or anything that didn't fit elsewhere.

Would you like to learn more about Verity's financial tools or coaching for small businesses? *(Optional — up to 200 words)*
This could include your values, your story, your dreams for the future, or anything that didn't fit elsewhere.

- Yes
- No

How did you hear about Grants for Growth?

- Verity staff or partner organization
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Verity website or newsletter
- Other (please specify)

Section 3: Organizational Identity

This section helps us ensure our funding reflects the communities we care about.

Total number of leadership/staff members:

Total number of board members (if applicable):

How would you describe the lived experiences of your leadership and staff, and how do those experiences relate to your mission?

How would you describe the lived experiences of your board of directors, and how do those experiences relate to your mission?

Section 4: Primary Contact

Please provide the contact person for any grant-related communication.

Name
Title / Role
Phone Number
Email Address

Thank you for applying to Grants for Growth: Nonprofit Microgrant! We will review all applications after the May 31 deadline. You can expect to hear from us in early June 2026.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to CommunityImpact@veritycu.com.

Your work matters — and we're honored to learn more about it.