



Union Pacific Proudly Supports Communities with Over \$4 Million to 430 Local Nonprofit Organizations

Community Ties Giving Program Drives Local Impact Across 23 States

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 13, 2025 – Union Pacific Railroad is proud to announce the distribution of more than \$4 million in local grants to 430 nonprofit organizations through its [Community Ties Giving Program](#). The awards reinforce Union Pacific's commitment to building strong, safe and sustainable communities across its 23-state network.

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 will support initiatives aligned with Union Pacific's giving priorities: safety, workforce development, community vitality and environmental sustainability. From youth development and job training to public safety and environmental stewardship, the funded projects will directly benefit millions of people in the towns and cities where Union Pacific employees live and work.

"Union Pacific is committed to empowering local organizations that are driving meaningful change," said **Liisa Lawson Stark**, vice president-Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad. "These nonprofits are the heartbeat of their communities, and we're honored to support their efforts to create safer, more vibrant places."

The application process to apply for a Community Ties Giving Grant opens annually in April. It is a competitive process, ensuring a fair opportunity for all eligible entities. More details about the program and how to apply for a grant can be found at up.com/CommunityTies.

ABOUT UNION PACIFIC

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

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2025 Grants

Illinois: \$360,000

Alton	YWCA Southwestern Illinois
Arlington Heights	Hands on Suburban Chicago
Braidwood	Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition
Chicago	A Safe Haven Foundation
Chicago	Apna Ghar Inc. Our Home
Chicago	Breakthrough Urban Ministries Inc.
Chicago	Chicago Public Library Foundation
Chicago	Friends of the Parks
Chicago	Girls 4 Science
Chicago	Greater Chicago Food Depository
Chicago	Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Chicago	Reduce Waste Chicago
Chicago	Urban Initiatives
Crystal Lake	Big Brothers Big Sister of McHenry County Inc.
Evanston	Art Encounter
Glen Carbon	Illinois Firefighters Association Foundation
Joliet	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties
Joliet	Friends of the Forest Preserve District of Will County
Joliet	Joliet Will County Center for Economic Development
Joliet	United Way of Will County

Lincoln	Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development Inc.
Lisle	Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities
Normal	Town of Normal Children's Discovery Museum Foundation
Mount Vernon	United Way of South Central Illinois
Oak Park	Oak Park Area Arts Council
Pontiac	Livingston County Mutual Aid Association
Rock Falls	United Way of Whiteside County Inc.
Rockford	Goodwill Industries of Northern IL & WI Stateline Area Inc.
Rockton	AED Rescue Connect
Springfield	Compass for Kids
Springfield	Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition