



**WI SHRM STATE COUNCIL
ENTERPRISING LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION
2026**

The WI SHRM Enterprising Leadership Grant was established in 2008. It awards a chapter or chapters a grant to support a “partnership” with another WI-based organization that promotes communication and collaboration between HR and other business professionals/organizations across the state. It funds initiatives that are innovative and strive to bring business professionals together toward a common cause, led by the HR community.

Up to \$2,500 from a pool of \$7,500 is available for Wisconsin SHRM Chapter(s) to implement an activity or initiative in Enterprising HR Leadership. Criteria include having 1) a partnership with an organization outside of SHRM that has goals/objectives that help advance the HR profession and 2) a joint planned activity or initiative with that organization that demonstrates Enterprising HR Leadership Communication, Collaboration and/or Education of/between business professionals.

Chapter Name: _____

1. Provide the name and history of the organization with whom your chapter has partnered. How long have you partnered with them? What is their mission? How does their work advance the HR Profession and the WI business community?
2. Describe the activity/initiative with which you will be partnering. Be specific, including planned outcomes, tasks/responsible parties, timelines, and other relevant details. (Feel free to include attachments). What are your main objectives? How does this mutually benefit your chapter and the partnering organization? How does it demonstrate communication, collaboration, and/or education? *NOTE: This must be for a FUTURE event that occurs after December 2026.*
3. Include an estimated budget for how the grant money would be spent. Include an estimate of how many individuals would be impacted by your activity/initiative to calculate the cost per person served.
4. Indicate the grant amount that you are applying for, and if a partial grant will still allow you to carry out your activity or initiative.

Winning chapters will be required to submit an article (500 words or less) after the activity/event has been completed, describing the activity/event, how the grant supported the activity/event, and the outcome. This information may be used for inclusion in the forwardHR Magazine and/or for social media promotion and recognition.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be returned to Katelyn Spanbauer; WI SHRM State Director-Elect at statedirectorelect@wishrm.org by **Friday, November 6, 2026**.

Please reach out to Jeff Palkowski (statedirector@wishrm.org) or Katelyn Spanbauer (statedirectorelect@wishrm.org) with any questions.