



United Way of
Southwestern Pennsylvania



UNITED FOR WOMEN: Helping Women Facing Crisis ALLEGHENY COUNTY INVESTMENTS

PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

PARTNERS

SAFE AT HOME

This program provides short-term financial assistance for first-time homeless women to either avoid or leave a shelter, as well as emotional support, employment help, housing placement, and 1-3 months of aftercare, in order to prevent long-term homelessness.

Lead: Bethlehem Haven
With: Pittsburgh Mercy Health Systems and Area Agency on Aging

WAYS TO WORK EXTRA MILE

From loan assistance, avoidance of car loan default or making necessary car repairs, this program assists women who, because of a life-changing event, experience transportation issues that compromise their ability to get to work.

Lead: Wesley Family Services
With: Goodwill and North Hills Community Outreach Community Auto

SMART INVESTMENTS

Responding to the short-term financial needs of women with an event-induced crisis, this program provides small emergency grants to help overcome an immediate financial crisis and financial wellness skills to avoid future crises. Additionally, participants work with staff and trained financial volunteers to create and achieve financial goals.

Lead: South Hills Interfaith Movement
With: North Hills Community Outreach, Jewish Family and Children's Services and Focus on Renewal

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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE	For women who are experiencing a sudden financial or life-changing crisis, this program provides short-term assistance and connections to employment, legal services, and other resources to prevent a future financial crisis.	Lead: YWCA With: Neighborhood Legal Services and PA Women Work
PROJECT JOURNEY	Project Journey assists women Veterans, many with children, by providing emergency shelter or transitional housing to avoid homelessness, securing stable housing for themselves and their children, and developing a financial plan to address future financial crises	Lead: Veterans Leadership Program With: ACTION Housing, Inc., VA Pittsburgh Health System, and Allegheny Intermediate Unit Homeless Children's Initiative
REPAIRING HOMES, HEALING HEARTS	Hosanna Industries provides critical home repairs and/or financial assistance for necessary home improvements to female-headed households who are financially insecure as a result of a life-changing event.	Lead: Hosanna Industries, Inc. With: Eaton Corporation and Peoples Gas
WOMEN'S TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	The program distributes bus passes or gas cards to women requesting transportation assistance. The program enables women with a short-term financial crisis to access various services, including medical, employment, , housing searches, transporting children to activities, or educational attainment, as well as court-related appointments for those leaving a domestic violence situation.	Lead: Traveler's Aid Society With: Women's Center & Shelter, and other organizations funded by United for Women in this grant period
BUILDING NEW LIVES: MEETING THE NEEDS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE VICTIMS	Building New Lives created an Immediate Needs Coordinator position at WC&S. The coordinator, trained in addressing trauma and risks associated with domestic violence, provides information, referrals, and assistance for all non-legal issues Civil Law Project clients experience as a result of leaving a violent relationship. The coordinator also oversees an Immediate Needs Fund to help Civil Law Project clients with short-term issues (e.g., use of the court-supervised custody communication website).	Lead: Women's Center and Shelter With: Allegheny County Department of Human Services and Community Human Services

