Emergency Basic Needs Fund

Some of the most heartbreaking calls to United Way’s helpline, 2-1-1, are from people in need who don’t qualify for programs because they’re “not yet homeless” or the second job they took on puts them above program income limits.

Along with increasing income and acquiring or maintaining assets, meeting basic needs is part of an overall strategy to help low-income working families reach financial stability.

MEASURABLE IMPACT

64% of callers looking for help meeting basic needs:
• Keeping a roof over their heads
• Maintaining utility service
• Feeding their family

800+ people have been helped by the Emergency Basic Needs Fund since the launch in 2015

THE EMERGENCY BASIC NEEDS FUND:

• Provides one-time assistance of up to $500 to help a family stay above water
• Provides emergency assistance for food, diapers, furniture, clothing, transportation, medical expenses, etc.
• Can be accessed via PA 2-1-1 Southwest, United Way’s 24-hour helpline