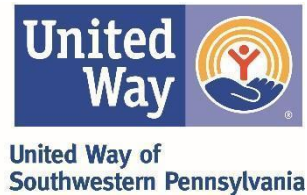


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United Way Announces 2023-2026 Community Impact Grantees
Making a difference in the lives of half a million people in the region

PITTSBURGH, PA (June 22, 2023) – United Way is pleased to award 150 Impact Fund grants serving more than 500,000 people in the region. Each year, for a total of three years, nearly \$7.5 million will be distributed to 110 organizations, 53 of which are new grant recipients.

“It is an honor to award the Community Impact grants knowing the significant work that will be set in motion,” said Bobbi Watt Geer, President and CEO of United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania. “We’re very fortunate to have the incredible support of our donors – individuals, corporations and foundations – who enable us to provide our partners with the resources they need to create true change in their communities. Not only will we see the implementation of so many important and impactful programs, but our mission to mobilize the caring power of our community to improve lives will be carried out to half a million people across the five-county region.”

Through this significant investment in the community, grantee programs will focus on supporting people in United Way’s investment priority areas: meeting basic needs, moving toward financial stability and building for success in school and life.

In 2021, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania adopted a new strategic framework to focus its impact, drive community investment and engage more people in its mission. In line with that framework, United Way refined its grant making process to identify and support the most impactful human service agencies through a highly competitive, strategy-focused Request for Proposal (RFP) process. In November 2022, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania invited human service organizations across its five-county region – Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Fayette and Westmoreland – to apply for and receive funding through the new RFP.

United Way utilized real-time data from PA 211 Southwest as well as its relationship with community partners and stakeholders to identify community challenges and select proposals that meet those challenges through innovative, solution-based strategies. The strategies that will be invested in as a result of the 2023-2026 Impact Fund grants are as follows:

<p>Strategy: Working collaboratively with school districts and other community partners that provide positive out-of-school time opportunities for young people.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Building for Success in School and Life</p>	<p>Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education; Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh (BCAP); Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region; Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.; Center of Life; Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation; Community Care Connections, Inc.; Early Learning Connections; East End United Community Center; Greensburg Hempfield Area Library; Gwen's Girls, Inc.; Industrial Arts Workshop; Mosaic Community Development Center; Sonward Youth Programs; STAT Inc. - Ligonier Therapeutic Center; STEM Coding Lab, Inc.; The Women and Girls Foundation; Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania; Waypoint Youth & Community Center Inc.; YWCA Greater Pittsburgh</p>
<p>Strategy: Addressing food insecurity and providing access to nutritious food.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Meeting Basic Needs</p>	<p>412 Food Rescue; Beverly's Birthdays; Bible Center Church Inc.; Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc.; Global Links; Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; Jubilee Association, Inc.; Just Harvest Education Fund; Knead Community Cafe; Macedonia Family & Community Enrichment Center (FACE); North Hills Affordable Housing (dba HEARTH); Pittsburgh Food Policy Council; South Hills Interfaith Movement; The Lighthouse Foundation; Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.; Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard; Westmoreland County Food Bank</p>
<p>Strategy: Addressing the negative health effects of social isolation by providing interventions that promote connection and community.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Meeting Basic Needs</p>	<p>Armstrong Center for Community Learning; Bethany Christian Services of Western Pennsylvania; Blackburn Center; CASA of Westmoreland, Inc.; Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.; Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (JCC); Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs/Hopebound Ministries; Laurel Area Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers; Lifesteps; Macedonia Family &</p>

	Community Enrichment Center (FACE); Robin's Home, Inc.; Vintage; Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank
<p>Strategy: Connecting people to employment through skill-building and career development programs.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Moving Toward Financial Stability</p>	Auberle; Bidwell Training Center; Catapult Greater Pittsburgh; Community Kitchen Pittsburgh; Dress for Success Pittsburgh; Jeremiah's Place; Jewish Family and Community Services; Lifesteps; Life'sWork of Western PA; Mon Valley Initiative; New Century Careers, Inc.; PA Women Work; Pittsburgh Scholar House; Reimagine Reentry; Tri-City Life Center, Inc. (DBA TryLife Center)
<p>Strategy: Providing individuals and families access to safe and secure housing through programs that provide shelter, address eviction prevention, home repair and utility assistance.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Meeting Basic Needs</p>	Abiding Missions; ACTION-Housing, Inc.; Familylinks Inc.; Glade Run Lutheran Services; Jewish Family and Community Services; Just Mediation Pittsburgh; Macedonia Family & Community Enrichment Center (FACE); Neighborhood Legal Services Association; RentHelpPGH; SPS Connect Inc.; The Lighthouse Foundation; The Union Mission; Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
<p>Strategy: Offering equitable opportunities across race, gender and ability for people to access services and benefits that increase their income and financial security.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Moving Toward Financial Stability</p>	ACHIEVA; Allegheny Family Network; Center for Community Resources, Inc.; Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc.; Human Services Center Corporation; Literacy Pittsburgh; Neighborhood Allies; Travelers Aid Society of Pittsburgh; Westmoreland Community Action; When She Thrives; YWCA Butler; YWCA Westmoreland County
<p>Strategy: Providing affordable, high-quality early childhood educational opportunities and family support.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Building for Success in School and Life</p>	Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania; Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN); Latino Community Center (LCC); Lifesteps; The Learning Lamp; Valley Points Family YMCA; Wesley Family Services; WQED

<p>Strategy: Providing career and college readiness tools and resources to historically underrepresented groups of students.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Building for Success in School and Life</p>	<p>Crossroads Foundation; Homeless Children’s Education Fund; Homewood Children’s Village; Human Services Center Corporation; Life’s Work of Western PA; Neighborhood Learning Alliance; PEAL Center Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership; The Arc of Butler County</p>
<p>Strategy: Providing safety and support to survivors of intimate partner violence.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Meeting Basic Needs</p>	<p>Blackburn Center; Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA; Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN); Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh</p>
<p>Strategy: Addressing learning loss, social and emotional well-being and kindergarten readiness.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Building for Success in School and Life</p>	<p>Blackburn Center; Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA; Ford City Public Library; Vision to Learn</p>
<p>Strategy: Providing access to reliable transportation.</p> <p>Investment Priority: Meeting Basic Needs</p>	<p>American Cancer Society; Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette Inc.; Northern Area Multi-Service Center of Allegheny Co.</p>

The next round of three-year RFP grants will open in the fall of 2025. For more information on the grant process please visit bit.ly/UWNNonProfits.

About United Way of Southwestern PA – United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, serving Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Fayette and Westmoreland counties, convenes and mobilizes the caring power of individuals, the business community and organizations to help local people meet basic needs, move toward financial stability and build for success in school and life. Together with dedicated donors and caring volunteers, United Way creates long-lasting change for the betterment of our community.

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