

2023-2024 United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley Impact Grant Recipients

Investing in our Children (Education): Helping children and youth achieve their potential.

A total of 11 agencies will receive funding in the education category, totaling \$97,200.

Funding Priorities

1. Basic Needs: Children have access to basic needs
 - Provide basic needs support to children and families in crisis
 - Help children who face neglect or abuse
 - Promote positive parenting and healthy child development
2. Early Learning: Preschool aged children have access to affordable, high quality, early learning programs that prepare them for kindergarten
 - Provide tuition assistance for families unable to afford a quality preschool education
 - Promote high quality learning programs that prepare children for kindergarten
3. Youth Support Programs: Students have access to high quality, enriching out of school programs where students have support and encouragement from engaged parents, advocates and mentors.
 - Increase the availability of quality before and after-school care for school-aged children and youth
 - Ensure access to age-appropriate mentors and other academic supports

Organization Name	Award Amount	Purpose of Grant
Community Care and Learning Center	\$20,000	To provide summer and before and after school services for children K-4 to ensure parents of school-age children can maintain employment.
Winchester Day Preschool	\$18,000	To provide tuition assistance for lower income working families in need of childcare.
Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area	\$12,630	To support the Campaign for Grade Level Reading program to improve literacy for children.
Healthy Families Northern Shenandoah Valley	\$10,570	To support the Cribs for Kids Service Project, Car Seat Safety Service Project, and Parent Education Birth to Five Project to support vulnerable families.
Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum	\$10,000	To provide Summer Camp Scholarships for local school-aged children.
The Salvation Army Warren County	\$8,000	To support a Boys & Girls Club at E. Wilson Elementary School to provide quality, affordable after-school programming for children.
Shenandoah Arts Council	\$7,000	To support the Kids and Teen Art Clubs to help youth achieve their creative potential.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of HRC	\$5,000	To support the youth mentoring program in Shenandoah County.
Mountain Vista Governor's School Foundation	\$3,500	To support dual enrollment tuition assistance for Mountain Vista Governor's School students to attend Laurel Ridge Community College.
Just Because, Inc.	\$1,500	To support lunches for teachers and support staff in Shenandoah County Public Schools.

Front Royal/Warren Co CCAP	\$1,000	To support the Birthday Wishes project to provide a Birthday Box to children.
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Creating Economic Opportunity for All (Income/Financial Stability): Helping families in our community become self-sufficient and move from financial instability to financial stability.

A total of 20 agencies will receive funding in the income/financial stability category, totaling \$212,000.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Basic Needs:** Support our most vulnerable neighbors by providing them access to basic needs supports.
 - Expand availability and access to safe, adequate shelter for individuals and families struggling with homelessness
 - Ensure availability and access to healthy food and essential personal care items
2. **Housing:** Families have access to a continuum of housing solutions that provide safe, decent and affordable housing options.
 - Ensure the availability of short-term emergency rent and utility assistance with a focus on prevention efforts.
 - Support programs that provide critical home repairs for qualifying homeowners.
3. **Employment:** Identify & remove the gaps and barriers that currently exist for individuals to enter the workforce and attain and retain family sustaining employment.
 - Connect households with affordable transportation options
 - Improve access to quality, affordable childcare
 - Improve literacy and job skills
4. **Financial Stability:** Create opportunities for families to move from financial instability to financial stability.
 - Support a coordinated and integrated comprehensive Resource and Referral System (VAN) that helps connect and navigate people to critical community resources and services
 - Provide case management, tools and resources to support families in becoming self-sufficient, and ultimately, financially secure

Organization Name	Award Amount	Purpose of Grant
Faithworks, Inc.	\$30,000	To support the Pay It Forward program that addresses unmet needs in the community, including eviction prevention, car repairs, phone bills, and childcare.
Family Promise of Shenandoah County	\$20,000	In partnership with Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, expand the Scatter Sites Housing Project (SSHP) to provide housing and case management to families in Shenandoah County.
Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.	\$16,000	To provide free legal assistance to low-income/ALICE households for civic matters, including preventing evictions, accessing financial assistance and public benefits, and providing trauma-informed legal assistance to victims of domestic violence.

Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.	\$15,000	To support people experiencing domestic and sexual violence by ensuring their basic needs are met and removing gaps and barriers to employment.
Just Neighbors Ministry Inc	\$15,000	To provide immigration legal services to the most vulnerable immigrants in Winchester and the surrounding areas, particularly those who are eligible for citizenship or work authorization.
NW Works, Inc.	\$15,000	To develop an innovative and accessible garden to support the people receiving services at NW Works and to address food insecurity in the Northern Shenandoah Valley.
Winchester Rescue Mission	\$15,000	To support case management services that promotes health, removes barriers, and increases access to services.
Congregational Community Action Project (CCAP	\$10,000	To provide utility assistance to help stabilize families and prevent loss of housing.
Phoenix Project	\$10,000	To support domestic violence survivors by providing rental assistance to prevent homelessness.
Response, Inc.	\$10,000	To assist domestic and sexual violence survivors with securing housing, transportation, childcare, and other resources to regain stability.
Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries	\$10,000	To support A Small Hand, which provides diapers and wipes to families in need, and Luke's Backpack, which distributes bags of food to students in Shenandoah County for weekend meals.
WATTS	\$10,000	To support the WATTS Warming Center that provides safe, warm or cold-weather shelter for adults experiencing homelessness.
Warren County Habitat for Humanity	\$7,500	To support the home repair program that provides critical repairs, accessibility modifications, and weatherization to homeowners in Warren County.
Page One of Page County	\$5,500	To provide emergency help with utilities, rental assistance, fuel assistance, and food for residents in Page County.
American Red Cross of Greater Shenandoah Valley	\$5,000	To support the Home Fire Campaign and assist clients with immediate financial assistance after a disaster.
Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$5,000	To support the Critical Home Repair Program to help seniors age in place.
Christ Church Cares Food Pantry	\$5,000	To provide nutritious food and personal care products to families in Clarke County.
AIDS Response Effort, Inc.	\$3,000	To provide walk-in service in Winchester for Centralized Housing Intake to connect people experiencing homelessness with resources.
Godfrey Miller Center	\$3,000	To support the Congregate Affordable Meal Program (CAMP) that serves lunches to older adults in the greater Winchester area.
Horizon Goodwill Industries	\$2,000	To support the Cut, Cloth, and Work program which brings together job seekers with living wage employers to path individuals out of poverty.

Building Healthier Communities (Health): Helping individuals live quality lives & achieve maximum health and independence.

A total of 15 agencies will receive funding in the health category, totaling \$215,800.

Funding Priorities

1. Access to Care: All households have easy to access and ample, affordable, high quality, preventative, immediate and follow-up health and dental care.
 - Improve access to necessary health care services and those that reduce barriers to receiving and accessing health care services
 - Increase access to affordable, high quality and regular dental care
2. Trauma Informed Care: Households have access to the necessary supports to address the negative effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), violence and physical hazards; communities support people’s health, safety, and development.
 - Support an equitable community-wide system of trauma-informed care, provides accessible evidence-based treatments from trained, knowledgeable, and culturally literate specialists in adequate supply
 - Reduce intimate partner violence, domestic violence, and child abuse
3. Behavioral Health: Households will demonstrate improved behavioral health by reporting better mental health and a reduction in substance abuse, and reduced stigma that is a barrier to care.
 - Ensure a continuum of services exists to meet behavioral health needs
 - Provide immediate and adequate access to substance abuse services for those who are in crisis
 - Expand community awareness and reduce stigma associated with having mental health and substance use disorders.

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Shenandoah Community Health Clinic	\$40,000	To support a mental health counselor for students in Shenandoah County Public Schools.
Sinclair Health Clinic	\$35,000	To support the pharmacy program and ensure that people experiencing financial hardship have access to essential medications to improve their health and wellbeing.
Blue Ridge Hospice	\$30,000	To support a dedicated youth grief programming staff member to provide no-cost grief support after the death of a loved one.
ChildSafe Center-CAC	\$25,000	To provide services to children and their non-offending caretakers when there are concerns about abuse, trauma, or family violence.
St Luke Community Clinic	\$17,000	To support the expansion of the dental clinic in Warren County.
Collins Center & Child Advocacy Center	15,000	To provide comprehensive, collaborative, and free trauma-informed Child Advocacy Center services for child victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers in Page County.
Highland Food Pantry	\$12,000	To support the Special Delivery Project by providing bags of nutritious food and essential personal care items to seniors and disabled persons.
Healthy Families Shenandoah and Page	\$8,300	To provide home visiting support and educational services for families and young children.

Strength In Peers	\$8,000	To support the Side-by-Side Recovery Program that provides peer recovery support and case management services to adults with substance use and mental health challenges in Shenandoah and Page Counties.
The Laurel Center	\$7,000	To support the emergency shelter that provides wraparound services to help victims of domestic and sexual violence and its advocacy efforts on their behalf.
Adult Care Center of the NSV	\$6,000	To develop a Training and Education program for staff and participant families to learn about early-onset dementia.
Page Alliance for Community Action	\$4,500	To support the random drug screening of student athletes and drivers at Page County high schools to ensure youth are staying drug free and identify youth who are in need of intervention services.
DementiaMatters	\$3,000	To help promote training sessions that help families and caregivers have a better understanding of the world of those living with dementia.
Shenandoah Valley Adult & Teen Challenge	\$3,000	To provide scholarships for men struggling from addiction to attend rehab treatment.
Concern Hotline	\$2,000	To support the phone operation system that provides free, anonymous and confidential service 24/7 to those in need of crisis services.