

High Country United Way Goals

The High Country United Way maintains our commitment to the Community Impact Process while continuing to provide for basic and emergency needs. Therefore we seek proposals that meet the goals identified by our Community Impact Visioning Councils as well as those that continue to meet basic and emergency needs. To emphasize our commitment to solving upstream problems identified by our Community Visioning councils we reserve 5% of our allocations for agencies [individually or collaboratively] who develop innovative approaches to solving these needs.

Our Community Impact and Community Needs Visions and Strategies

Education: We envision a community where everyone has the opportunity for education, social, and emotional growth throughout their lives.

___ Fund evidence based, sustainable initiatives targeting at-risk populations that support early childhood education with specific focus on early literacy outreach

___ Fund non-traditional programs for elementary, middle, high school, and adult aged individuals that will enable them to become high school completers and/or obtain employability skills through certification

Income: We envision a thriving community working together, fulfilling basic needs and creating economic opportunity for all.

___ Fund initiatives to procure and maintain housing for individuals for which expenses do not exceed 30% or less of income; including increasing work force & low income housing.

___ Fund programs for skill development/training initiatives for better employment opportunities.

___ Fund initiatives that facilitate employees successfully maintaining employment (Includes: affordable healthcare, flexible and affordable child care and transportation services. Also includes support for offenders and those dealing with substance abuse/addiction)

Health: We envision an engaged, thriving community where the easy choice is the healthy choice, health is cornerstone for community decisions, and health needs are met locally and affordably.

___ Fund evidence based programs that provide integrated behavioral health and substance use prevention and treatment.

___ Fund evidence based programs that create and sustain healthy environments by increasing access to healthy foods & physical activity.

___ Fund evidence based programs that increase access/reduce barriers to medical, dental and behavioral health care for the most vulnerable populations.

Needs: We envision a community working together to provide for its citizens unmet basic and emergency needs.

___ Fund basic human needs such as food, housing, clothing, etc.

___ Fund emergency needs encompassing safety, shelter, fuel, electricity, etc.