

**United Way
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Solid Foundations Goal:

“Every individual has their basic needs of survival and safety met.”

Topics included:

- Adult care
- Childcare
- Emergency Medical/Dental/Mental/Prescription
- Food
- Legal Assistance to ensure a safety net
- Shelter & Housing Assistance
- Transportation
- Utility Assistance
- Victim Intervention Services

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Topic Area: ADULT CARE

Funded Services provided to “at risk adults” assuring survival and safety:

- All home health services—skilled and unskilled
- Phone support to check in with isolated persons
- Electronic monitoring (rental or purchasing depending on when they may qualify for help else where)
- Help getting a phone so that they can use the two above services
- Respite care
 - all types: in home, adult day; and 24 hour Long Term Care facilities—
 - may be short term or long term
- Emergency case management
- Financial management services (especially for Mentally Ill, Traumatic Brain Injury, and dementia clients)
- Durable medical equipment not available through loan closets
- Pest eradication (such as bed bugs or rats)
- Short term respite pet care (this would be for someone who will not go to the hospital, etc. if their pet can't be taken care of)

An overarching provision to considering these services is that the clients cannot obtain the services they require immediately any other way. In order to be eligible, potential clients must meet one of the following:

1. They do not have enough discretionary income to pay for the service(s),
2. They do not qualify for government programs,
3. They have not started the process to apply for government programs or
4. They have applied for government programs and they are in "pending" status and they are therefore unable to access services.

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Topic Area: CHILDCARE

Affordable childcare

- Available on a sliding scale

Before and After School Services

The groups this fund seeks to meet the needs of are:

1. Families that lose eligibility for Child Care Assistance Funding (CCAP)
2. Families who would sacrifice essentials for daily living in order to pay for child care
3. Families that would spend too high of a percentage (greater than 30%) of their income to meet their child care needs
4. Families with special needs children

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**Topic Area: EMERGENCY
MEDICAL, DENTAL, MENTAL,
PRESCRIPTION**

Administration of Prescription Payments

- Available when all other sources of assistance have been exhausted or when client has numerous prescriptions they cannot afford.
- Available to assist with co-payments when amounts exceed ability to pay

Administration of Dental Payments

- Available when all other sources of assistance have been exhausted

Access to Specialist Evaluation:

- Available after emergency treatment or hospitalization to give recommendation for continued care and follow up.
- Available for mental health evaluation of immediate needs and suicide risks.
- Available after primary care has been received
 - Health issue cannot be dealt with by primary care provider without consultation with a specialist
 - Consultation with specialist is necessary and essential for continued care
 - No resources are available to pay for these needed services

Basic Medical Care:

- Available for those who cannot afford care
- Specialized and/or personalized equipment not available through lending closet
- Nutritional therapy/supplements that are medically necessary

Mental Health Treatment

- Available to those who cannot pay anything for services

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Topic Area: FOOD

The goal of the Solid Foundations Fund in the topic area of FOOD is to ensure that anyone who is hungry has reasonable access to food.

United Way of Larimer County shall support non-profit agency efforts that work towards this goal. Services to fund include:

- The coordination of the food supply to make sure there is an abundance of food in our community to provide for those who need it and to make sure that this food is safe, edible and adequately healthy.
- The distribution of food and meals to those in need, either as a direct service or an agency to agency provision.
- The delivery of food and meals to those who are unable to access community food programs.

The three groups this fund seeks to meet the needs of are:

1. Individuals and families seeking emergency food assistance in order to survive.
2. Individuals and families who need assistance each week to supplement their food supply, so that they can avoid crisis.
3. Those individuals and families who need chronic food assistance so they do not fall into crisis.

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Topic Area: LEGAL SERVICES to ensure a safety net

Legal information and self-help hotline that is accessible 24/7 by phone/website that is current and maintained.

Communication & marketing of legal information and self-help hotline so that Larimer County residents know where to call or look for community legal services.

Assist bringing together indigent persons with pro bono legal services in Larimer County that are already funded

To coordinate a call in lawyer service/legal panel in Larimer County that is offered on a regular basis on general or specific legal topics

Provide access to legal services:

- to meet needs of clients for basic safety and survival
- for those who cannot afford these services

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Topic Area: SHELTER & HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Home foreclosure or rental eviction avoidance

- Temporary assistance in helping with a rental or mortgage payment in an effort to avoid foreclosure or eviction from a rental.
- Counseling and assistance of clients who can no longer afford the payments on their current housing.
- Negotiation assistance with mortgage or rental payments for clients who can no longer afford the payments on their current housing.

Securing or Remaining in Housing

- Rental deposit assistance
- Emergency home repairs or immediate accessibility issues that threaten health and safety for home owners.

Homeless Housing Assistance

- Temporary emergency homeless housing for families, children, teens, or individuals who find themselves with loss of their home either through eviction or other circumstances.

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Topic Area: TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation vouchers to increase access to current system:

- Provide annual passes for adults
- Establish eligibility requirements
- Administer distribution of vouchers

Transportation services for those who need rides to safety net services (food, shelter, medical):

- Provide resources to organizations that currently have vehicle(s)
- Provide access to services for those persons whose needs are not met with use of public transportation
- Create immediate partnerships that utilize available vehicles to shuttle people to appointments

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Topic Area: UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Funded Services:

- Utility already shutoff or on active shutoff notice
- Out of fuel or almost out of fuel (non-metered fuels, such as, propane, wood, etc.)
- Re-lighting pilot lights
- Heating system repair/replacement
 - Meet the gap between the amount LEAP can cover and total cost
 - Amount is typically between \$200 - \$500 on furnace replacement
 - Homeowners only
- Provide temporary heat source (space heaters) during system repair/replacement
- Utility deposits – to establish service.
 - Include propane tank rental fees, tank sets, etc.
- Repair broken windows, doors, other areas where large amounts of heat are escaping
 - First refer to Weatherization program
- Air Quality – carbon monoxide
- Electrical Wiring – safety problems, fire hazard
- Water System Leaks – frozen pipes, large leaks

Qualifiers for agencies requesting funding:

- Make appropriate referrals to LEAP and Weatherization first.
 - We want to tap federal dollars before using community resources.
- Coordinate with other agencies
 - Prevent duplication of service and deter the perpetual shopper/user
 - Check for household composition to prevent duplication
- Income guidelines/participation boundaries
 - Hardship Criteria, may not necessarily be ongoing problems, but situational in nature
 - Elderly, disability
 - Utility related repairs, maintenance

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Topic Area: VICTIM INTERVENTION SERVICES

Funded Services:

Provision of temporary and limited emergency housing and crisis counseling for victims of abuse or crime, natural disasters and catastrophic events to bridge the gap until more long-term, stable assistance is obtained.

The definition for **victims of abuse or crime** is defined as, but not limited to, those whose have been displaced from their homes and/or traumatized by acts of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, homicide, suicide, hate crimes and other criminal offenses.

Victims of natural disasters is defined as, but not limited to, those whose lives have been displaced due to loss of their home and/or traumatized by a fire, flood, tornado, or other acts of nature.

Victims of catastrophic events is defined as, but not limited to, those whose lives have been impacted by acts of violence, such as a mass shooting in a school or public place or communicable epidemics (pandemic flu).