

INCOME FOCUS AREA IMPACT STRATEGIES

Westmoreland, Fayette & Southern Armstrong Counties

THREE PRIORITY AREAS



PROVIDE PATHWAYS TO FINANCIAL STABILITY

PROBLEM:

People with limited resources often find themselves in a difficult cycle - barely able to make ends meet and unable to find a path out of poverty. As their struggle continues, it negatively impacts their children, other family members and our community as a whole.

SOLUTION:

Our priority is to fund programs that provide opportunities for people to become self-sufficient, including workforce development, education, transportation and life skills programs.



CONNECT PEOPLE IN NEED WITH BASIC RESOURCES

PROBLEM:

Too many people in our community still struggle to get the basic resources they need, including food, shelter, and other assistance. Plus, the time it takes to get resources, especially in times of disaster or crisis, is often delayed.

SOLUTION:

Our priority is to fund existing and enhanced programs in our service area that provide basic needs and safety net services for individuals and families, especially those that can quickly address needs in times of crisis, such as during a disaster or domestic violence.



PREVENT FINANCIAL INSTABILITY THROUGH COLLABORATION

PROBLEM:

Low-income individuals and families often face numerous obstacles to achieving financial stability. Often a job alone is not enough. People also need help getting out of debt, accessing banks and low-interest loans, and navigating public assistance programs.

SOLUTION:

To balance safety net funding with prevention funding, we seek existing, new and model programs in this category. Our priority is to fund programs that collaborate across organizations to provide a coordinated set of services to strengthen finances and help people move up the economic ladder and that will prevent people from living in crisis mode.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING PRIORITIES

ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

The lack of readily available transportation across our sprawling geography is a key barrier for workforce development and other human service program access. We want to work to improve our region's affordable, public transportation options.

FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR LOW INCOME OLDER ADULTS & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A disproportionate number of older adults and people with disabilities fall under the Federal Poverty Guidelines. We want to increase the number of employment and other community supports that will result in improvements to their financial situation.