## Basic Needs

**Providing access to the basic needs of life.**

**Problem Statement:** “A high number of Washington County residents’ are considered to be poor or working poor (42%)* and should be provided access to critical assistance and support to overcome barriers.”

**Goal Statement:** United Way will invest Community Impact Funds to support solutions that will overcome barriers and provide basic needs supporting activities of daily living. This may include: food, housing assistance, clothing and access to health care.

### Strategies:

1. Collaborations providing residents access to necessary and critical supports to live.
2. Collaborations providing residents access to living essentials.
3. Collaborations that include a shared, managed, information system.
4. Referrals to appropriate Education, Income, Health programs.

### Performance Measures:

- # of unduplicated individuals served
- # of duplicated individuals served
- # of items distributed
- # of residents receiving basic needs
- # of children and youth receiving food
- # of referrals to appropriate Education, Financial Stability, or Health programs.
- # of individuals experiencing improved situations based on:
  - Six months positive employment status
  - Six months continued renter status
  - One year with no further requests for crisis assistance (i.e., utility termination, first month’s rent, security deposit, etc.)

*As defined by the Asset Limited Income Constrained (ALICE) data for Washington County, MD*