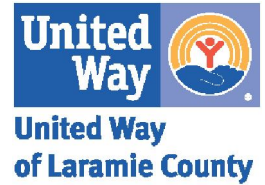


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2010-2011 Funding Allocations address needs of Laramie County

United Way of Laramie County's Board of Directors has approved recommendations from the Community Investment Teams on the final decisions for the 2010-2011 program funding allocations.

The Teams used the new Community Impact model to make 2010-2011 funding decisions, based on criteria from community-wide needs assessment. Approved programs will meet specific needs in our community, making the greatest possible impact. As a result, 28 programs provided by 23 different community partners were selected for funding from United Way of Laramie County and 5th penny tax human services dollars from the City of Cheyenne and Laramie County.

A total of \$1,295,382.00 was allocated to programs that address community needs. Requests for funding exceeded the amount available by 65 percent for the 2010-2011 funding cycle. A breakdown of the allocated funds is as follows: United Way of Laramie County \$730,382.00, City of Cheyenne \$440,000.00, and Laramie County \$125,000.00.

The agencies executing the funded programs will be required to report twice a year with measureable program results in order to continue to receive funding.

"The Community Investment Teams have worked very hard to follow a rigorous review process to make these funding decisions," stated Rod Hottle, Community Programs Coordinator. "It takes many collective hours for

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each volunteer on each Team to review proposals and then come together during the course of several meetings and make these important decisions. I am very proud of everyone involved in making the decisions during this two-phase grant funding process.”

“Thank you to all of the agencies who submitted applications for our 2010-2011 funding cycle and to community volunteers who review them without reward or praise but because it is the right thing to do,” said Janet Tilton, Community Investment Chair. The Community Investment Teams consist of 45 volunteers from across the community. The Community Investment Teams consist of community members who are experts in the fields of finance, health, education, law, government, human services and business. The three Teams are: Improving Community Health, Helping Children and Youth Achieve their Full Potential, and Helping Neighbors in Crisis and Strengthening Families. The Teams routinely review and update needs assessment information and continue to focus on the important human service issues in the community.

2010-2011 Funded Programs and United Way of Laramie County’s Program Partners

Safety Net & Core Services

Disaster Preparedness and Response.....	American Red Cross
Dental Assistance Program.....	Cheyenne Health and Wellness
Homeless Family Shelter and Transitions	Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network
Bus Tokens for Low Income Riders.....	Cheyenne Transit
Basic Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Programs	COMEA Shelter
Financial Counseling Program.....	Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Centralized Pharmacy	Laramie County Community Partnership
Meals & Services to the Homebound & Seniors.....	Meals on Wheels
Crisis Food & Clothing Services	Needs, Inc.
Emergency Mental Health Services	Peak Wellness Center
Victim Advocacy Program	Safehouse Sexual Assault Services

Prevention & Development

Youth Development Program	Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children.....	CASA of Laramie County
Job Training for Single, Low Income Mothers.....	CLIMB Wyoming
Connections Corner	Laramie County Community Partnership
Serving Adolescents up to the Age of Twenty.....	Laramie County Adolescent Health Program
Supervised Visitation/Supervised Exchange Program	Safe Harbor
Mentoring Children at Risk	Special Friends of Cheyenne
Developmental Preschool Providing Early Intervention	STRIDE Learning Center
Senior Volunteers/Youth Mentoring and Tutoring	SE Wyoming Foster Grandparent Program
Wyoming Senior Companions.....	Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.

Initiatives & Collaboration

- Early Education Partnership
- National Emergency Food and Shelter Board Program
- Plan 2-1-1
- Unified Human Service Eligibility c/o Cheyenne Health and Wellness
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)