

Basic Needs

Basic needs assistance is constant. Until the time comes when all the critical issues facing our service area are met, assistance with basic needs will still be needed. Basic needs that are eligible for United Way of the River Cities funding are updated as needed and are responsive to the needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

Safety Net Grants are awarded annually to programs that provide short-term, emergency assistance with Basic Needs. Applicants must report the following **Strengthen Communities - Direct Supports and Services** performance measures for each service provided.

Strengthen Communities - Direct Supports and Services

1. Safe shelter

- # of nights provided
- Total clients served

2. Food

- # of meals provided
- Total clients served

3. Clothing

- # of items provided
- Total clients served

4. Personal care items

- # of items provided
- Total clients served

5. Infant essentials; *defined as car seats, diapers/wipes, formula/baby food, and safe sleep accommodations*

- # of items provided
- Total clients served

6. Prescription medication

- # of prescriptions provided
- Total clients served

7. Low- or no-cost healthcare

- # of appointments provided
- Total clients served

8. Utilities/rent assistance

- Total funds disbursed
- Total clients served

9. Transportation to access any of the above

- # of trips/passes provided
- Total clients served