United Way of Greater Waterbury – Basic Needs Impact Area

Helping people become more self-sufficient in meeting their basic needs

Vision: All Greater Waterbury residents have adequate healthcare, housing, and food.

Outcomes for People #A: Greater Waterbury residents have timely access to appropriate, affordable physical, dental & behavioral healthcare, including prevention & intervention services.

Outcomes for People #B: Greater Waterbury residents have expanded access to safe and affordable housing - temporary and permanent.

Outcomes for People #C: Greater Waterbury residents have access to affordable, nutritious food.

Community Change #1: Greater Waterbury residents have improved access to coordinated comprehensive services appropriate to their needs.

Community Change #2: Greater Waterbury has increased safe emergency housing (shelter) and support services for homeless individuals and families.

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Community Change #4: Greater Waterbury has a system in place that seamlessly links residents seeking food assistance to other services that help reduce food insecurity.

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A. Convene or support others to convene a public forum on affordable housing issues, including city and other housing plans; and support efforts to identify profitable investment options for investors and educate potential investors.
B. Support expansion of permanent affordable housing options.
C. Support the Waterbury Coordinated Access Network community plan to end homelessness.

Strategies:
A. Support increase in capacity of programs that provide support to applicants.
B. Support efforts for special multi-lingual, unconventional types of outreach and education (faith-based, peer-to-peer) to educate residents about availability and how to access programs.

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A. Support efforts by Food Resource Committee to identify special funding for offsetting infrastructure costs.
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A. Facilitate and support efforts by Food Resource Committee to identify and address gaps in the food delivery system.
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Strategies:
A. Fund agencies that help people have the necessary resources (financial resources, knowledge, skills, etc.) to obtain and maintain homes, including related prevention and intervention services, through adequate funding.
B. Maintain or expand programs' capacity to provide basic physical, dental, and behavioral healthcare, including prevention & intervention services.
C. Educate providers about 2-1-1 and other special populations.
D. Support shelter life skills programs that promote self-sufficiency.

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B. Continue efforts in Food Resource Committee to obtain greater cooperation and coordination of efforts to obtain resources.
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