



UNITED WAY
Lowcountry

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Grant Funding – Fueling Self-Sufficiency Through Partnership

One of United Way of the Lowcountry's most powerful strategies is awarding grants to local nonprofit organizations through our **Community Impact Fund**. These investments help individuals move from crisis to stability—and from stability to independence. This funding drives innovation, strengthens proven programs, and fosters collaboration so that Beaufort and Jasper County residents have the tools, resources, and opportunities to build a better future.

United Way currently funds 22 programs at 14 local nonprofits.

Through the Community Impact funding process, United Way partners with agencies across the Lowcountry to address root causes, not just symptoms, focusing on three interconnected pillars of self-sufficiency:

BASIC NEEDS:

Health, Food & Housing

Self-sufficiency begins with stability.

We work with partners to address urgent needs—healthcare access, nutritious food, and safe housing—so individuals can focus on the next steps toward independence. Meeting these essentials is the foundation for lasting stability and opportunity.

EDUCATION:

Childhood & Youth Success

Education is the bridge to self-sufficiency for the next generation.

We invest in programs that promote literacy, mentorship, job readiness, and life skills—equipping children and youth to thrive

academically, socially, and emotionally, and to become self-reliant adults who contribute to a stronger community.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY:

Dependent Care & Adult Success

Economic independence transforms families and communities.

We fund initiatives that provide affordable dependent care, job training, financial wellness education, and skill-building—empowering adults to secure and maintain stable employment, grow their income, and achieve long-term financial independence.

The result: Every grant, every program, and every partnership is an investment in lasting change—building stronger, self-reliant communities where every neighbor has the chance to thrive.