

WINONA COUNTY

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANT 2025

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

Per the United Way of Southeast Minnesota Board of Director's Funding policy, we are unable to fund activities related to policy change, advocacy, or lobbying.

HOUSING

- Address barriers that prevent individuals from securing stable housing
 - Assistance with rental deposits and rent payments
 - Eviction prevention through education or mediation
 - Eviction and felony expungement clinics

FINANCIAL SECURITY

- Strengthen opportunities for individuals to move towards financial stability or increase disposable income
 - Support job placement, career development, and education
 - Provide free or low cost access to food, transportation, and healthcare to reduce household income burdens
- Provide financial counseling or education
 - Budgeting and debt relief

COMMUNITY INCLUSION AND BELONGING

- Develop systems to collect and implement client feedback in program design
 - Increase access to client advocates with lived experiences as ALICE
- Strengthen volunteer and job recruitment to increase lived experience representation at local organizations

- Create opportunities for community members to intentionally connect across different identities
 - Discussions and forums that promote tolerance, cross-cultural connection, listening, and understanding

COMMUNITY RESOURCE NAVIGATION

- Strengthen local knowledge, curation, and navigation of resources
 - Build out the existing 211 database, provide training on how to use 211, and share this resource with the community
 - Create a central location where community members and service providers can learn about community resources
 - Increase local capacity for community resource navigators, particularly ones that are bilingual
 - Create mobile and community-based outreach models
- Strengthen assistance for applying for services
 - Increase local capacity for community resource navigators to support individuals with paperwork