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United Way of Snohomish County Announces New \$675,000 Investment into the Community

United Way of Snohomish County is excited to announce it will invest \$675,000 into the community through 18-month Basic Needs grants that begin in July 2019. This investment will be disbursed to 13 total organizations to help provide food, shelter, and access to health care -- important immediate needs to be met for families with young children as a first step to long-term collaborative solutions.

In May of 2019, United Way of Snohomish County's board of directors approved the final Basic Needs grants funding list. Trained volunteer grant readers reviewed the applications and made their recommendations to United Way of Snohomish County's board of directors.

"This year, more than two-thirds of our grant readers were parents of young children with experience navigating basic needs services in Snohomish County. Giving families a prominent voice and power in decision-making is integral to creating new systems, resulting in more positive outcomes," said Allison Warren-Barbour, President and CEO.

All funding recommendations were based on three categories: a program's current or emerging connection to our five CORE Collaboratives, its ability to specifically outreach and serve families with young children, and the level to which a program can provide equitable access to basic needs services. These grants were made available to public and nonprofit organizations that met the minimum standards for eligibility and submitted all required eligibility documentations.

This cycle of Basic Needs funding represents thirty percent of United Way of Snohomish County's overall investment into the community. Seventy percent of the total annual investment is allocated to CORE Collaborative grants, currently in their second year of a three-year cycle to help families escape the traps of poverty.

[Learn more about each organization that is receiving a Basic Needs grant.](#)

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United Way of Snohomish County has moved beyond its traditional role of simply being a fundraiser to being a funder, active partner, and convener around intentional collaborative solutions to create lasting community change. Through our CORE Collaborative approach, we catalyze, support, and invest in groups of partners with shared goals to create more equitable systems for families with young children trapped in poverty. To learn more, visit www.uwsc.org.