



United Way of the Big Bend 2023-2025 Madison County Program Funding Program Summaries

Housing – no programs applied in this impact area

Early Learning

- **Early Head Start** – A program of **Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, Inc.**, providing quality educational, health, nutritional and family management assistance to at-risk families with children ages 0-3 and pregnant women in Madison County. **\$4,000**
- **Childcare Tuition Assistance** – An **Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region Inc.** program providing tuition assistance for families of young children enrolled in high quality learning environments. This program specifically targets ALICE families and allows parents to work knowing their children are in a positive educational environment. **\$3,000**

Safety Net

- **Food Bank Operations** – An **America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend** program to meet the short-term nutritional needs of the hungry, food-insecure people in Madison County. Food assistance can also help families to pay for other expenses such as medicines, school expenses, rent, and utilities. **\$1,500**
- **Disaster Services** – A program of the **American National Red Cross** providing persons affected by a disaster free and immediate help with basic needs including emergency services in the area of health and mental health. **\$2,000**
- **Residential Services Program** – A **Refuge House Inc.** program that offers life-saving support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It includes emergency shelter for families, early learning for child victims of abuse, housing safety, and skills development for adult survivors. **\$2,181**
- **Helpline 2-1-1** – A **2-1-1 Big Bend Inc.** program that crosses all five strategic priority impact areas of the UWBB to connect low income and ALICE individuals with service providers. It helps fill service gaps when clients are not eligible for help from other agencies. **\$500**

- **Access to Independence** – A program of **The Center for Independent Living dBA Ability 1st**, the Access to Independence program helps people under the ALICE threshold with mobility/self-care needs obtain the necessary services, medical equipment, and supplies that allow them to remain safely in their homes. **3,000**
- **Community Care for The Elderly** – A **Senior Citizens Council of Madison County Inc.** is a state program providing community-based services, resources and preventive services to enhance quality of life for the elderly population and help functionally impaired elders live in a least restrictive setting. **\$1,500**

Health and Mental Health – no programs applied in this impact area

Skills Development

- **Employment Readiness Training and Support** – A **Lighthouse of the Big Bend, Inc.** program helping teens, adults, and seniors who are blind or visually impaired to overcome barriers to employment with job readiness assessment, skill development, supported job search, paid work experience and on-the-job training and support. **\$1,000**