



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

Housing – no programs applied in this impact area

Early Learning

- **BGC (STEM) Science Technology Engineering Mathematics PreK-5th Grade** - A program of the **Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida Inc.** offering a full range of academic learning with a particular emphasis on STEM activities, delivered by a qualified teacher ensuring success through a research-based approach to learning offering lasting learning gains. **\$15,000**
- **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. **\$1,000**
- **Taylor County Weekend Backpack Food Program** – A **Taylor County 4-H Foundation Inc.** program providing meals and snacks to children in need for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and food is not available or limited. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious & shelf-stable food with special emphasis on sending home with kindergarten students in bags discreetly placed inside students' individual backpacks every Friday afternoon. **\$5,000**

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 Taylor County. Food assistance can also help families to pay for other expenses such as medicines, school expenses, rent, and utilities. **\$3,000**

- **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. **\$3,000**
- **Access to Independence** - A program of **The Center for Independent Living of North Florida Inc., dBA Ability 1st**, the Access to Independence program helps people under the ALICE threshold with mobility/selfcare needs obtain the necessary services, medical equipment, and supplies that allow them to remain safely in their home. **\$5,074**
- **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. **\$15,000**

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. **\$500**