



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

*Housing – no programs applied in this impact area*

### *Early Learning*

- **Childcare Tuition Assistance** – An **Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, 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. **\$6,928**

### *Safety Net*

- **Food Bank Operations** – An **America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend Inc.** program to meet the short-term nutritional needs of the hungry, food-insecure people in Wakulla County. Food assistance can also allow families to utilize their income for other expenses such as medicines, school expenses, rent, and utilities. **\$5,000**
- **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. **\$3,500**
- **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. **\$10,000**
- **Helpline 2-1-1** – A **2-1-1 Big Bend** 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 a service gap when clients are not eligible for help from other agencies. **\$6,000**
- **Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, Inc.** – Federally legislated by The Older American Act (OAA) which provides funding for social services for person 60 or older by providing meals, Nutrition Education, recreational activities, and transportation to the Center. **\$16,000**

### *Health and Mental Health*

- **We Care Network** – A program of **Capital Medical Society Foundation, Inc.** provides a measurable improvement to access to specialty healthcare for Wakulla County’s vulnerable, low-income, and uninsured adult patients by coordinating donated specialty medical and specialty dental care improving healthcare disparities and health outcomes.  
**\$2,927**

### *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.  
**\$3,000**