

SAFETY NET



GOAL: BASIC NEEDS ARE MET IN A TIMELY MANNER THROUGH A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF RESOURCES.

FOCUS: ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS

Basic needs of food, clothing, and safe and affordable housing are met.

STRATEGIES:

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

1. Provide emergency assistance (food, clothing, shelter, furnishings, utility assistance) to individuals who are homeless or in a financial crisis, incorporating efforts to return the individual to self-sufficiency.

HOUSING:

1. Increase rental housing sustainability supports including financial assistance for low-income (200% of poverty and below) households, and consumer education opportunities for financial literacy and renter/ landlord rights & responsibilities.
2. Increase the availability, and consumer knowledge of availability, of safe, affordable and habitable housing.
3. Decrease the total housing costs for low-income households through improved energy efficient dwellings.

FOOD:

1. Provide options for healthy and affordable food choices that include nutrition and healthy meal planning education, with focus on reducing both food deserts and service duplication.

CLOTHING:

1. Increase options and access for work related apparel and accessories.



FOCUS: TRANSPORTATION

Multiple options for safe and reliable transportation are available.

STRATEGIES:

1. Increase viable transportation options across our communities including, but not limited to, volunteer driver programs, access to low-cost vehicles and/or car loans and alternative, environmentally friendly modes such as bicycles and mopeds.
2. Provide financial supports for low-income (200% of poverty and below) households to access current mass transit routes.

