

Fund Purpose: The Housing Solutions Fund (HSF) is for breaking down barriers to achieving long-term sustainable housing for **families** experiencing **homelessness**. This not only includes support for housing costs like rent, utilities, fees etc. but also for wraparound support expenses such as, but not limited to, transportation costs, food, childcare, etc.

Agencies who are selected and have signed a Partner Agreement with the UWYC will receive a lump sum payment (\$10,000) allocated every 6 months for small dollar, (<\$1,000) immediate disbursements to solve client barriers. Following these disbursements agencies will need to submit an HSF Access Form for data collection and compliance review.

For larger client expenses (>\$1,000), agencies will need to request approval through an HSF Access Form before disbursement and if approved, may disburse through their lump-sum or wait for UWYC to allocate the requested funds.

Agencies will have access to request a **maximum of \$20,000/Yr** through grant close.

Restrictions on Funding:

- Funds can only be used for clients that are currently meeting the definition of “**homeless**” & “**family**” in the definitions section below.
- Agencies may not access more than \$20,000/Yr without United Way approval.
- Funds must not be disbursed for an expense that:
 - Does not meet the HSF fund purpose and restrictions
 - That could be obtained in a **timely manner** and/ or to the degree necessary through another service or agency program
 - Has not completed the request and review process (if applicable)
- Expenses may only be paid to third parties and may not be given to the client. (*Exceptions may occur*)

Definitions:

- **Family:** A family consists of any group that includes at least one dependent child under age 18 and the person/people providing for their care and well-being. This could include minors who are in their care currently, **or** who are temporarily separated from them (*e.g. staying with friends or family or with CPS*), **or** someone who is pregnant.
 - a. *Clients need only meet the Family definition at the time of intake, if life circumstances change during the case-management period they are still eligible for funds and support from a CHN.*
 - b. *Additional eligibility will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*
- **Homeless:** Currently living (any amount of time that includes currently) in a housing situation they do not directly own or have a lease for including but not limited to: couch surfing, at a shelter, in a car, in a transitional housing facility, in sober living, or outside.
 - a. Clients are also eligible 14 days prior to their eviction move-out date.
- **“Timely Manner”:** Referring to the time it would take for a client to receive services that would not cause the client an articulable additional hardship or cause them to miss an articulable opportunity to advance towards sustainable housing due to the delay in receiving funds.

Fund Amount: Up to \$20,000/yr