

UNITED WAYS OF IOWA (UWI)

A network of 24 local United Ways serving Iowa communities. Each UWI member is governed by a board of local volunteers who convene communities to determine local needs, set priorities and make investment decisions.

2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

Support:

- Programs and investments to increase 3rd grade reading proficiency for Iowa students
- The recommendation of the Future Ready Iowa Alliance to identify and scale early academic and career development and delivery approaches through new investments so PK-12 students are career ready
- Expansion of access to preschool for all 4-year olds, with particular emphasis on access for children from families with low incomes or who are English Language Learners

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Support:

- Investments that enable Iowans to achieve financial stability by increasing the threshold for childcare assistance and creating a plan to taper assistance at the end of eligibility to avoid the "cliff effect"
- The recommendations of the Iowa Skills2Compete Coalition including continuation of funding for adult basic education, PACE, GAP and Last Dollar Scholarship programs
- Efforts to help qualifying Iowans utilize the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- Policies to increase the availability of affordable housing for low-income Iowans

HEALTH

Support:

- Policies to ensure full continuum of healthcare for vulnerable Iowans:
 - Creation and support of children's mental health system
 - Access for all to appropriate mental health services
 - Accountability & efficacy of the state's managed care system
- Iowa's hunger-fighting organizations to maintain SNAP benefits and enhance state tax laws to support their work

2-1-1

Create:

- Awareness of Iowa's 2-1-1 system and the 24/7 service provided to all Iowans to connect them to supportive resources throughout the state
- Iowa United Ways contributed over \$800,000 to this service in 2017.*

2017 FACTS



\$62 MILLION RAISED
from over 125,000 donors

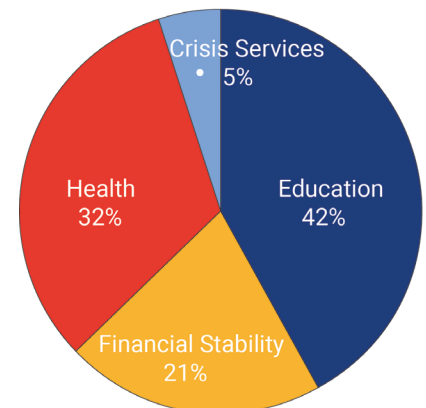


50,000 IOWANS VOLUNTEERED
nearly 100,000 hours to communities



700 IOWANS
make allocations decisions

2017 Allocations



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