United Way of Wayne County



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United Way of Wayne County announces Funding Opportunity in support of Homeless and Youth

For more than 100 years, United Ways across the country have been a trusted source to partner with and support non-profits and programs through a vetting process.

Thanks to the support of House of Representative and Majority Leader, John Bell, and the North Carolina State budget's 2023 Appropriations Act, the United Way of Wayne County Board of Directors is preparing to designate funding in three areas of need: Non-Profit support, Homeless and Youth.

The Board of Directors has voted to divide the designation of \$750,000.00 by thirds. One-third will support the United Ways investment in non-profits, from building capacity to the Basic Needs program; one-third, will support the needs of Homeless, by way of resources and/or sheltering and finally, one-third will support Youth, by reducing gang violence and create a stronger prevention environment.

Board Chair, Walter Krentz shared "The United Way of Wayne County Board of Directors are grateful for the opportunity to support these areas of need." "With the challenges our homeless population are experiencing and the needs of our Youth, we are looking for strong proposals that will highly impact these two areas."

Applicants can apply for funding relating to Homeless needs/Sheltering **or** Youth Programing/Gang Prevention by completing a Request for Proposal, attached, or find the RFP on www.unitedwayne.org

Please direct any questions to Executive Director, Sherry Archibald at sarchibald@unitedwayne.org or Board Chair, Walter Krentz at wkrentz@localfirstbank.com

United Way of Wayne County is a local non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of our residents by uniting people and resources. Our strategies mobilize and leverage community resources and fund 2-1-1 for Wayne County. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, and multi-lingual helpline.