

# United Way Basic Needs

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GRANT UPDATE



# About

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- Grant term : 7.1.23 – 6.30.24 (not over yet!)
- Amount: 50,000
  - 20,000 for Reciprocity app development
  - 25,000 for Flex Funds
  - 5,000 for admin
- This funding was available to Alliance member agencies to utilize for their program participants in a housing crisis that are facing a barrier that current funding could not assist with.
  - Capped at 1,500 per individual/family
  - Can be utilized one time per household/family

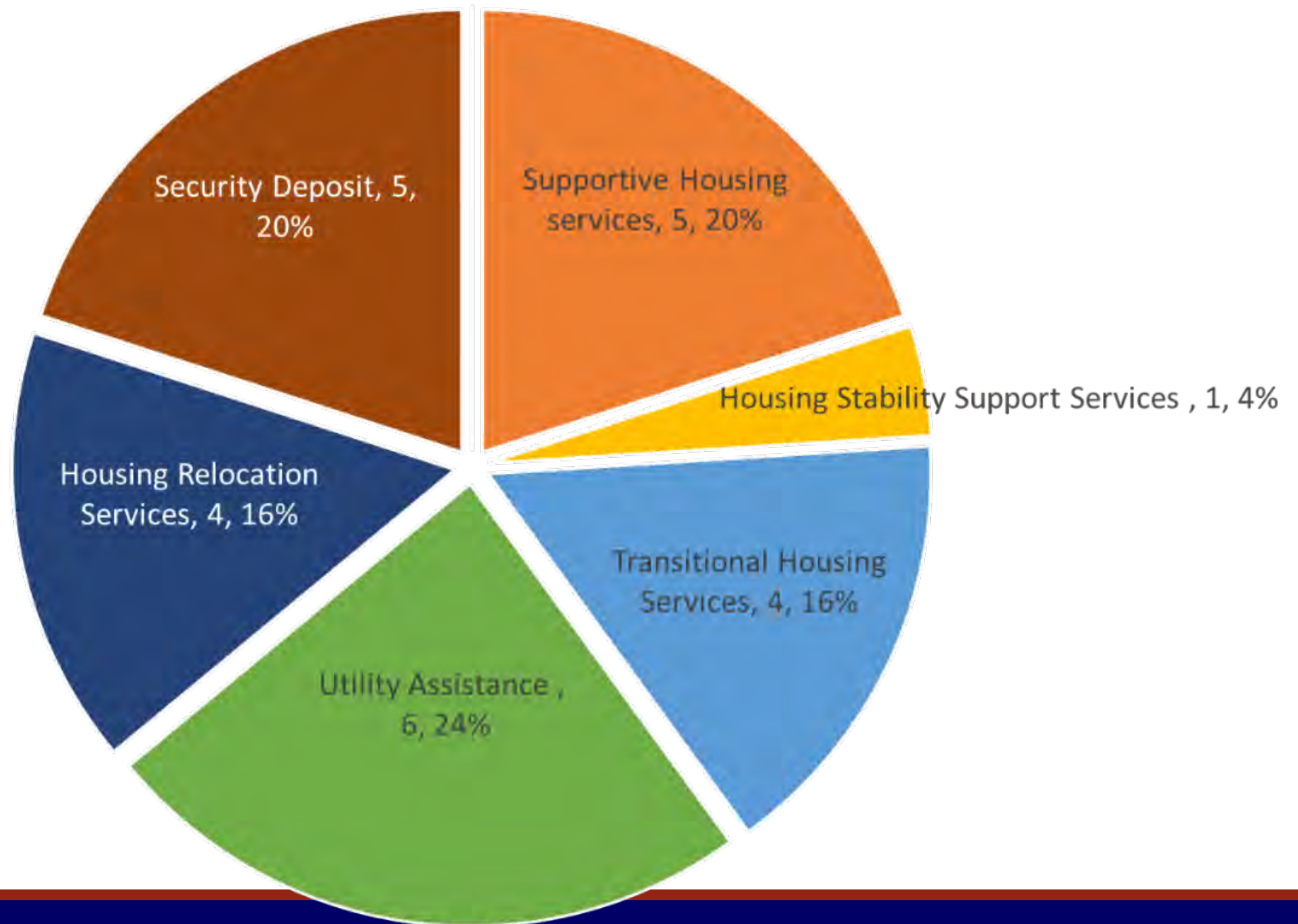
# Ways to utilize

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- Emergency shelter services
  - If shelter is full and we have an emergency situation, utilize funds for a hotel stay.
- Supportive housing services
  - Provide items for move in, ie, furniture, appliances, household items
- Eviction
  - If someone is over AMI for current programs and needs rental assistance
- Housing stability support services
  - Pet fees, exterminator
- Transitional housing services
  - If unit will be ready in one week, we could provide hotel stay until unit is read
- Utility Assistance
  - Old bills that current funding cannot assist with
- Housing relocation fees
  - Helping with application fees, rental truck or storage unit
- Security Deposit for HCV or if over income for other programs



United Way Basic Needs Funds  
July 2023 - March 2024



Emergency Shelter Services, 0, 0%

Eviction, 0, 0%



# A Couple Success Stories

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- John Doe was receiving Rapid Rehousing rental assistance and case management services while he was working on obtaining his Housing Choice Voucher, which would provide him with long-term rental assistance. Mr. Doe is on a fixed income due to his disability, so long-term assistance is crucial for him to maintain his housing stability. Due to some repairs needed from his landlord to ensure the unit would pass the inspection for the voucher, there was a lapse in his rental assistance as he reached the maximum assistance for Rapid Rehousing. United Way funds were utilized to allow Mr. Doe to stay housed with his rent paid in full as the voucher worked to schedule and complete his inspection. As of September, Mr. Doe was able to successfully bridge to the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- Jane Doe and her 3 children moved-in to a Supportive Housing Unit at Unity Park just prior to Christmas. Prior to obtaining housing, Ms. Doe was living in her car and her children were staying with relatives. The family was over-joyed to be reunited in their new home. United Way funds were used to furnish the home for this family. Partner agency, The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan, delivered the furniture items. UW funds were also used to purchase a new vacuum for this family that they can use to help maintain their unit.