

Barry County United Way

Grant Award: \$165,100

Service Area: Barry County

Anticipated Reach: 209 Households

Barry County United Way's (BCUW) program combines energy bill payment with enrollment in a budget/financial literacy workshop, case management, energy education workshops provided by Consumers Energy, and referral to other wraparound services provided by BCUW and other community agencies. The goal of the program is to educate, encourage and empower low-income households to become financially independent, allowing them to provide the basic needs for their families.

Program Details

- Low-income households may apply in person or by phone
- Applicant responsible for 10% or more of bill depending on six month payment history
- No cap on number of assists; up to a total of \$3,000 in assistance
- Based on applicant's six month payment history – varying levels of case management including budgeting/financial workshops and monthly meetings with a financial mentor

Additional Services Offered

- Housing assistance
- Tax preparation, back to school programs, smoke detectors, annual program to provide free vision and hearing exams
- Weekly fresh food initiative

Partners

- Community Action Agency (weatherization referrals and energy education classes)
- Barry County Home Improvement Program
- Consumers Energy-Energy Education Workshops

Location / Hours / Contact Information

Address: 231 S. Broadway
Hastings, MI 49058

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: 269-945-4010