

United Way for Southeastern Michigan

2021 MEAP Grant

Grant Award: \$6,575,000

Service Area: Statewide

Anticipated Reach: 6,878 Households

United Way for Southeastern Michigan is committed to providing comprehensive intake services including SER assistance, co-pay assistance and Affordable Payment Plan Enrollment. In addition, UWSEM is committed to developing individualized and actionable self-sufficiency plans through success planning appointments, which allows a strong level of Assurance 16 services and other self-sufficiency services to be provided to clients. This ensures that clients are receiving the support needed to decrease their energy burden. In addressing the problem of energy affordability, UWSEM continues to operate as a MI Bridges Navigator, Referral, and Access partner. UWSEM's self-sufficiency strategy is focused on energy consumption reduction, employment coaching, maximizing benefits, and building financial skills and UWSEM will be leveraging partnerships to provide more in-depth services as needed.

Program Details

- UWSEM Care Coordinators will assist applicants with applying for State Emergency Relief.
- Applicants will receive assistance in completing a self-sufficiency plan.
- All applicants presenting to one of UWSEM's MI Bridges sites will participate in energy education; other applicants will receive the information electronically.
- All applicants will have the opportunity to schedule a success planning meeting with a Care Coordinator that will allow for more in-depth financial coaching, employment coaching and benefit maximization
- When available, applicants will be screened and recruited for various UWSEM-supported job training programs in various skilled trades industries.
- Consenting applicants deemed eligible for MEAP will be enrolled into the appropriate Affordable Payment Plan/co-pay assistance offered by their utility company/UWSEM.
- Additional information and details can be found on <https://unitedwaysem.org/utility-assistance>.

Locations/Hours/Contact Information

United Way for Southeastern Michigan will be assisting clients virtually during this time due to COVID. If we resume in-person assistance, United Way for Southeastern Michigan has partnered with the following sites to provide MEAP utility assistance services:

Franklin Wright Settlements

7375 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48202
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30am – 4 pm

Ford Resource and Engagement Center

15491 Maddelein St
Detroit, MI 48205
Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am-7pm

MDHHS - Redford

27260 Plymouth Road
Redford Charter TWP
9:30am-4pm every other Friday

Lighthouse of Oakland County

46156 Woodward Ave
Pontiac, MI 48342
Open on Tuesdays from 9:30am-4pm

Access of Macomb County

4301 E 14 Mile Rd
Sterling Heights, MI
Open on Wednesdays from 9:30am-4pm

Questions regarding assistance can be answered by emailing care.coordination@liveunitedsem.org