

United Way for Southeastern Michigan

2023 MEAP Grant

Grant Award: \$6,400,000

Service Area: Statewide

Anticipated Reach: 5,108 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 an energy security plan.
- All applicants presenting to UWSEM will participate in energy education; other applicants will receive the information electronically.
- Approved 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:

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