



Green Mountain
United Way

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING: PRIORITY AREAS Fiscal Year 2011

Green Mountain United Way conducted a community assessment in 2008. Economic Advancement, Health and Education were identified as priorities in the five communities that Green Mountain United Way serves.

To be eligible for Community Grant Funding, projects must address one or more of Green Mountain United Way's outcomes as described below:

Economic Advancement:

1. Low income working families receive the income supports for which they are eligible
2. High school students achieve a higher level of financial independence before they go on to college or enter the work force
3. Individuals achieve financial stability through programs to increase income, build savings and gain and sustain assets
4. Individuals find and retain employment with sustainable salaries, benefits and opportunities for career growth

Health: Nutrition; Physical Activity

1. The number of people achieving the recommended amounts of physical activity and intake of fruits and vegetables increases, reducing the rates of obesity and chronic disease
2. Communities are aware of the health risks associated with obesity and the impact that strategies such as eating healthy and increasing physical activity have on reducing the rates obesity and improving health

Education: Early Learning

1. School readiness in the following three domains of the "Ready Kindergartners Report" increases: Social & Emotional, Approaches to Learning, Cognitive Development/General Knowledge
2. Parents, caregivers and communities are aware of the importance of early learning and view school readiness as a key contributor to economic stability
3. Parents, caregivers and communities support early learning and play an active role in preparing children for school