



Rappahannock United Way ALICE Assistance Fund

Target Population:

ALICE[®], an acronym which stands for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed, is a way of defining our families, neighbors, and colleagues (men and women) who work hard, earn above the federal poverty level, but not enough to afford a basic household budget.

ALICE households earn more than the official US Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living including housing, childcare, healthcare and transportation. ALICE households are not typically eligible for financial assistance and other community resources.

ALICE can be a new graduate just starting out in life, a young family with children or a retiree.

Some households become ALICE due to an unforeseen life event; a life-altering health diagnosis, a job loss or family crisis such as divorce or a death.

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to cover the cost of basic needs of housing and transportation (if required for employment) for households by providing one-time assistance to eligible applicants.

Financial assistance should be provided with the intent of assisting households to overcome financial crisis, prevent homelessness, and stabilize housing (rent/mortgage/deposit/car repair).

Process:

One-time grants up to the value of \$3,000 provided eligible applicants on a case by case basis.

All payments will be made directly to verified vendors on applicant's behalf. No cash will be issued directly to applicants.

Eligibility :

Applicant must -

- Reside in Planning District 16
- Have already explored and exhausted all personal resources
- Be working or recently unemployed
- Not qualify for other financial assistance due to income being over eligibility threshold
- Not be a frequent / long term user of community resources
- Demonstrate ability to maintain household financial stability after assistance is provided

To Apply For ALICE Assistance Call (540) 358-5801
www.VirginiaALICE.org