

## **Human Services Funding Criteria**

The Human Services Policy purpose is to ensure that adequate levels of human services are available to the people of Exeter. The Human Services Funding Criteria attempts to establish a system for planning, funding, monitoring, and evaluating community human service agencies that are effective, fair, and equitable. The criteria is a reflection of the Town's desire to assist agencies in our community who provide services to those with special needs, lack adequate income, are physically or mentally vulnerable, or possess the skills and abilities necessary to maintain self-sufficiency.

Human services agencies are assessed by the guidelines and criteria to receive funding from the Town of Exeter:

- I. How does the agency's services relate to the core mission of Human Services?
- II. Ability to self-sustain without the Town of Exeter's Human Services funding. Priority will be given to those agencies that have established alternative sources of funding or services.
- III. Availability of services and assistance and their responsiveness to Town Human Services
- IV. Meets basic needs, life skills, employability development, and health/mental health services.
- V. Must demonstrate Exeter resident focus. There must be program services that are primarily designed to address the needs of Exeter residents.

The Town will administer allocations to agencies providing human services. The Town of Exeter remains committed to the human services with both financial support and collaborative efforts.

## Program & Funding Categories

### Basic Need

- Homeless Shelters
- Child Care
- Food
- Clothing
- Housing Assistance
- Transportation
- Senior Citizen Basic Assistance
- Legal Assistance for Indigents

### Life Skills

- Mentoring
- Academic Enhancement
- Social Competency
- Literacy
- Conflict Resolution
- Parenting Classes
- Structured Recreation
- Self Sufficiency for Disabled Citizens

### Employability Development

- Job Readiness/Placement/Retention
- Job Seeking Skills
- Vocational Training
- Job Site Development

### Health/Mental Health

- Health Awareness Promotion
- Counseling
- Substance Abuse
- Health Care Access
- Crisis Intervention
- Dental Care
- Prescription Medications
- Safety Promotion
- Respite Care