

United Way of Lee County Last Resort Fund

The Last Resort Fund, a Publix grant, supports individuals facing unexpected hardships. Eligible applicants must have experienced a sudden expense, income loss, or financial challenge due to a major event within the past 90 days. We've used this fund to cover one-time needs like rent, utilities, school supplies, and clothing.



Impact Story

In September 2024, we helped a mother of five, who had faced chronic homelessness and was living in Opelika hotels, by paying her overdue power bill. Thanks to the Last Resort Fund, this support cleared her debt, allowing the family—after five long years—to move into their own home through a housing authority placement.

“The Last Resort Fund is a way for us to reach individuals going through times of crisis, who don't have anywhere else to go. All too often, we see the severe need for services that bridge gaps between accessibility and compassion and are so appreciative for the opportunity to give back in this way.”

-Brynne McCormick, UWLC Community Initiatives Specialist