

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Together, we can foster financial security and strength for ALICE.

Heart of Arkansas United Way's Financial Security partners have a specific focus on programs to provide a pathway toward long-term financial stability and economic mobility for those living below the ALICE threshold (ALICE + below FPL). These grants are not intended to meet the immediate basic needs of ALICE individuals and families.

Efforts may include:

- Training and adult education to enable individuals to find employment or increase income, including re-entry programs.
- Asset building, including homeownership or building savings.
- Homelessness prevention and response (services to help people find or keep safe and affordable housing).
- Financial education.

Focused on ALICE

Beginning in 2026, additional weight will be placed on the ALICE component of our grant application.

44% of Arkansas households live below the ALICE threshold. We believe our community has a role to play in creating pathways toward stability for ALICE individuals and families.

Our grants support work that is focused on ALICE.

Grant applicants can demonstrate their focus on ALICE families and individuals in a number of ways, including location data, program eligibility, household survival budgets, etc. We're looking for data-driven detail about how your work supports ALICE individuals and families.

For more information about ALICE in our state, visit unitedforalice.org/Arkansas.

Research and Resources

Want to learn more? Check out the resources we use to guide our strategy and decision making.

United For ALICE unitedforalice.org

United For ALICE has a wealth of resources that help us understand ALICE in our community. A few that are particularly helpful:

- The ALICE Cost of Basics Tool demonstrates the wage required to meet our community's household survival budget - over \$15/hour for a single adult with no children in Pulaski, Saline, and Lonoke Counties.
- The Consequences Report speaks to the difficult decisions that ALICE families make daily, and how those choices impact all areas of their lives.
- The Arkansas report within the Research Center offers local data about the families living below the ALICE threshold, including those living below the Federal Poverty Line.

ALICE in Arkansas aliceinar.org

ALICE in Arkansas features additional statistics as well as personal stories that dispel myths about ALICE individuals and families.

Research of your own!

We'd love to learn about the research and data you're using to guide your strategy! If your organization is conducting its own research to demonstrate your program's impact, or utilizing other respected sources, please share that with us in your application.