



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OVERARCHING RESULT: A community of nonprofit organizations and service providers that collaborate, integrate, and innovate to maximize effectiveness and best serve the needs of our residents.

Listed below are the aspirational principles that we value and which we foster through our grant-making and community leadership work.

Strategies and Objectives...

Align with the Cape and Islands United Way Results Framework.

Have clear outcomes based on identified need.

Integrate short-term outcomes and long-term solutions.

Focus on the holistic needs of the individual and family.

Programs...

Are accessible to target populations.

Are supported by research, evidence, or substantial past practice.

Initiate or expand innovation or promising practices.

Are designed to break negative cycles and enhance the self-respect of those served.

Incorporate best practices.

Nonprofit Organizations...

Assess, through qualitative and quantitative measures, why people's lives are improved as a result of the program and can clearly evaluate and report outcomes.

Collaborate with others by integrating or co-locating services and sharing project results.

Strive to build capacity and demonstrate results by investing in professional development, best practices, and volunteer management.