

Village of Hempstead

Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative

Hempstead Anti-Poverty Task Force

Fact Sheet

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- **The Village of Hempstead** was selected as one of 16 communities statewide to participate in the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI) and was awarded \$1.5 million dollars.
- ESPRI is modeled after the **Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative** and is an exciting opportunity for community members to work together to develop and execute an innovative plan to reduce the number/percentage of households residing in poverty and increase the number/percentage of households with earned income above poverty.
- There are two phases in the project: the first phase will be the development of a Taskforce to make recommendations and the second phase will be the implementation phase where dynamic and sustainable projects that do not necessitate ongoing state financial support beyond the first allocation will be funded.
- The Village will establish the **Hempstead Anti-Poverty Taskforce** to identify common issues that significantly contribute to individuals living in poverty and develop recommended interventions to address these issues.
- The Taskforce will establish a plan of action and set funding priorities based upon the recommendations of the committees.
- Funded projects must achieve measurable outcomes and leverage alternative funding.
- United Way of Long Island was selected by the Village of Hempstead as the organization to lead this effort and assist the Village in assembling the task force because of its solid history of convening planning groups and bringing together diverse groups of leaders to implement community impact initiatives.

Our Vision:

Ensure that children and families in Hempstead have the opportunity to live in a stable environment where the promise of economic mobility is a reality.

Goal:

Promote community-led change by building a task force consisting of:

- Local, county, and state government;
- Individuals living in poverty;
- Local social service districts;
- Local school district and other educational organizations;
- Not for profit and faith-based organizations;
- Employers;
- Workforce services entities;
- Economic development organizations;
- Public safety officials; and
- Health services providers.

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