

# COVID-19 Philanthropic Recovery Funds

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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

[Candid – funds for coronavirus relief](#) – mostly regional or community-based funds

[Nationwide list of community foundation relief efforts](#) - An aggregated list by The Community Foundation Public Awareness Initiative.

[GrantSpace by Candid](#) resources available to individuals and small businesses.

[Relief funds for restaurants, bars, and food service workers](#) – maintained by Eater

## NATIONAL FUNDS:

[Agroecology Fund Emergency Fund](#) - Around the world, frontline communities have shown enormous creativity in rapidly implementing mutual aid programs in the face of this crisis. At the same time, they are advocating for public emergency programs and stimulus packages to truly resolve vulnerable populations’ food needs. The Agroecology Fund has initiated an Emergency Fund to offer emergency grants for such humanitarian efforts that strengthen community-based, agroecological food systems, and to support advocacy which holds governments accountable.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production; Agricultural workers; Food distribution/distributors; Advocacy to protect basic human rights in the face of

government lockdowns, and to ensure government accountability to the needs of small farmers and vulnerable consumers in public aid and stimulus packages.

**Geographic scope:** International

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[Amazon Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund](#) will provide \$5 million of cash grants intended for small businesses with fewer than 50 people or less than \$7 million in revenue that need assistance during this difficult time. The fund is intended for small businesses with fewer than 50 employees or less than \$7 million in annual revenue, physical presence within a few blocks of our Regrade and South Lake Union office buildings, that are open to the general public and reliant on foot-traffic for customers. The [Amazon Relief Fund](#) will be established with a \$25 million initial contribution focused on supporting our independent delivery service partners and their drivers, Amazon Flex participants, and seasonal employees under financial distress during this challenging time.

[American Farmland Trust: Farmer Relief Fund](#) - The coronavirus pandemic is impacting businesses that rely on direct contact with their customers, including farmers and ranchers that primarily sell their products through farmers markets and to restaurants, schools, and other institutions. In fact, a new report estimates that local and regional food systems could lose up to \$1.3 billion between just March and May of this year.

To help directly support farmers impacted by the current crisis, American Farmland Trust is launching a new Farmer Relief Fund. 100% of donations to the fund will go directly to farmers. AFT's Farmer Relief Fund will award farmers with cash grants of up to \$1,000 each to help them weather the current storm of market disruptions caused by the coronavirus crisis.

Initially, eligible applicants include any small and mid-size direct-market producers. These are defined as producers with annual gross revenue of between \$10,000 and \$1 million from sales at farmers markets and/or direct sales to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or makers who use farm products as inputs.

**Issue areas:** Farmers and agricultural production

**Geographic scope:** National

[Another Round, Another Rally](#) - Another Round, Another Rally provides scholarships and tuition reimbursement to underrepresented people in the hospitality industry community with the goal of developing leaders who create innovative, dynamic workplaces where equity and inclusion allow marginalized populations the space to advance and thrive.

We're offering \$500 relief grants for hospitality workers who lost their jobs or had their hours slashed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. We're also collecting donations from community members willing to help their hospitality-industry friends and neighbors stay afloat in this time of uncertainty.

**Issue Areas:** Restaurant and food service workers

**Geographic scope:** National

[Charities Aid Foundation \(CAF\) of America](#) - CAF America is a grantmaking intermediary that provides full regulatory compliance for funding vetted organizations outside the US. We are actively monitoring and regularly updating a list of our eligible charities around the world responding to COVID-19. We can

currently fund over 180 grantees in 34 countries working on relief efforts and this number is growing daily. In addition to this list, we can grant to any legally-registered charity in the UK, Canada, or Australia that is directly responding or experiencing hardship as a result of the pandemic. All of our grants are donor-advised and grant purposes are driven by the needs of charities on the ground. See our page for more details on the projects and organizations receiving funding.

#### **[CDC Foundation: Emergency Response Fund](#)**

CDC is taking aggressive public health measures to help protect the health of Americans against coronavirus, COVID-2019, and we need your help to mobilize quickly. Funds raised by the CDC Foundation through our Emergency Response Fund will be used to meet emerging needs identified by CDC to help respond to the public health threat posed by this virus. These include additional support for state and local health departments, support for global response, logistics, communications, data management, personal protective equipment, critical response supplies and more.

#### **[Center for Disaster Philanthropy: COVID-19 Response Fund](#)**

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy has launched the CDP COVID-19 Response Fund to support preparedness, containment, response and recovery activities for those affected and for the responders.

**Citi:** \$15 million will be given to support COVID-19 related relief activities globally. It will be allocated as follows (1) \$5 million will be directed to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund, (2) \$5 million will be directed to No Kid Hungry to support emergency Food Distribution Programs in the U.S. and (3) \$5 million will be directed to additional international, country-specific efforts in places that are severely impacted.

**[Emergency Assistance Foundation](#)** - The Emergency Assistance Foundation has provided assistance to over 3500 employees in 48 hours after the International COVID-19 immediate response program launched.

**Facebook:** **[\\$100M has been offered in cash grants and ad credits](#)** for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where we operate. We'll share more details as they become available.

#### **[Fair Food Network / Nutrition Incentive Hub: Mini-Grants for SNAP Incentive + Produce Prescription Rapid Response to COVID-19 Crisis](#)**

- The Nutrition Incentive Hub is pleased to make available 25 to 50 mini-grants of up to \$10,000 each for current or past USDA GusNIP and FINI grantees (and their partners) to innovate, build capacity, and address specific programmatic and operational challenges to their SNAP incentive and produce prescription (PPR) programs posed by the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible expenses include most non-incentive expenses, including staff, technology, supplies, marketing, postage, and travel incurred between March 1 and July 31, 2020. Applications due May 5, 2020.

**Issue Areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production

**Geographic scope:** National

**Fund contact:** Noah Fulmer, [nfulmer@fairfoodnetwork.org](mailto:nfulmer@fairfoodnetwork.org)

**[Feeding America: COVID-19 Response Fund](#)** - Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a network of 200 member food banks across the country, announced the

establishment of the COVID-19 Response Fund to help food banks across the country as they support communities impacted by the pandemic. The \$2.65 million fund will enable food banks to secure the resources they need to serve the most vulnerable members of the community during this difficult time.

**Geographic scope:** National

[Fifth Third Foundation](#) - To support long-term economic sustainability in the areas where the bank does business. The contribution will provide grants and loans for small businesses, affordable housing, homeownership, and economic development, as well as philanthropic support for United Way, United Fund, and other local agencies primarily in the Midwest.

[FIRST PEOPLES FUND: Resilience of Artists & Culture Bearers Fund](#) - Emergency relief to grassroots artists and culture bearers within the First Peoples Fund network so that they can cover urgent personal needs: food, housing, caretaking, and/or healthcare expenses.

[Food Animal Concerns Trust \(FACT\): Emergency Mini-Grants](#) - Starting on April 1, 2020 FACT will begin accepting applications for mini-grants of up to \$500 from livestock and poultry farmers. Farmers can request mini-grants for materials, services or equipment that would help them to transition to an online or alternative sales strategy or for other projects that would help their farm business to maintain sales during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Issue Areas:** Farmers and agricultural production

**Geographic scope:** National

[Ford Foundation](#) - The Ford Foundation, Schmidt Futures, Open Society Foundations, the JPB Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Amalgamated Foundation announced today the launch of the **Families and Workers Fund**, dedicated to serving the workers, families, and communities most devastated by the economic and health crises resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. With an aim to raise \$20 million, and initial commitment of \$7.1 million, the fund will provide flexible funding to organizations working to prevent workers and families from sinking more deeply into poverty during the initial months of the pandemic, and to support policy and advocacy efforts that center workers and families in long-term economic recovery. The fund works to ensure responses to the pandemic are fast acting, long lasting, and informed by the people most affected.

**Gates Philanthropy Partnership with Mastercard and Wellcome Trust [Therapeutics Accelerator Fund](#)** - No specific antiviral or antibody treatment for COVID-19 exists today. We are working quickly with our partners to change that.

[Global Fund for Children](#) - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, GFC has activated our Emergency Relief Fund to provide additional cash grants and capacity support for local organizations protecting young people. Last week, we sent an emergency grant to our partner Ashanti Peru to purchase hand-sanitizer and soap for 300 families in Lima who only have access to running water a few hours a day. But, we need your help to continue these emergency grants.

[GlobalGiving](#) - Donations to this fund will bring services to affected communities and help stop the virus's spread. Initially, the fund will help meet immediate needs for healthcare, food, and water in

partnership with our nonprofit partners. As the situation unfolds, it will transition to support longer-term education and recovery efforts run by local, vetted organizations in affected regions. We will work with our partners on the ground to allocate funds where they're most needed.

**GoFundMe, Intuit QuickBooks and Yelp [Small Business Relief Fund](#)** - have each donated \$500,000.

**[Google's \\$800+ million commitment](#)** to support small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs), health organizations and governments, and health workers on the frontline of this global pandemic.

**[Grassroots International: Solidarity Amid Pandemic Fund](#)** - We are all affected, but certain communities, like small-holder farmers, Indigenous People and rural communities in Global South and in the U.S., are especially vulnerable. Our partners are responding — disseminating public health messages to hard-to-reach areas, organizing mutual aid and radical self-management, and providing healing justice. We are asking you for your support to globally “flatten the curve” and raise the bar — and your gift will be doubled, up to \$20,000, with a match from one of our generous donors.

**Issue Areas:** Farmers and agricultural production; Food sovereignty

**Geographic scope:** National; International

**Fund contact:** Jonathan Leaning, [jleaning@grassrootsonline.org](mailto:jleaning@grassrootsonline.org)

**Hello Alice:** [\\$10,000 grants](#) being distributed immediately to small business owners impacted by the coronavirus, as part of our broader mission to ensure Business for All. In addition to funding, grant recipients will receive ongoing support from the Hello Alice community.

**[HealthWell Foundation](#)** - HealthWell will provide up to \$250.00 in financial assistance for a 12-month grant period to eligible patients who have annual household incomes up to 500 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants awarded through the fund will provide reimbursement assistance for delivered food and medication and transportation costs to manage COVID-19, while maintaining social distancing protocols, including drive-thru testing, delivery of test kits and future treatments. In addition, eligible copayment and incidental costs associated with tele-health treatments and diagnostics related to COVID-19 will also be covered under the fund.

**[Hispanics in Philanthropy and Justice for Migrant Women: Farmworkers' COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund](#)** - Justice for Migrant Women is joining with HIP to raise funds to address the immediate needs and mitigate the risks to the farmworker community. Funds raised will be given directly to the farmworker community during these uncertain times. The financial support will help farmworkers purchase basic needs for their families, like groceries and hygienic supplies; pay for utilities and other expenses; and assistance to offset medical costs and to aid in purchasing medical supplies.

**Issue Areas:** Agricultural workers

**Geographic scope:** National

**The India Center [South Asian Arts Resiliency Fund](#)** is a direct response by the India Center Foundation to offer support to South Asian arts workers impacted by COVID-19. The South Asian Arts Resiliency Fund will distribute project grants of at least \$1000 (up to \$2000 depending on financial need and availability of funds) to assist United States based arts workers of South Asian descent (Afghanistan,

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) in performing arts, film, visual arts, and/or literature.

**[Islamic Relief USA](#)** - Islamic Relief USA, a nonprofit humanitarian and advocacy organization, will allocate \$1.9 million in funding across the country, helping preserve essential social services programs administered by mosques and social service organizations to meet increasing demand stemming from the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19).

**[James Beard Foundation: Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund](#)** - The James Beard Foundation recognizes the dire situation the food and beverage community is in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund (the “Fund”) is to provide critical financial assistance to small, independent restaurants that, due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) national disaster, have an immediate need for funds to pay set operating expenses and keep from going out of business. Our goal is to do our part along with federal, state, and local governments to provide for workers, sustain local business, reduce the financial impact on communities, and otherwise mitigate the severe economic consequences of this global pandemic. To help bring swift economic relief to these essential businesses, the Foundation launched a fund that will be gathering support from corporate, foundation, and individual donors to provide micro-grants to independent food and beverage businesses in need.

**Issue areas:** Restaurants; Restaurant and food service workers

**Geographic scope:** National

**JPMorgan:** \$50 million has been pledged to help struggling customers and another **[\\$8 million in aid](#)** will be given to small businesses.

**[Lurn's COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)** will help entrepreneurs and small business owners by providing emergency grants ranging from \$50 to \$500 to help with necessities such as groceries, medicine, transportation, etc. To date, it has raised over \$50,000 and dispersed roughly \$32,000 in emergency relief grants to individuals.

**Mailchimp:** **[\\$10 million worth of service](#)** will be offered for existing customers who want to continue using Mailchimp’s platform but need some financial support during this period. As an additional response to the crisis, Mailchimp will invest up to \$100M to help drive new and ongoing business for our small-business customers through price discounts, product upgrades, add-ons and more.

**[Main Street Business Lending Program](#)**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/fed-proposes-expanding-main-street-loan-program-to-nonprofits-211935225.html>

**[Mercatus: Emergent Ventures program](#)** and Prize Fund can help innovators working to combat COVID-19.

**Miller Lite:** **[\\$1 million will be given to laid-off bartenders](#)** after bars and restaurants around the country were forced to shut down in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus

**Morgan Stanley:** [\\$10 million cash has been committed](#) in aid to support critical frontline medical responders globally as well as community providers serving those economically impacted by the crisis. The first three grants of \$2 million each were announced for Feeding America, the CDC Foundation and the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Health Fund.

**[National Farm to School Network: COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)** - National Farm to School Network is adapting our work during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep supporting the farm to school and farm to early care and education (ECE) community in this rapidly changing and challenging environment. As part of those efforts, we're shifting our resources to create a COVID-19 Relief Fund to aid our Partners, networks, and Native communities in continuing their important work during this difficult time.

**Issue Areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production

**Geographic scope:** Local; Tribal Nation; National

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**[National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation: Restaurant Employee Relief Fund](#)** - The Restaurant Employee Relief Fund was created to help restaurant industry employees experiencing hardship in the wake of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. Through this Fund, grants will be made to restaurant industry employees who have demonstrated being financially impacted by COVID-19, whether through a decrease in wages or loss of employment.

These grants will be made on a first-come first-served basis, subject to availability of funds. 100% of the Fund's proceeds will go to providing grants to restaurant workers. This Fund is operated by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, whose mission is to attract, empower and advance today's and tomorrow's restaurant and foodservice workers.

**Issue areas:** Restaurant and food service workers

**Geographic scope:** National

**Fund contact:** Allison Rhyne, [arhyne@nraef.org](mailto:arhyne@nraef.org)

**[New York Life Foundation](#)** - The New York Life Foundation is at the forefront of our efforts to lend a hand by pledging more than \$1.7 million to local and national nonprofits and to help our employees. Beneficiaries include: Center for Disaster Philanthropy's Covid-19 Response Fund, which supports preparedness, containment, response and recovery activities for communities impacted by the pandemic. The fund will support both US and international activities. CDC Foundation, which supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and helps meet the fast-emerging needs identified by the CDC to respond to the public health threat from the pandemic. The CDC Foundation is an effective fundraising tool used to fill gaps in federal and state funding. First Book (a New York Life Foundation grantee) to provide books to schools in low-income communities experiencing school closures. Our donation can deliver approximately 500,000 books to these communities, enabling children to continue reading during a school closure.

**[Nike Foundation](#)** - Our people and our communities have always been at the core of who we are and what we do. Nike's leaders, the Nike Foundation and Nike have committed more than \$17 million to COVID-19 response efforts around the world.

**[One Fair Wage: Emergency Coronavirus Tipped and Service Worker Support Fund](#)** - We are providing free, cash assistance to restaurant workers, delivery drivers and other tipped workers and service workers — who are seeing their income decline during this disaster, or aren't able to work because of quarantines or other health concerns.

Because the federal tipped minimum wage is \*still\* just \$2.13/hour, we're trying to raise \$213,000 to give no-strings-attached cash assistance to tipped restaurant workers, delivery drivers, personal service workers and others affected by coronavirus and the economic downturn.

**Geographic scope:** National

**[Outright Action International](#)** - OutRight just launched a COVID-19 Global LGBTIQ Emergency Fund to respond to the urgent needs of LGBTIQ people and communities around the world. With support from companies, foundations and individuals, OutRight is offering grants of \$2,500-\$10,000 to LGBTIQ grassroots organizations that are helping LGBTIQ people impacted by COVID-19 outside of North America and Western Europe. As you know, as the COVID-19 pandemic spreads, those already vulnerable like LGBTIQ people are more likely to fall into crisis, especially in places where poverty is deep and government and healthcare systems are weak, and they often are not reached by government or traditional relief response efforts.

**[PEN America Writers' Emergency Fund](#)** is an emergency fund for professional — published or produced — writers in acute, emergency financial crises. PEN America will distribute grants of \$500 to \$1,000 based on applications that demonstrate an inability to meet an acute financial need, especially one resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**[PwC Charitable Foundation](#)** - The PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc. announced new grants totaling \$2.85 million to support communities most impacted by COVID-19. Powered by PwC's 55,000 partners and staff, the PwC Foundation has been closely monitoring the impact of the virus on the firm's people, their families, and their communities.

**[ReFED's COVID-19 Food Waste Solutions Fund](#)** - In response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our food system — especially the increase in wasted food and the growing number of people facing food insecurity — ReFED has established The ReFED COVID-19 Food Waste Solutions Fund to provide philanthropic donors a one-stop, rapid response vehicle to get funds to a portfolio of high-impact organizations vetted by ReFED. The ReFED COVID-19 Food Waste Solutions Fund aims to enable organizations to rescue and deliver over 10,000,000 pounds of food to food insecure Americans in the next 90 days. 100% of contributions to the fund will be regranted directly to organizations combating the negative consequences COVID-19 is having on our food system.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production; Food distribution/distributors; Food Waste, Supply Chain Logistics, Last Mile Delivery

**Geographic scope:** National

**Fund contact:** Katy Franklin, [katy.franklin@refed.com](mailto:katy.franklin@refed.com)

**[Restaurant Employee Relief Fund](#)** will provide one-time grants of \$500 on a first-come-first-served basis to restaurant owners and employees in need. The **[COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#)** for small businesses and their restaurant workers is accepting donations.

[Restaurant Opportunities Centers \(ROC\) United: Restaurant Worker Disaster Relief Fund](#) - In this time of acute hardship, we are requesting emergency financial support to establish this Restaurant Worker Disaster Relief Fund. With the dramatic increase in the number of restaurant closures, we are shifting our efforts to provide emergency relief to the millions of restaurant workers who we expect will lose their livelihood in the coming weeks. Many of these workers, both documented and undocumented, have no safety net to rely on due to both the public charge rule and increased immigration enforcement. We aim to raise at least \$500,000.00 to provide emergency financial assistance to workers that have the highest unmet need. Any contribution, big or small, will help make a huge impact on restaurant workers' lives.

**Geographic scope:** National

[Restaurant Workers Community Foundation: COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#) - Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation is an advocacy and action nonprofit created by and for restaurant workers. The RCWF Board of Directors has approved directing funds raised via our COVID-19 Fundraising Page during this crisis to be allocated in the following ways:

- 50% for direct relief to individual restaurant workers
- 25% for nonprofit organizations serving restaurant workers in crisis
- 25% for zero-interest loans for restaurants to get back up and running

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**Geographic scope:** National

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will provide \$50 million in immediate short-term relief to several national and community organizations to help some of the families and communities feeling the greatest strain under the COVID-19 health emergency. This includes \$5 million for relief efforts in RWJF's home state of New Jersey, hit particularly hard by the virus. As the nation's largest health philanthropy, RWJF is focused on ensuring that everyone in America has a fair and just opportunity for health and well-being. The aim of this funding is to help communities that already face daunting health challenges navigate the additional burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation's Board of Trustees approved using the funds to help address immediate needs such as food, housing, and income assistance for some of the nation's most stressed communities, including lower-income workers, communities of color, indigenous communities, and people with disabilities.

[The Rockefeller Foundation](#) - The Rockefeller Foundation is committing \$20 million to create a better tracking and management system for COVID-19 and address the needs of America's workers, families, and vulnerable communities around the world. The Foundation is supporting efforts in these key focus areas: new technologies to accelerate current and future pandemic preparedness and response capabilities around the world, and systemic change to close the gaps this crisis has highlighted for those

in need. The Rockefeller Foundation will also provide key assistance and support in the cities where it operates, especially Bellagio, Italy; New York, NY; Washington, DC; Nairobi, Kenya; and Bangkok, Thailand.

**Seed Commons: Worker Response Fund** - The COVID-19 outbreak and associated social distancing measures are hitting small businesses hard, and worker-owners of cooperative enterprises around the country will struggle to cover payroll and rent costs during this time. The Seed Commons Worker Response Fund will provide direct support to worker-owners at cooperative businesses most affected by closures and downturn associated with the COVID-19 outbreak, such as food service businesses, custom manufacturing, and child care cooperatives.

Seed Commons – a national network of cooperative loan funds, anchored by The Working World – is designed to support those workers who are most marginalized from the economy, and these communities are the ones that are going to be most impacted by closures, cancellations, and economic downturn in the coming months. Our community – made up of low income workers, workers of color, sole income earners, single parents, and immigrant workers – is coming together to raise a collective emergency fund to ensure all of our workers’ needs are met and our cooperatives can stay open during this crisis.

**Issue areas:** Cooperative enterprises; food service businesses and worker-owners

**Geographic scope:** National

**Slow Food USA: Slow Food National Resilience Fund** - Slow Food USA is leveraging and supporting its broad network of local chapters and on-the-ground partners to ensure that diverse small-scale producers — farmers, ranchers, fish-harvesters and other food producers — continue to sustain the local economy, provide fresh and nutritious food to vulnerable communities and build resilience for future disasters. Special priority will go to chapter and partner efforts that support people of color, women, and Indigenous communities, particularly through the Slow Food Turtle Island Association.

**Issue areas:** Farmers and agricultural production; Agricultural workers; Restaurants; Restaurant and food service workers; Food distribution/distributors

**Geographic scope:** Local; Regional; State; Tribal Nation; National

**Fund contact:** Anna Mule, [anna@slowfoodusa.org](mailto:anna@slowfoodusa.org)

**Thousand Currents: Above & Beyond Solidarity Fund** - Thousand Currents has 35 years of partnership with grassroots organizations and movements in Latin America, Asia and Africa working on the intersecting issues of food sovereignty, climate justice, and building economic alternatives. They are rooted in their own communities, the first responders in times of crisis and continuing their work regardless of and long after piquing moments of disaster. We know the pandemic will exacerbate existing inequities and further marginalize those who are already vulnerable, particularly such communities in the Global South. We have heard from our grassroots partners and they need immediate support before the crisis worsens in their countries. In addition to an ever-growing pandemic, partners are battling inadequate access to information and healthcare; decreasing income as social distancing and lockdowns expand; increasing levels of gender-based violence in the home; and concerns about state violence from militarized responses and surveillance.

Our first action was to launch an emergency fund to respond to these immediate needs. We are raising funds to give immediate general operating support grants to all 60+ of our grassroots partners in addition to our usual annual general operating grants.

**Issue areas:** Farmers and agricultural production; Agricultural workers; Other (agroecology, food sovereignty, climate justice, Global South grassroots leadership, Indigenous rights and leadership, alternative economies, gender-based violence, youth leadership, women's leadership)

**Geographic scope:** International

**Fund contact:** Jessie Spector, [jessie@thousandcurrents.org](mailto:jessie@thousandcurrents.org)

**[United Nations Foundation, with the World Health Organization \(WHO\) and Swiss Philanthropy](#)**

**[Foundation](#)** - Donations support WHO's work to track and understand the spread of the virus; to ensure patients get the care they need and frontline workers get essential supplies and information; and to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines, tests, and treatments.

**United Way [COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund](#)** supports communities by helping local United Ways respond, and by ensuring people get accurate information. 211, the go-to information resource in the U.S., is fielding 200-400% more calls than normal, mostly for food, financial assistance and housing. We expect as many calls for help in the next six months as we usually get in a full year. At the same time, community services are strained and unable to meet demand. People are hurting.

**US Bank: [\\$30 million has been committed](#)** to support COVID-19 relief efforts in communities around the country. This community commitment will support immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts and includes \$4 million in the next two weeks to national organizations focused on small business recovery and crisis relief and an additional \$26 million to local nonprofits across the country by year's end.

**USBG National Charity Foundation:** The [Bartender Emergency Assistance Program](#) will help service industry personnel who may be experiencing financial hardship during the coronavirus outbreak. Eligible applicants can receive a grant to help with bills and other costs due to sudden loss or decrease of income. In order to qualify, an applicant must be a bartender or the spouse or child of a bartender.

**[Walmart Foundation](#)** - Walmart and the Walmart Foundation announced a \$25 million commitment on March 17 to support organizations on the frontlines responding to COVID-19. The money will be distributed in a series of grants, each furthering the capacity of organizations to help communities affected by the pandemic.

**Wefunder: [Coronavirus Crisis Loans program](#)** enabling small businesses to crowdfund loans of \$20,000 to \$1 million from supporters.

**[Wells Fargo Foundation](#)** - \$175 million to make donations toward food, shelter, small business, and housing stability, as well as to provide help to public-health organizations during the coronavirus pandemic. Among the grants is \$1 million to Feeding America to support its 200 partnering food banks nationwide.

**WhyHunger: [Rapid Response Fund](#)** - During the COVID-19 crisis, it's essential to protect food access for all people, especially those who are most vulnerable. For 45 years, WhyHunger has worked with emergency food providers, small-scale farmers, and food chain workers across the country to end hunger and ensure access to healthy food. We're uniquely positioned to coordinate an immediate national response and distribute resources to the communities and organizations that need them most.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production; Restaurant and food service workers

**Geographic scope:** National

**Fund contact:** [development@whyhunger.org](mailto:development@whyhunger.org)

**[Workday Foundation \(Care.com\)](#)** - A one-time payment—equivalent to two-weeks pay—for the majority of employees to help accommodate any unforeseen costs and needs at their discretion. With schools and support services moving to virtual experiences or being temporarily suspended, we know our employees need the additional financial support and flexibility. We hope this additional pay will help alleviate some of the pressures. You can read more about it in our financial disclosure <https://sec.report/Document/0001327811-20-000030/>. We are setting up a relief fund to help employees who may need additional support and have significant hardships that go above and beyond. We're expanding our Care.com benefit from 10 to 15 days to help source and pay for back-up childcare providers. We've arranged one-year access to Headspace—a research-backed app that offers meditations on everything from stress and anxiety to focus and sleep. We expanded our paid sick leave policy for any employee who becomes infected with COVID-19.

**Zapier:** The [\\$1 million assistance program](#) is meant for their most impacted small-business customers. Zapier's support team will set up qualified customers with a free month credit for a Starter plan.

## NON-PROFITS:

**[Funding for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)** - Candid's pop-up webpage shares information about philanthropy's response to the pandemic.

**[Raising Funds in the COVID-19 Era](#)** - Candid's free, online webinar to help your nonprofit navigate fundraising during the pandemic

**[Find Your State Association of Nonprofits map](#)** - Click on your state to find your nonprofit state association's website on the National Council of Nonprofits' map. Your state association is a great place to find local resources and the latest COVID-19 news affecting nonprofits in your area.

**[CARES Act: How to Apply for Nonprofit Relief Funds](#)** - A guide created by Independent Sector **[Loans Available for Nonprofits in the CARES Act](#)** - chart from National Council of Nonprofits providing details on loan options, eligibility criteria, terms, and application information.

**[State Public Policy Resources on COVID-19](#)** - National Council of Nonprofits' page for nonprofit-specific materials from state officials and useful resources on what states are doing in response to COVID-19.

**[Esri \(GIS\) Disaster Response Program](#)** - Esri is providing the ArcGIS Hub Coronavirus Response template at no cost through a complimentary six-month subscription of ArcGIS Online with ArcGIS Hub Basic. The template includes examples, materials, and configurations to rapidly deploy an ArcGIS Hub environment. ArcGIS Hub is a framework to build your own website to visualize and analyze the COVID-19 crisis in the context of your organization's or community's population and assets.

[Nationwide list of community foundation relief efforts](#) - An aggregated list by The Community Foundation Public Awareness Initiative.

[New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc.](#) - No-cost consulting services for all New York State nonprofits, assistance with navigating the federal emergency loan landscape.

[Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees COVID-19 Resources](#) - An aggregated list of resources for nonprofits working with immigrants & refugees.

[The NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project](#) - Provides immediate relief to Tribal Nations, front line Indigenous-led organizations, and individuals who are providing essential services to Indigenous communities in North America during the current global health pandemic within the next 15-45 days to provide gap resources during this health crisis.

[GENYOUth For School's Sake](#) - Providing grants of up to \$3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery.

[#GivingTuesdayNow Matching-Fund Initiative](#) - Qualified 501(c)(3) organizations will receive a proportional share of national and state-level matching funds. \*Registration closes May 1\*

[LinkedIn for Nonprofits Recruiting for Good](#) - Free advertising grants to organizations looking to recruit 50+ volunteers to help aid in Coronavirus relief efforts (direct disaster relief, or downstream impacts from the COVID-19 crisis).

[Wild Apricot COVID-19 Relief](#) - Free three-month sponsored plan for any organization that is 100% dedicated to COVID-19 relief efforts.

## FOR INDIVIDUALS:

**If you need assistance finding food, paying housing bills, accessing free childcare, or other essential services, dial 211 to speak to someone at the United Way who can help.**

**NOTE: Financial assistance is NOT available through every 211.**

[211.org](#) also has a [comprehensive list of available resources](#) for the following needs:

- Health insurance & medical expenses
- Home Internet access
- Unemployment benefits
- Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- Mortgage, rent, and utilities payment assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps
- Food Assistance
- Relief for "gig economy" workers and contractors
- Mental health and crisis

## EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

[Government Stimulus - Economic Impact Payments](#) - This IRS web page lets non-filers enter their payment information and others to check on the status of their stimulus payment.

[Government Stimulus - What you need to know from the IRS](#) - An FAQ page created by the IRS to answer your questions about the stimulus payments.

[Western Native Voice COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - Members of native communities are asked to fill out a "needs assessment form" to help Western Native Voice allocate services to where they are most needed.

**[Patient Advocate Foundation + Team Rubicon COVID-19 Emergency Food Assistance Program](#)** -

Program will provide urgently needed assistance for patients with cancer, multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis who experience difficulty accessing or affording food or other nutritional needs due to COVID-19.

**[The Actors Fund: Emergency Financial Assistance](#)**

The Actors Fund is a national human services organization serving everyone working in performing arts and entertainment. The Actors Fund emergency financial assistance program helps eligible applicants in need. It is not income replacement, but limited funds for basic living necessities. The Actors Fund is also administering COVID19 Assistance programs for performing arts and entertainment unions including SAG-AFTRA, IATSE, Actors Equity Association, American Guild of Musical Artists and Musicians Local 802. For information about contributing, contact [Keith McNutt, Director of the Western Region](#).

**[RedRover Urgent Care Relief](#)** - Provides financial assistance to pet guardians struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situations.

**[RedRover Emergency Boarding Grants](#)** - Provides financial assistance for pet boarding while pet owners are ill and unable to care for their pets due to the COVID-19 virus.

**[Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation Family Assistance Program](#)** - Help for qualified families of kids with cancer impacted by COVID-19.

**[Real Change Vendor Relief Fund](#)** - Cash cards and gift cards to supplement reduced income for Real Change vendors.

**[It Takes a Village Emergency Funds](#)** (Parenting Journey) - Stipend to ease financial burdens for Parenting Journey families

**[Bartender Emergency Assistance Program](#)**

**[DoorDash COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program](#)** - Financial assistance for eligible Dashers that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and have been active on the DoorDash platform for at least 60 days and have completed at least 30 deliveries in the last 30 days.

**[Freelancers Relief Fund](#)** - Assistance of up to \$1,000 per household for any independent worker in the U.S. who has primarily earned income through freelance work for at least one year and has experienced a recent, sudden, and unforeseen hardship or loss of income as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[Moonlighting.com](#)** - A leading freelance & work-from-home job site is offering free job searching and access to its business tools to help independent workers better manage jobs and gigs.

**[A Better Balance](#)** - A free helpline (call or email) that offers answers to questions about the law for workers facing issues at work related to sick, family, or medical leave.

**[One Fair Wage - Emergency Coronavirus Tipped & Service Worker Support Fund](#)** - Cash assistance to restaurant workers, care service drivers, deliver workers, personal service workers

**[\\*The Workers Fund](#)** - Help for gig and low-earning contract workers.

**[Student Relief Fund](#)** - Resources for college students in need of support due to a COVID-19 campus shutdown (note: organization does not offer financial assistance)

**[National Domestic Workers Alliance Coronavirus Care Fund](#)** - \$400 in emergency assistance for home care workers, nannies, and house cleaners who have participated in activities of the National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA), NDWA chapters, affiliate organizations, circles and current Alia users.

**[Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)** - Emergency funding for those employed by or own restaurants or bars that are facing unforeseen expenses not covered by insurance.

[HealthWell Foundation COVID-19 Ancillary Costs](#) - Assistance for households that have a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 and have costs associated with delivered food, medication, diagnostics, transportation.

[Free Speech Coalition Emergency Fund](#) - Provides grants for eligible talent and crew of working in the adult film industry.

[Apron Inc. Emergency Fund for Restaurant Workers](#) - Grants of up to \$500 each for restaurant workers for all currently employed persons (at least 6 months) who work in locally owned independent food service businesses.

[American Kidney Foundation Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#) - Small grants for kidney patients affected by coronavirus (NOTE: funds have been depleted & there is a waiting list).

[Another Round, Another Rally Emergency Assistance](#) - \$500 relief grants for workers in the hospitality industry (dishwashers, bartenders, servers, bussers, chefs/cooks, sommelier, managers, hosts, concierge, cleaning staff, or barbacks may apply).

[Betancourt Macias Family Scholarship Foundation for Undocumented Families](#) - Funds to support undocumented families and individuals impacted by coronavirus.

[Freelancers Relief Fund](#) - Financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs.

[Samuel Adams & the Greg Hill Foundation Restaurant Strong Fund](#) - Grants for full-time (30 hours/week minimum) restaurant, bar, cafe, or nightclub workers located in AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, ME, MA, MI, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT.

[SAG-AFTRA Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - Emergency financial relief for SAG-AFTRA members.

[National Restaurant Association Restaurant Employee Relief Fund](#) - \$500 grants to restaurant industry employees who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 financially

[HALO \(Help A Library Worker Out\) Fund](#) - The EveryLibrary Institute is providing grants of up to \$250 for library workers who are out of work or affected by the crisis.

[Seed Commons: Worker Response Fund](#) - Fund will provide direct support to worker-owners at cooperative businesses most affected by closures and downturn associated with the COVID-19 outbreak, such as food service businesses, custom manufacturing, and child care cooperatives.

[The NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project](#) - Provides immediate relief to Tribal Nations, front line Indigenous-led organizations, and individuals who are providing essential services to Indigenous communities in North America during the current global health pandemic within the next 15-45 days to provide gap resources during this health crisis.

[Unite Here Hospitality Workers Relief Fund](#) - Funds for Unite Here members to pay for pay for food, rent, and utilities during the COVID-19 crisis.

[Believe in Students & Rise Education Student Relief Fund](#) - Help for college students in need of basic needs support because of a COVID-19 campus shutdown

[Restaurant Opportunities Centers United ROC Relief](#) - Financial assistance to restaurant workers impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

[Brave of Heart Fund](#) - A fund created by New York Life and Cigna to provide charitable relief grants to support the families of healthcare workers who lose their lives to COVID-19.

[Leukemia & Lymphoma Society COVID-19 Patient Financial Aid Program](#) - One-time \$250 stipends to help eligible blood cancer patients with non-medical expenses, such as food, housing, utilities, transportation, and other needs.

[First Responders Children's Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund](#) - Help for paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, and employees directly supporting police and fire departments such as 911 dispatchers in need due to COVID-19.

[National and local COVID-19 resources for undocumented communities](#) - A continuously updated crowd-sourced google doc available in English and Spanish. *Recursos Nacionales y locales para comunidades indocumentadas disponible en inglés y español.*

[HealthWell Foundation COVID-19 Insurance Premium Payment Assistance](#) - Assistance of up to \$6,000 to pay for health insurance premiums for people in active treatment for a cancer/oncology diagnosis or a serious, chronic illness.

## TRIBAL:

**First Nations Development Institute:** [COVID-19 Emergency Response](#) - The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund is designed to distribute funds efficiently and swiftly to Native nonprofit organizations and tribal programs that need it most. Initially, funds are being prioritized in high-concentration areas – California, New Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, New York, Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and COVID-19 hotspots.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Food distribution/distributors

**Geographic scope:** Tribal

**Native Americans in Philanthropy:** [Native American Community Response Fund](#) - In these times, Native American families turn to trusted community organizations for support and resources. In turn, we want to generously support Native American nonprofits on the ground who are caring for our most vulnerable – those facing food insecurity, access to housing, and low-income elderly.

We are proud to partner with the Decolonizing Wealth Project and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition in establishing a rapid response fund to provide emergency support for the most vulnerable Native American families and communities impacted by COVID-19.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief

**Geographic scope:** Tribal Nations, National

**New Mexico Foundation:** [Native American Relief Fund](#) - The Native American Relief Fund will provide for emergency food, water, and other urgent needs in response to COVID-19 to tribal communities in New Mexico, which are among some of the hardest-hit communities in the country. The Fund will provide emergency grants to organizations serving these communities.

**Issue areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief, Water, Other basic needs

**Geographic scope:** State, Tribal communities in New Mexico

**Fund contact:** JoAnn Melchor, [jmelchor@newmexicofoundation.org](mailto:jmelchor@newmexicofoundation.org)

**The NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project** - Provides immediate relief to Tribal Nations, front line Indigenous-led organizations, and individuals who are providing essential services to Indigenous communities in North America during the current global health pandemic within the next 15-45 days to provide gap resources during this health crisis.

[Western Native Voice COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - Members of native communities are asked to fill out a "needs assessment form" to help Western Native Voice allocate services to where they are most needed.

## REGIONAL FUNDS

Regions I States:

[The New England Food System Resilience Fund](#) - The New England Food System Resilience Fund is a joint philanthropic effort designed to reinforce, restore, and promote the resilience of the regional food system in a time of unprecedented disruption due to the coronavirus pandemic. It will do so in three phases over the course of 12-18 months: Reinforcement, Restoration and Resilience. The fund is hosted by The John Merck Fund, with additional support from The Henry P. Kendall Foundation.

**Issue areas:** Farmers and agricultural production; Agricultural workers; Food distribution/distributors

**Geographic scope:** Regional (Boston, MA and New England)

Regions III States:

[Emergency Food + Farm Fund for Greater DMV/VA](#)

<http://www.safsf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Corona-Response-Case-Statement-1.pdf> - We are raising \$10M for this emergency feeding effort as a larger coalition, but we also have very immediate needs right now to keep doing the work we are doing. We have warehouse space, trucks, food, and a great team that we are already mobilizing to address this crisis, but we need more of all of those things so that we can continue feeding our communities and supporting our farmers. The fund is going to be hosted by the Windward Fund, the fiscal sponsor of the Washington Regional Food Funders.

**Issue Areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; food distribution/distributors

**Geographic scope:** Regional (Washington, DC; Maryland; Virginia)

[Mid-Atlantic Food Resilience and Access Fund \(MAFRAC\)](#) - The Mid-Atlantic Food Resilience and Access Coalition is a fund that supports food hubs, food and farming organizations, emergency food providers, local restaurants and caterers, and disaster response experts that are coming together to keep communities fed and small farmers and food businesses afloat across DC, Maryland, and Virginia in the face of COVID-19. MAFRAC is providing funding for food banks, commercial kitchens, schools delivery vehicles, and all of the collective assets in DC's regional food system to form the supply chain that will get good food to those who need it in the immediate crisis and beyond. MAFRAC is intaking needs and requests from "boots on the ground" organizations and matching them with existing assets, complementary organizations/partners, and/or funding as needed. This centrally coordinated approach allows for unique, place-based solutions while ensuring that assets are fully leveraged, needs are met, and efforts are additive rather than duplicative. This fund is hosted by the Windward Fund.

**Issue Areas:** Food assistance and hunger relief; Farmers and agricultural production; Food distribution/distributors

**Geographic scope:** Regional (Maryland, DC, Virginia)

**Fund contact:** Tom McDougal, [tom@4pfoods.com](mailto:tom@4pfoods.com)

Regions V & VIII States:

**[Otto Bremer Trust: \\$50 million emergency fund](#)** will be offered through the trust's Community Benefit Financial Company (CBFC) subsidiary to provide financial support to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Montana nonprofits and other community organizations impacted by and responding to the pandemic. The fund will provide resources in the form of short-term loans, lines of credit, and emergency grants. All nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Montana are welcome to apply for emergency funding.

## STATE SPECIFIC FUNDS

PENNSYLVANIA:

**[Small Business First Fund](#)** has \$61 million available initially for business assistance. This will be providing working capital loans of up to \$100,000 directly to small businesses and hopefully nonprofits (those that employ 100 or fewer persons. The interest rate is currently 3 percent, however, the PIDA board can adjust the interest rates to as low as 0 percent.

### **PA's LIHEAP Recovery Crisis Program**

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/LIHEAP-Recovery-Crisis-Program.aspx>

### **Berks County**

**[Berks County Community Foundation](#)** - Berks County Community Foundation has the ability to create a Disaster Relief Fund in the name of a mass casualty event to collect donations for victims, their families, and long-term community needs that arise as a result of the event.

### **Chester County**

**[Chester County Community Foundation](#)** - Nonprofits that provide basic needs such as food, access to healthcare, and financial stability support have an immediate increased need for flexible, unrestricted funding to meet heightened needs. The Community Foundation COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund provides flexible resources to Chester County nonprofits that are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak.

### **Delaware County**

**[The Foundation for Delaware County](#)** - To provide rapid response and recovery funds to front line safety net non-profits serving Delaware County, PA, one of five counties in the Philadelphia region.

### **Greene County**

**[Community Foundation of Greene County, PA](#)** - Greene County Emergency Response Fund is established to address local needs resulting from emergency and disaster situations in Greene County. Partners in establishing this fund are the Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGF) and the Greene County United Way. The Fund is held by CFGF to address immediate, short-term and long-term needs in the wake of a county emergency and provide quick, flexible grants and resources to nonprofit organizations our area working with communities, people and organizations who are heavily impacted by a local disasters and emergencies. Grants made to health, human services and other organizations will help ensure that basic needs are met, including food, housing, and healthcare. Initial gifts will be

used to address local needs caused by the COVID-19 virus. Should donations exceed the COVID-19 needs, remaining funds will be used to address future emergency and disaster needs in Greene County.

### **Harrisburg Area/Capitol Region (Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry and Northern York Counties)**

[The Foundation for Enhancing Communities](#) - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities and The United Way of the Capital Region have, in partnership, established a COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Hosted by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, the community foundation serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and Northern York Counties, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund will provide emergency funds to long-standing nonprofit organizations in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry and Northern York Counties that are responding to the spread of COVID-19 and experiencing financial challenges by doing so. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to donate via [www.tfec.org/covid19](http://www.tfec.org/covid19) . More information is available by contacting Jennifer Strechay, Program Officer for Community Investment, at [jstrechay@tfec.org](mailto:jstrechay@tfec.org) , or 717.236.5040.

### **Lehigh Valley**

[Lehigh Valley Community Foundation](#) - LVCF established the LVCF COVID-19 Response Fund to unite individuals who have an interest in giving back to our local community during this time of crisis, when we have limited ability to leave the house to volunteer or show our support in other ways. The Fund will support a regional, coordinated effort to rapidly deploy resources to community-based, front line nonprofit organizations in the Lehigh Valley.

### **Montgomery County**

[The Montgomery County Community Foundation](#) - Montgomery County has one of the highest concentrations of COVID-19 cases of any county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To respond to this growing crisis, concerned leaders are joining to create a rapid response fund for Montgomery County: The MontCoPA COVID-19 Response Fund. The MontCoPA COVID-19 Response Fund will provide grants to nonprofit organizations with a successful track record of serving vulnerable populations in Montgomery County. The Fund is designed to complement the work of Montgomery County's public health, state, and federal officials and expand local capacity to address the outbreak as efficiently as possible. Initial grant applications may be submitted for up to \$5000.

### **North Central Pennsylvania**

[First Community Foundation Partnership of PA](#) - The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA created the COVID-19 United Community Funds in partnership with the Lycoming County United Way, Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way and United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties. The Funds focus around supporting the most vulnerable, ensuring basic needs for all residents and supporting nonprofit funding streams. First round applications are due by April 15, 2020 for nonprofits serving the PA counties of Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and/or Union.

### **Philadelphia**

[Small Business Relief Fund](#) offers grants or zero-interest loans to Philadelphia small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Pittsburgh/Southwestern Pennsylvania**

[The Heinz Endowments](#) - Foundations and other philanthropic institutions dedicated to improving quality of life across southwestern Pennsylvania have come together with unprecedented speed, to provide \$4 million to create an [Emergency Action Fund](#) and as much as **\$6 million in aligned, coordinated efforts to lessen the damaging effects of the COVID-19 virus** on residents, especially the most vulnerable. The heads of the largest foundations in the region – Schroeder, Grant Oliphant, president of The Heinz Endowments; Sam Reiman, director of the Richard King Mellon Foundation; and David Roger, president, The Hillman Family Foundations – said that additional grantmaking by the foundations individually outside of the Emergency Action Fund to respond to the COVID-19 emergency will happen through their Boards and in alignment with their current areas of focus. Schroeder said that the contributions represent a first round of investment with a plan to review conditions on a regular basis to determine future commitments.

[The Pittsburgh Foundation Emergency Action Fund](#) - To inform fund distribution, needs are being assessed in consultation with the Allegheny County Health Department and the Department of Human Services. Funders are also reviewing the results of a community survey of 1,600 nonprofits conducted last week through the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania in conjunction with its 211 help-line. The fund will be held at The Pittsburgh Foundation, which is waiving all credit card and management fees on individual donations. The first phase of the rapid-response grants will address: The economic impact of reduced and lost work due to the coronavirus outbreak; Immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations caused by closures and cancellations related to COVID-19; Increased demand for medical information and support for health care; Communications and research support to better assess need and improve information flow for the region's most vulnerable residents.

### **Scranton/Lackawanna County Region**

[Scranton Area Community Foundation](#) - To address the diverse and pressing needs of our community, the Scranton Area Community Foundation has established the **NEPA COVID-19 Response Fund** to rapidly deploy resources to regional nonprofit organizations that are at the front line of the coronavirus outbreak. Grants support 501c3 organizations facing the related public health, economic, and social consequences of the crisis that often affect the most vulnerable in our community. Funds will be released on a rolling basis throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis, moving resources quickly and adapting to evolving needs. To date, nearly \$850,000 has been raised for the Fund and a total of \$240,000 has already been awarded in emergency grant funding. In addition, the Scranton Area Community Foundation is partnering with the city of Scranton on a special initiative to address food insecurity through the NEPA Covid-19 Response Fund.

### **Susquehanna Valley**

[Central Susquehanna Community Foundation](#) - The Disaster Relief Fund will coordinate initiatives and grants that support our regional service area and its front-line nonprofits at a time when it is most critical. We have partnered with many of our nonprofit leaders to serve as an advisory committee to conduct two waves of grants including both emergent and recovery needs.

## **York County**

[York County Community Foundation](#) - Through a partnership with the York County Community Foundation (YCCF) and the United Way of York County (UWYC), the COVID-19 Response fund is a coordinated philanthropic response to accelerate support for organizations addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; supporting individuals who have been living paycheck to paycheck and now find themselves out of work and/or vulnerable members of York County. The Fund is designed to be responsive and flexible to meet the needs of our community. With generous support from local private foundations and individuals, the COVID-19 Fund will include several phases of grantmaking with Phase 1 grants going to high-capacity nonprofits serving individuals who, because of the crisis, are struggling to meet their basic needs right now; with the initial focus to include food and housing. The crisis needs of the nonprofits may also include any changes to service delivery required by social distancing and other unique aspects of COVID-19.