

# Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund

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## Purpose of the Fund:

The Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund was created through the generosity of area businesses and individuals for the purpose of addressing the needs of the community that arise as a result of the COVID-19 emergency in Dane County. The Fund is designed to complement the work of the City, County, public health officials and school officials and expand local capacity to address all aspects of the outbreak's effect on our community as efficiently as possible.

**The goal of this fund is to ensure that the grants awarded meet the greatest needs in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in the priority areas identified below.**

## Priority Areas:

- **Eviction Prevention** - Low-wage workers, will be among the communities that feel the economic impact of COVID-19 the most. The food, travel, leisure, and hospitality industries are already being hit hard, and workers in these industries often have low pay and minimal access to paid sick leave.
- **Homelessness Prevention** – Families and individuals who have been homeless in the past are particularly at risk of losing their housing in economic downturn.
- **Food/Meals for Older Adults and Children** - COVID-19 presents an especially dire threat to already food insecure families who now face an uncertain economic future as well as older adults with limited means and at risk of isolation.
- **Flex Fund** – As all family's needs are not the same, flexible dollars to respond to other crisis that Individuals, families or agencies may confront such as transportation, childcare and utilities are critical.

The Fund priorities may evolve as our county adapts to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will continue to prioritize communities most impacted, recognizing deep and historic inequities that are likely to be magnified in times of crisis. We recognize the need to provide immediate resources, as well as the importance of recovery resources to ensure community resilience.

## Management of the fund:

Fund will be managed by United Way of Dane County

### Who is eligible?

U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that are not classified as private foundations.

Faith-based organizations that welcome and serve all members of the community regardless of religious belief.

### Who is ineligible?

Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, citizenship status, age, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Individuals - We understand many individuals and families have been affected by the outbreak already and more will continue to be affected. On behalf of our partners, UWDC is working to move resources to community-based organizations that are directly supporting local residents and families who are most affected by emerging health, economic, and social impacts. If you are an individual or family with immediate concerns, please call 211 for assistance connecting to resources.

## Funds Available:

United Way continues to raise funds for this purpose. Applicants are eligible for up to \$25,000 per program in the first round of funding (*fund growth permitting*).

### United Way is not charging a fee

100% of funds donated will go to local nonprofits helping with COVID-19 relief.

## How does my organization apply for funds?

### Application Process:

1. Complete a simple application for funding online using a link provided on the UWDC website
2. Applications will be available on the United Way website beginning March 27, 2020.
3. Organizations will receive an email confirmation when your application is submitted.  
In some cases we may call you to discuss your application or to seek clarification.
4. Awards will be made in mid April. Calls will be made to agencies on funding decisions.
5. Funds may be used in calendar year 2020.

## Timeline

**March 27th** ..... Application available on UWDC website

**April 3rd** ..... Applications Due

Staff and Volunteers review applications

Emergency and Recovery Fund Committee makes funding recommendations

United Way Board votes on recommendations

**April 20th** ..... Agencies notified of funding

Grants posted on United Way's website and social media

**January 2021** ... Reports due to United Way

## How will funding decisions be made?

### The Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund Committee

Volunteer leaders from **United Way, City, County, Madison Community Foundation, MMSD, Community** and **Business leaders** will make up the committee charged with reviewing and selecting proposals to be funded. **Barbara Nichols, Lynn Green** and **Jac Garner** have agreed to co-chair the committee.

The rubric for decision making will be available to agencies when the application is posted on line.

### Reporting Requirements for Agencies:

Programs awarded funding through the Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund will be asked to report on outcomes associated with their funded areas.

### Announcement of awards

We will publish a list of grants on our website and announce them on social media.