

UNITED WAY PERRY COUNTY – COVID19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT

Grant/Funding Overview

In response to the impact being endured by so many people within our community, from COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - United Way of Perry County has established a specific emergency fund, dedicated to meeting the most critical (short and long-term) needs, of those impacted. This grant is purposed and specific to nonprofit organizations and community groups, who are working with the most vulnerable populations in our community – to address the most immediate, emergent and unanticipated needs.

Focus/Intent

This Fund will be used to meet unmet needs, not duplicate or fund programs that other funding programs could/do cover, or needs that could be met by a federal or state program.

To remain consistently aligned with United Way of Perry County’s mission and vision statement(s) – we will prioritize emergency assistance funding for:

- Nonprofit organizations and/or community groups - of which, directly operate within the Perry/Crawford County, Indiana area
- Eligible organizations and/or groups - of which, perform work and/or services, directly benefiting the most vulnerable and/or systematically marginalized people of the aforementioned locations/areas
- Eligible organizations/groups who have experienced a significant decrease, in critical volunteer/employee capacity - as a direct result of COVID-19
- Eligible organizations/groups, whose primary program participants are high-risk for contracting COVID-19 (e.g. older adults and those with chronic health conditions)

Eligibility for Funding – “Who Could or Should Apply”

Eligible applicants, considered for this grant, will include nonprofits (with a 501(c)3 IRS tax-exempt status); or community groups (with a dedicated and acting fiscal agent who “co-applies” for funding, in conjunction with the community group, and holds a 501(c)3 status). Applicants MUST BE engaged in work that supports vulnerable/at-risk, individuals and families in crisis, directly related to COVID-19.

*Please Note – Unfortunately, we are NOT able to provide direct funding to individuals, businesses or organizations that do not have a 501(c)3 charitable tax-exempt status from the IRS. Government entities wishing to apply (who DO meet the aforementioned tax eligibility requirements), will be considered/reviewed, based on the priority of need(s) being requested.

These funding opportunities have been established to be flexible and easy-to-navigate, so that awarded amounts can be expedited to eligible applicants as efficiently as possible!

Eligible programs or services may include, *(but are not limited to)*:

- Emergency access to food and/or essential daily living items or supplies (i.e. hygiene, baby food/supplies, etc.)
- Childcare for Essential Workers
- Shelter and/or rent/mortgage payment assistance

- Utility payment assistance
- Technology assistance/resources, directly related to sustaining education and/or essential work
- Physical and/or emotional safety and/or protection of citizens/community
- Essential transportation services (for essential and medical related appointments only)
- Mental health and/or substance abuse services and/or resources
- Operating and/or administrative expenses will be considered (Applicant MUST provide detailed explanation of how these expenses are directly related to providing or meeting critical/emergent needs of vulnerable/at-risk members of the community).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When/how long will the application process be open – and how do we complete/submit the application?

A. UWPC will begin accepting applications online, via the UWPC website, no later than Friday, May 22, 2020. We will accept applications continuously, until all funds have been awarded.

Q. How long will it take to be notified, IF my organization is awarded funding?

A. The UWPC committee will review applications every 24 hours/7days a week, until funds are depleted. Upon review, the committee will make a determination and notify the organization. The turn-around time for the notification process is anticipated to be approximately 1-3 days.

Q: If my organization’s application is approved, what will be the next steps?

A. Once approved, your identified point of contact will receive an email that will verify your application has been approved, including the award amount, and will have instructions on how to submit your organization’s W-9 and steps to finalize the grant agreement. Funds will be dispersed as one-time ACH payments, after signed terms of grant are received.

Q: When will the funds be distributed or available, if the applicant is approved?

A. Funding will be immediately awarded and dispersed to organizations, via automated deposit (ACH).

Q: What is the minimum/maximum amount that my organization can apply for?

A: We ask that applicants only apply for the amount truly NEEDED. The amount requested would ideally sustain your anticipated need, for a minimum of 30-60 days or greater. The final amount awarded will ultimately be based on availability of UWPC funds and information/eligibility of the applicant.

Q. How many times can my organization or group apply for this funding?

A. You may submit an application for funding up to (4) times between now and April 20, 2021. We request that organizations who previously received emergency funding from UWPC wait a minimum of (4) weeks before applying or requesting additional funds. This is to ensure that all organizations in need are provided an equal opportunity for assistance.

