

COVID-19 Response Fund Grants Round One

Rhode Island Foundation and United Way of Rhode Island today announced a first round of funding for local nonprofit organizations at the forefront of COVID-19 response.

Nearly \$1.25 million in grants will be distributed in the coming days to 27 local organizations. The list of grantees appears below.

A joint grants review committee – composed of team members from the Foundation and the United Way – are working together to review applications and make funding decisions in real time.

Organization	Grant description
Adoption Rhode Island	Funding will ensure that Adoption Rhode Island can meet the needs of high-risk clients and new foster and adoptive children, youth, and families in crisis due to the pandemic.
Alliance for Better Long Term Care	The grant will enable the Alliance for Better Long Term Care to continue assisting family members and residents residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospice remotely.
Barrington TAPIN	Granted funds will be used to purchase additional food, household items, and toiletries for East Bay residents in need.
Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	Funds will be used for operating support to provide direct assistance to clients affected by COVID-19, specifically by providing rental assistance and gift cards to purchase food.
Boys Town New England	This grant will support vulnerable families with children in foster care with basic human needs assistance, continued support, and services for the youth residing on their campus with direct care staff.
Comprehensive Community Action Program	Funding will be provided to offset telehealth costs for remote technology to serve vulnerable, integrated health patients.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center	The grant will be used to re-stock food assistance resources and provide scholarships for nearly 5,000 Newport County individuals, children, and seniors, all of whom are vulnerable populations.
Elisha Project	Funding will be used to replenish food inventory stock and increase distribution for the next three to six months.
Lucy's Hearth	Lucy's Hearth will use this grant to provide services to the homeless, families with low- to moderate-income, and children and families suffering from the trauma of homelessness and related family instability. Funding will also be used assist residents transitioning to affordable housing with direct financial assistance.
Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island	Grant funds will be used to continue and expand Meals on Wheels work to keep our state's homebound senior citizens well-fed and safe in their own homes.
Newport Partnership for Families	Newport Partnership for Families will use this funding to supply San José Food Pantry with a month's worth of non-perishable food and household supplies for up to 200 Hispanic families in Newport.
North Kingstown Food Pantry	The grant will cover additional food and employee costs to provide over 1,200 individuals with food assistance.
Pawtucket Soup Kitchen	Funding will support the purchase of food and program supplies to serve approximately 200 - 250 per day during the current pandemic.
Rhode Island Free Clinic	The grant will ensure that the Clinic's patient caseload of 2,600 uninsured, low-income adults will continue to have access to essential primary care services during the next four months.
Rhode Island Pride	The funds will support efforts to deliver food, sanitation, and hygiene supplies to over 1,500 Rhode Islanders over the course of the next three weeks.
Rhode Island Rescue Ministries	Rhode Island Rescue Ministries will use the grant award to provide homeless individuals and families with increased care and respite from the COVID-19 pandemic.
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless	The funding will supply homeless shelters across Rhode Island with essential provisions, laundry services, rental assistance, and stipends for homeless individuals and families.
Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation	The grant will support the RI Hospitality Employee Relief Fund which aims to provide food service, lodging, and tourism employees who have been laid off due to COVID-19 and are facing financial hardship, with direct assistance.
Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Leadership Academy	Grant funding will allow the Nowell Leadership Academy to establish an emergency student support fund to assist 160 young parents and their infants/toddlers with immediate basic human needs related to the COVID-19 crisis.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Rhode Island	Funds will be used to provide food, supplies, market gift cards, gas gift cards, prescriptions, and rental assistance to Rhode Islanders across the state.
Sojourner House	The grant will provide direct assistance to Smith Hill neighbors and Providence residents at the Sojourner House Drop-In Center, as well as supplies for three emergency shelter locations, and rental assistance for residential clients throughout Rhode Island.
The Boys & Girls Club of East Providence	The funding will provide delivery of free dinner kits to families and children in East Providence by request. 400 meal kits are expected to be served daily through the end of the original school year.
Thundermist Health Center	This grant will help to cover Thundermist's emergency response and operational needs. The investment will impact more than 52,000 patients.
Tides Family Services	This award will allow Tides Family Services to continue programming that serves vulnerable families and youth. The funding will provide access to cleaning and sanitizing supplies for staff and constituents at their open facilities.
WARM Center	This funding will allow WARM to meet an increased need among Southern Rhode Island residents caused by the pandemic. Services provided by WARM will include rental assistance, case management, and food assistance.
West End Community Center	This grant will allow the West End Community Center to remain open and to continue to keep up with the current increased demand of families in need.
Women's Refugee Care	The grant will provide vital aid, both in the form of direct cash disbursements and the indirect paying of bills, and buying necessary household goods for refugee families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.