



# COVID-19 Response Fund Grants

April 17, 2020

Rhode Island Foundation and United Way of Rhode Island have awarded a total of \$5.7 million in grants to 130 organizations.

Five rounds of grants have been awarded. The grantee organization and brief grant descriptions appear below, with the most recent round of grants appearing first.

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

## Round Five April 17, 2020

### Organization

The Autism Project

Bethany Home of Rhode Island

Capital City Community Centers

Community Care Alliance

Cowden Street Collaborative/ The Segue Institute for Learning

Crossroads Rhode Island

DaVinci Center for Community Progress

Easter Seals

Fuerza Laboral

George Wiley Center

Jewish Collaborative Services

PACE Rhode Island

Phoenix House New England

Providence Youth Student Movement

Rhode Island Center Assisting those in Need (RICAN)

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Saint Clare Home

Silver Lake Community Center

South County Health

Southern Rhode Island Volunteers

SouthPointe Christian Church

SWAP, Inc.

Thrive Behavioral Health

Turning Around Ministries, Inc.

YMCA of Pawtucket

## Round Four April 10, 2020

### Amenity Aid

Arc of Bristol County

Better Lives Rhode Island

Catholic Social Services of RI

Children's Friend

Foster Forward

Good Neighbors, Inc.

The Historic Metcalf-Franklin Farm Preservation Association

House of Hope Community Development Corporation

Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale

Jonnycake Center of Westerly

New Bridges for Haitian Success

Nueva Generacion Cristiana Church (NGC)

Ocean Tides

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

Rhode Island College

Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts

RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team

Rogers Home, Inc.

Ronald McDonald House of Providence

Southside Community Land Trust

St. Mary's Home for Children

Success Training Center

Tamarisk, Inc.

Teen Challenge

J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

University of Rhode Island Foundation

Woman Development Institute

Year Up Inc.

## Round Three April 3, 2020

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

East Bay Community Action Program

Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center

Higher Ground International

Hope Recovery Network, Inc.

James L. Maher Center

John Clark Retirement Center

Latino Public Radio

Learning Community Charter School

Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Newport Community School

Nonviolence Institute

Northern RI Food Pantry

Progreso Latino, Inc.

Providence Community Health Centers, Inc.

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Smith Hill Community Development Corporation

The Collective

The College Crusade of Rhode Island

The Groden Center

Tri-County Community Action Agency

Women's Resource Center

## Round Two April 3, 2020

Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR)

Amos House

Blackstone Valley Community Health Care

Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center

Capital Good Fund

CareLink, Inc.

Child & Family

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic

College Visions

Community Action Partnership of Providence

Family Service of Rhode Island

Genesis Center

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation

Hope & Main

New Beginnings, Inc.

Newport Mental Health

Olneyville Neighborhood Association

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island

Pawtucket Central Falls Development

Project Weber/RENEW

Providence Housing Authority

ReFocus, Inc.

Refugee Development Center

Westbay Community Action

Young Voices

## Round One March 27, 2020

Adoption Rhode Island

Alliance for Better Long Term Care

Barrington TAPIN

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program

Boys Town New England

Comprehensive Community Action Program

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

Elisha Project

Lucy's Hearth

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island

Newport Partnership for Families

North Kingstown Food Pantry

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

Rhode Island Free Clinic

Rhode Island Pride

Rhode Island Rescue Ministries

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation

Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Leadership Academy

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Rhode Island

Sojourner House

The Boys & Girls Club of East Providence

Thundermist Health Center

Tides Family Services

WARM Center

West End Community Center

Women's Refugee Care

### Grant description

Grant will support vulnerable families of children and/or adults with autism, developmental disability, or socioemotional challenges during the pandemic.

The funds will be used to support staffing needs around COVID-19 procedures, increase in PPE supplies, cleaning supplies, sanitizer, and education for surge drills.

Capital City Community Centers will deploy funding to extend their operating hours to meet the increase in basic needs of food, housing, and child/senior care in Smith Hill, Providence.

Funding for PPE for staff conducting face-to-face visits with clients in residential programs – homeless shelter, assisted living, substance use treatment programs, HIV/AIDS Behavioral Health (Agape Providence), acute stabilization unit, and BHI Link. It will also allow for purchase of food, cleaning supplies, and low-cost phones for clients.

Funds will provide 200 vulnerable families with gift cards for the purchase of food at local supermarkets.

Funding will provide critical support to Crossroads' range of operations and programs, which have been forced into stasis by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DaVinci Center will utilize funding to provide a wide array of direct services to a diverse population of 18,000 persons residing in the North End of Providence.

With this grant, Easter Seals will assist approximately 400 children and their families during this crisis.

These funds will provide immigrant and low-income families who do not qualify for benefits or relief assistance from government with a \$350 relief payment. Funding will support providing reliable information via phone/social media on hygiene recommendations, shelter-in-place and other new rules, and connecting community members with other services.

The Center will use funding for direct assistance in the form of food vouchers, dissemination of materials in Spanish, and weekly text/robocalls to network of affected individuals. It will support transitioning weekly food distribution to home delivery and outreach to more than 6,000, including disabled and/or elderly, with immediate needs related to utility restoration, housing/rent, and food insecurity.

The Jewish Collaborative Services will meet increased basic needs assistance to families including operating a Kosher food pantry and providing meals for seniors.

PACE-RI will provide participants with services such as transportation, adult daycare, acute services, dietitians, rehab, physical therapy, primary care, and medical specialists. Grant will also support the purchase of PPE supplies to protect staff and clients.

Funding will support men and women struggling with substance use disorders including medical detoxification, residential rehabilitation, intensive outpatient care, with medication-assisted treatment.

Funding provided to PrYSM to meet an increased need for services for Southeast Asian (SEA) youth and LGBTQIA youth of color during this pandemic.

Funding provided to address the increased need of clients directly impacted by COVID-19 with emergency food, rental, and utility assistance.

Funding for emergency support to women and children who have experienced domestic violence and live below the poverty level. Direct cash assistance will help them meet their family's basic needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant provided to increase and expand care of vulnerable nursing home patients during the pandemic.

Funding will support the purchase of food, grocery cards, and supplement utility payments for clients.

South County Health will use funds to support increased health services to elderly patients including the purchase of PPE and respirators critical to patient care.

Southern Rhode Island Volunteers will arrange meal and/or pharmacy delivery to the homes of seniors and provide safety checks/calls for extremely vulnerable elders across southern Rhode Island.

Funding provided for assistance to single parents, up to \$500 per household, to help cover childcare, rent, utilities, vehicle, and/or food assistance.

Funding will be used to purchase gift cards for food and living/rental assistance for residents of approximately 250 households negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Grant will help provide 3,500 clients and staff with equipment and supplies necessary to meet demand for services during this crisis.

Funding provided to assist low-income and no-income residents in Newport as well as adults released from prison with rental, employment, transportation, and basic needs assistance.

Grant provided to support families in need of food and personal necessities in Pawtucket.

Funding is provided to distribute safety and hygiene products to local food pantries and shelters.

These funds will allow Arc to distribute safety and hygiene products to local food pantries and shelters.

This grant supports salaries, food, and other direct assistance to new and existing clients from vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19.

This funding will be used to purchase and distribute food and food cards to 700 Rhode Island households that have experienced job loss or reduction.

This grant will support Children's Friend in providing emergency support for families including food, rental/utility assistance, and help with medical expenses.

Foster Forward and The Village will commit 100% of funds for direct financial assistance and material resources for transition-age youth and foster/adoptive families.

The grant will be used to sustain at least two weekly food pantry offerings for the foreseeable future. As many as 800 households per month are expected to access the pantry.

This grant will support the production and delivery of fresh vegetables to the RI Community Food Bank and partner organizations such as the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen.

Funds will be used for telework support, rental assistance, grocery gift cards, sleeping bags, tents, and basic needs for clients served.

These funds will support increased-need food pantry operations and delivery expenses to provide meals to seniors, those without transportation, and people with compromised health.

This grant is provided to address increase in demand for basic human needs due to the pandemic.

This funding will support the Rhode Island Haitian community, particularly serving 200 vulnerable house-bound seniors with basic needs, status checks, and translated accurate information to guide them during this crisis.

This grant will help with costs of food, medicine, and rent for families in need.

These funds are provided to continue care for youth and families, direct assistance for food and gift cards, and technology assistance for youth to communicate with their families while sheltered in place.

This grant will support delivering basic supplies, provide virtual peer support groups and recovery mutual aid groups for over 100 individuals with significant mental health and substance use challenges and 140 high risk families/households.

The grant will be used to address Rhode Island students' basic needs including food and rental assistance.

These funds will support eliminating discharges of residents from Certified Recovery Houses who have lost their job due to COVID-19, and increase harm-reduction tool distribution to prevent overdose.

This grant will be used to help establish a mobile field hospital as well as provide mental health, substance abuse, and behavioral interventions for at-risk populations.

Rogers Home will use this grant to support operations providing housing and addiction recovery services to high-risk, low-income individuals.

Funds will directly support emergency operating costs to care for families with critically ill children.

This support is provided to increase healthy food supply for low-income households by increasing production in established community gardens and urban greenhouses.

Funds will meet increased basic needs of over 260 families including food, healthcare, toiletries, transportation, and rental assistance.

This grant will provide food, utility, medical, and mortgage assistance for vulnerable populations, including the elderly.

The grant will be used to support over 80 residents and fund cleaning expenses and personal protection equipment.

Funds support residential and transitional home programs with household expenses such as utilities, food, clothing, and medical expense.

Funding will support the Center in assisting hundreds of individuals and continuing critical family support and early intervention services.

This grant will assist in providing wraparound services for in-state students at URI facing hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Funds will be used to offer assistance to low-income families – especially single mothers and elders – to access resources during the crisis.

Funding investment will directly support the deployment of resources required to support low-income young adults enrolled at Year Up Providence through the challenges they are facing as a result of COVID-19.

The funding will support telehealth services, staffing for a helpline, and direct assistance funds to defray the cost of transportation, groceries, laundry, supplies, and other essential services.

This grant will support staffing and basic needs so that the organization may continue to provide services to victims of domestic violence who seek to escape a dangerous environment during the COVID-19 crisis.

These funds will help to maintain program operations to support refuge populations with unemployment claims, information about the current pandemic outbreak in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner, and basic human needs.

The grant will allow for the purchase and implementation of a telehealth tool and will also support the food pantry, limited home visiting to elders, and overall operations at four integrated health sites. Funding will also be used to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to clients who are in need of essential items such as food, formula and diapers, medications, utility assistance, and more.

With this funding, the Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center will be able to continue essential support for domestic violence victims and their families and will provide additional resources required to those for whom leaving their abusers is not possible while in quarantine.

Grant funds will be used to hire essential social and medical staff lost due to the pandemic, mitigate psychosocial and basic needs by maintaining safe social connections to ensure mental and health stability of vulnerable elders.

The funding will support residents in six different locations to supplement food and fee expenses for vulnerable populations.

The grant will be used to retain essential staff who are providing the "Day Program To Go", to shield 200 participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities from the depression, anxiety, loss of self-determination, erosion of social skills, and other effects from the diminution of social interaction.

Funds will support the care and treatment of nursing home residents and apartment tenants to ensure dietary needs are met as they shelter in place. The grant will also allow agency to purchase personal protective equipment, incontinence products, and to address technology barriers and additional staffing needs.

Grant funding will allow the organization to create three additional streaming channels to communicate important information related to the COVID-19 crisis to vulnerable Spanish-speaking populations – the elderly, youth of all ages, and Mexican/South American Rhode Islanders.

This funding will support assistance to school families in paying basic living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, and healthcare. This grant will also support the Learning Community to continue case management, legal counsel, and wraparound support for families.

The grant will allow Mount Hope Neighborhood Association to address impact of COVID-19 on the WIC program, and to sustain their local food pantry – including food drop-off to seniors/older adults, the homeless, residents with low income, handicapped individuals and their families.

This funding will support the expansion of the food pantry beyond non-perishable products to personal care, household cleaning, and gift cards to local grocery stores to purchase fruit, vegetables, and meat to support families in need in collaboration with the Newport Food Bank and local adult job training programs.

Grant funding will provide direct assistance to clients and will support the continued efforts of staff.

The funds will support food assistance to vulnerable populations in Northern Rhode Island.

This grant will allow Progreso Latino to provide assistance to individuals and families in Central Falls and Pawtucket that are ineligible for public benefits with basic needs and home rental assistance.

Grant funding will ensure continued provision of primary care services through direct visits and telehealth to help as many people as possible to shelter in place, handle simple and chronic conditions over the phone, and manage mild to moderate influenza within their homes instead of the emergency room or hospital.

For the duration of the crisis, the Food Bank will act as the grocery supplier for Rhode Island's food assistance network. This funding will support the Food Bank in its efforts to continue operations at a high level, ensuring that there is enough food in the network to provide some assistance to all those in need.

These funds will support the Smith Hill CDC in providing rental assistance to tenants and low-wage workers in the service and hospitality industry.

This grant will be used to meet basic needs such as food, rent, cash assistance and household supplies for children and families with unemployed caregivers, senior shut-ins, and high risk individuals.

The College Crusade will give emergency grants to first-generation, low-income college students who are adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This grant will keep group residences staffed and supplied, and will provide the funding needed to expand telehealth, virtual group and 1:1 sessions, and to purchase other technology to enhance distance learning with vulnerable clients.

The grant will provide direct support such as emergency food, sanitary supplies, medical expense relief, and rental/utilities assistance to clients.

These funds will ensure that the needs of victims of domestic violence are met and that staff have access to the equipment, supplies, and technology they need to provide free and confidential services to clients.

Funds will support approximately 300 vulnerable families with food, rental assistance, and material aid on an ongoing basis.

The grant award will support the increase in need among the homeless population, those living paycheck to paycheck, families who experience increased medical bills during this time, and those who are unemployed.

The funding will be used to purchase additional protective equipment for the staff, screens for each patient and visitor to the facility, and will support implementation of telehealth services.

These funds will be used primarily to purchase food for vulnerable families during this emergency.

These funds will help establish a Rhode Island Crisis Relief Loan Fund which will be used to finance 180 Crisis Loans reaching a total of roughly 540 individuals.

The grant award will be used to ensure frontline essential health workers can continue to safely provide needed services to approximately 3,000 older adults.

Funds will be used immediately to support approximately 210 households through community-based programs and the Family Care Community Partnership. Over 500 seniors will receive case management services, many remotely, to ensure they remain healthy and connected in their homes during this crisis.

These funds will be used to support COVID-19 testing, triage, and continuity of access to care.

This grant award will allow College Visions to meet an increase in need for emergency food, housing, and technology related to online learning for its students.

Funds will support increased operations costs directly related to COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. It will also provide direct assistance in the form of food gift cards and rental mortgage assistance due to layoffs and unemployment.

The grant award will provide basic needs for some of the most vulnerable in Rhode Island – including the homeless, victims of crime, medically vulnerable, foster children, families with low to moderate income, and children and families suffering from trauma.

Funding will support the Genesis Center to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate remote services to constituents, including employment support, financial coaching, online training, and emergency assistance for food, housing, healthcare, and more.