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CFOV Expands COVID Support Grants

In light of the strain that COVID-19 is placing on our region's resources, the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley (CFOV) will be redirecting annual Community Impact grant funding for 2020.

In March, CFOV launched an Emergency Impact Fund and asked the community to contribute to help support nonprofit organizations in the region that were experiencing an increase in services and a decrease in revenue. Contributions were received from individuals, corporations, and private foundations allowing CFOV to grant nearly $200,000 through this process.

As the pandemic continues, the needs our area's organizations are facing due to COVID-19 continue to evolve. CFOV has reaffirmed its commitment to nonprofits through some evolution of its own by the way of Emergency Impact Fund 2.0!

CFOV's Unrestricted Funds are used to create an annual grant process called the Community Impact Fund Grants. This year instead, CFOV will be using funds available to continue and expand upon the work of the Emergency Impact Fund.

"We recognize that organizations outside of those meeting basic human needs are also seeing declines in revenues," shared Susie Nelson, executive director of CFOV.

"We're not through this crisis yet and we want to do our part to ensure that our community is as great as it was before."

Emergency Impact 2.0 will begin accepting applications on Monday, September 21. Sustainability of our community's resources will be a heavy focus of funding decisions.

Previous applicants to the initial Emergency Impact Fund are invited to submit new applications as submissions will not be carried over.

As with the original Emergency Impact Fund process, applications will be reviewed and considered as long as funding is available.

Given the ongoing nature of needs, contributions to the Emergency Impact Fund will help sustain the opportunity. Individuals, corporations, donor advisors and private foundations are encouraged to join CFOV in these supportive efforts by making a gift to the fund. All gifts are tax-deductible and will be used to support local organizations as they adjust to changing demands.

Contributions to the Emergency Impact Fund can be made by making a check payable to CFOV, with Emergency Impact Fund in the memo line, and mailing to 1226 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Online contributions may be made by visiting www.cfov.org and clicking on the red "donate" button at the top of the page.

To learn more about CFOV's Emergency Impact Fund and related grant or giving opportunities, call CFOV at 304-242-3144 or email director@cfov.org.

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Since 1972, the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley has connected donors who care with causes that matter by making grants to organizations working to improve the quality of life in the Upper Ohio Valley. With assets of nearly $60 million, the Foundation assisted in distributing more than $2.3 million in grants and scholarships over the past year. From strengthening community schools to assisting local arts programs, from building health centers to assisting victims of violence or natural disasters, the Community Foundation continues to enhance our region. To learn more, please visit the Foundation online at www.cfov.org.