

COVID-19 Common Application Funder Commitments and Funding Guidelines

During these unprecedented times, community and private funders are collaborating to streamline the grantmaking process for nonprofits. This “common application” will be used to grant \$1,124,600 in northcentral Pennsylvania as follows:

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| Degenstein Foundations | \$500,000 |
| First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania | \$524,600 |
| Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way | \$100,000 |

While the funders are using the same application and will coordinate funding as to avoid duplication of service, each funder will have the final authority to grant as determined by their board of directors. Funders will have independent grant agreements with successful recipients.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nonprofits applying for funding must be a public agency, a current 501(c)(3) or a fiscal sponsor with this designation. Additionally, applicants must serve residents of Bradford, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga or Union Counties.

Organizations offering food assistance and are not a partner agency with the Central PA Food Bank cannot apply.

See **Grants by Funder** for additional information on geographic criteria, focus areas and restrictions by funder.

GRANT AWARDS

Grant requests can range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. We anticipate that the need will exceed funding available. Organizations that are multi-county service providers may request larger grants by contacting Betty Gilmour, Director of Grantmaking at FCFP. Larger grants will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

GRANT DEADLINE

July 29, 2020, Noon

GRANTS BY FUNDER

The funding partners will have the opportunity to review all applications. Grantee organizations may receive funding from multiple sources. Specific areas of interest, criteria, restrictions, and funding allocations are as follows:

Degenstein Foundations: A minimum of \$500,000 will collectively be granted from the Degenstein Foundations listed below. Please note that final grant funding allocations will be dependent on the needs presented in the applications. The Degenstein Foundations will independently review applications as follows:

The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation will be providing funding for this initiative to organizations serving Snyder, Union, Northumberland, Montour, and Columbia Counties.

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Charles and Betty Degenstein Foundation will be providing funding for this initiative to organizations serving Snyder, Union, and Northumberland Counties.

FCFP:

COVID-19 United Community Funds - In cooperation with Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way, Lycoming County United Way and the United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties, FCFP's **COVID-19 United Community Funds** work to ensure that the regional nonprofit community has the support to move forward through the pandemic. Phase II funding from these funds is as follows:

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| \$ 46,088 | Columbia and Montour Counties |
| \$255,155 | Lycoming County |
| \$117,359 | Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties |
| \$ 43,340 | Sullivan and Tioga Counties |

Bernard and Eva Bredbenner Fund - Created by Bernard Bredbenner, this fund supports children and youth programming in Columbia, Lycoming and Montour Counties.

\$15,544

Pearls with a Passion Fund - This fund supports nonprofits serving residents in Lycoming and Union Counties. Preference will be given to organizations or programs that empower women.

\$23,000

Tree House Fund - This fund supports children and youth programming in Bradford, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga Counties.

\$24,115

Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way - Funds organizations in Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties that provide services in the following focus areas: basic needs, early childhood education, teens, behavioral health & addiction, and diversity & inclusion.

\$100,000

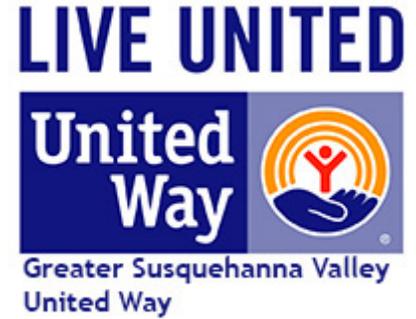
GRANT NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Applicants will receive correspondence to confirm the funding sources considering their request by letter dated no later than **August 12, 2020**.

Funders listed in the August 12th correspondence will communicate funding decisions to applicants by **September 17, 2020**.

COVID-19 COMMON APPLICATION CONTACT

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GRANTMAKING GOALS and FUNDING PRIORITIES

Operating support for nonprofits that meet basic needs of people and to cover losses associated with the disruption of their operations. For these organizations, priority will be given to nonprofits that:

- Address food insecurity.
- Prevent eviction and provide shelter for those who need to quarantine but do not have housing, and facilities experiencing an increased intake due to the pandemic.
- Offer cash assistance and/or direct payments to vendors for those who are unemployed or have lost wages.
- Nonprofit childcare providers that need funding due to reductions in parent co-pays or other gaps in revenue.
- Provide physical and mental health care and have lost fee-for-service revenue due to decreased patient visits or staff shortages.
- Provide transportation or address barriers to care and social services.
- Address the disruption of education for students in grades K-12.
- Provide safety and emergency services
- Address social isolation among seniors through wellness checks and other strategies to assess health and psychosocial needs of seniors, especially those who live alone.
- Need funding to purchase special cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves to safely serve constituents.
- Need funding for technology to serve constituents through the crisis.

Emergency funds for organizations that provide direct financial assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19. For these organizations, priority will be given to nonprofits that:

- Have evidence of trusted relationships with residents and enduring partnerships with other nonprofits that can be leveraged to reach the broadest cross-section of the community.
- Currently operate an emergency financial assistance program and have a standardized process for screening requests and monitoring and reporting on use of funds.
- Agree to use grant funds exclusively for those impacted by COVID-19 (quarantined individuals, layoffs, school/childcare closures, etc.)

Support for Federally Qualified Health Centers and other community health facilities. For these organizations, priority will be given to centers that:

- Provide medical care for those who may have been exposed to the coronavirus.
- Need funding to purchase personal protective equipment such as masks, gowns and gloves or other essential medical supplies and equipment.
- Are unable to receive reimbursement for telehealth services and/or need support transitioning to telehealth services.

Nonprofits that have experienced a disruption to income streams. For these organizations, priority will be given to nonprofits that:

- Cancelled productions or income producing events initially scheduled between March 1 and September 30.
- Demonstrate how the pandemic disrupted revenue sources and how that impacts the ability to serve the public in the future.

Nonprofits that have experienced a need for unbudgeted programs to meet new challenges as a result of COVID-19. For these organizations, priority will be given to nonprofits that:

- Demonstrate how the pandemic created the need for a new program.
- Can ensure that the need is not being addressed by another nonprofit.
- Has adequate operating support to take on a new program/initiative.
- Has a successful track record of implementing programs in their community.