

Philanthropy's response to COVID-19 along the US-Mexico Border Last updated on August 13, 2020

Borderland Foundations secure over US\$60.3 million to support families and communities impacted by COVID 19. Since our last newsletter, community foundations from San Diego to San Antonio have secured over 2 million dollars to support COVID 19 relief programs. The generous spirit of Individual donors, small businesses, large corporations, donor advised funds, as well as local, regional, and state governments has responded forcefully to this pandemic. As of today, US\$60.3 million dollars has been donated to support families, communities, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and more. Click on the links below to see how these BPP member agencies are responding locally to help those most in need. Want to make a contribution? Select the organization nearest you and support their efforts. Need help for your nonprofit organization? Contact the foundation in your area to see how you may qualify for a grant or nonprofit loan.

In California, The San Diego Foundation, San Diego Gas & Electric, Alliance Healthcare Foundation, and United Way of San Diego County joined forces to support families in need and the local nonprofit sector with donations from local partners and donors to create the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund. The International Community Foundation has established a new fund to support outreach activities in Mexico. San Diego Grantmakers is working with the City of San Diego to design and implement the City's Small Business Relief and Support Grant Program with a unique equity lens. The US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership is able to assist you with fiscal agency support and can receive and distribute charitable donations on your behalf, as well as support in-kind gifts to the other side of the border.

In **Arizona**, the <u>Arizona Community Foundation</u> and their affiliate network established an <u>emergency fund</u> to support nonprofits responding to the Coronavirus and are raising and disbursing funds across the State. They also launched a new fund to support Latino-owned businesses. The <u>Community Foundation for Southern Arizona</u> crafted a <u>community resource guide</u> that is updated daily and has opened a new fund to provide grants and loans to support nonprofit organizations serving the local community.

In **New Mexico**, the <u>Santa Fe Community Foundation</u> launched the <u>COVID-19 Response Fund</u> to address critical gaps in food security and income during this unprecedented time. The <u>Con Alma Health Foundation</u> continues to be engaged and is providing key <u>information resources</u> as well as health related grants to agencies across the State. The <u>Community Foundation for Southern New Mexico</u> has opened an emergency fund to support nonprofits.

In **Texas**, the <u>El Paso Community Foundation</u> created the <u>Coronavirus Fund</u> to help people, and nonprofits in the local community deal with the financial pressures brought on by the pandemic. El Paso Community Foundation, <u>FECHAC</u>, and Desarrollo Económico also recently partnered on the UNIDOS Fund to secure additional PPE for hospital workers in Cd. Juarez. The <u>Paso del Norte Health Foundation</u> created the <u>El Paso COVID-19 information</u> <u>hub</u>, and the <u>Paso del Norte Community Foundation</u> is partnering with United Way of El Paso to support the <u>El Paso COVID-19 Response Fund</u> to support nonprofit organizations serving the most vulnerable in the community including the homeless and elderly. <u>The San Antonio Area Foundation</u>, United Way of San Antonio and Bexar Counties, and multiple partners have unveiled the <u>COVID-19 Response Fund</u> to support local nonprofits serving the economically vulnerable.

Please consider supporting one of these local funds established to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your gift joins thousands of others working to build a safe and resilient community in the Borderlands.