COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND
APPLICATION GUIDELINES
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Introduction

The United Fund of Carroll County has recently formed a partnership with the Community Foundation of Carroll County, the United Way of Greater Lafayette and the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. This partnership is a joint effort to bring relief through the COVID-19 Response Fund to Carroll County's most vulnerable individuals and families impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The goal of the COVID-19 Response Fund is to rapidly deploy resources to local non-profit organizations that are offering emergency relief to families and individuals in need and to those who are looking for innovative means to provide support networks for those who need them the most. Funding for the COVID-19 Response Fund has been provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

These funds will help stabilize the Carroll County not-for-profit agencies supported by the United Fund of Carroll County and the broader safety net services by supporting local non-profits that are providing critical services to individuals and families. Funding priorities include housing assistance, utility assistance, childcare, prescriptions, mental health & substance use, food, non-profit sustainability and community development. Any organization wishing to submit a proposal must have a 501(c)3 status and serve residents of Carroll County.

Grant requests should be between $1,000 and $5,000. The first round of grant requests are due August 31, 2020. For application or additional information, please contact Julia Leahy (765)564-8221 or email Julia@carrollcountychamber.com or Barb Hickner (765)412-1081 or email Barb.Hickner@gmail.com

Agency Eligibility

Any organization wishing to submit a proposal must:

- Serve residents of Carroll County
- Have a 501(c)3 status or other nonprofit designation, as stated from the IRS in Health and Human Services

Funding Priorities

- Food distribution to students affected by school closures and other food insecure populations that are isolated or lack access
- Rent, utility, and prescription medication assistance for those displaced by employment interruption
- Access to childcare for families affected by closures especially for essential medical and emergency response staff
- Services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness who lack the resources to stay safe and receive medical treatment
- Access to mental health and substance use services during a time when isolation can significantly impact progress
- Sustaining nonprofits who are providing and supporting critical health and human services
- Long-term recovery and community development opportunities

Application Process

Step 1: Review Covid-19 Response Funding Priorities to determine if your request aligns.
Step 2: Complete and submit an application to Jennifer Million at jmillion@uwlafayette.org.

Carroll County grant requests should be between $1,000 and $5,000. Grant awards and reporting requirements will be communicated via email.

Deadline

This grant will have a rolling deadline until the funds are expended, but it will be distributed in stages for immediate/emergency needs, intermediate/ongoing needs and long term/recovery needs.

Review Process

All completed applications will be assessed through a review process by committees made up of community volunteers representing United Way of Greater Lafayette, Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, Community Foundation of Carroll County, United Fund of Carroll County and Benton Community Foundation. An agency may be contacted if additional information or clarification is needed.

Fund Distribution and Oversight

United Way of Greater Lafayette will manage the fund distribution process and provide oversight of the funds reporting requirements. All final funding allocations will be approved by the United Way of Greater Lafayette Board of Directors.