



# COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

## 2021 Eligibility & Application Instructions

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The 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant cycle is now open. SCF is accepting funding requests through June 30, 2021, or until funds are depleted. Qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organizations serving Solano residents are eligible to apply.

The Solano Community Impact Fund was established in mid-March 2020 to support nonprofits providing basic needs support to Solano County residents. While SCF is not able to support individuals with cash grants, we provide funding to nonprofits who are able to provide direct services to individuals and families impacted by COVID-19.

### SUPPORTING BELIEFS

- A. We believe that emergency response work will help alleviate the intermediate and long-term negative impact anticipated.
- B. We believe in partnering with trusted nonprofits and generous donors to address the gaps that emerge; and in supporting nonprofits to do this important work that requires tremendous effort and focus.
- C. We believe in supporting and growing the nonprofit community in Solano County to improve equity and to meet the needs of Solano Residents.
- D. We believe in transparency and collaboration, and in helping others, we balance compassion with due diligence to ensure fairness.

The full extent of the impact this pandemic has had, and will continue to have on our communities, is substantial. The needs of our residents and the organizations serving them are ongoing and complex.

These COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants will support Nonprofit partners as "second responders" who provide essential health care services and protect at-risk populations during a crisis. Eligible organizations are those currently providing emergency support services (basic needs, e.g., food, rent and utilities payments, and direct financial support) to vulnerable and marginalized individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 in Solano County.

### FUNDING FOCUS

Using SCF's [COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Application Form](#) nonprofits may apply for funding **up to \$25,000**. There are two focus areas:

- A. Direct Basic Needs Support. SCF's first priority is to provide funding to help low-income children and families, adults, and older adults struggling to secure basic needs (i.e., food, shelter, financial assistance, medicine) due to the hardship caused by COVID-19. Grantees will use these funds to support individuals and families in greatest need.
- B. Nonprofit Operating Support. SCF will also fund charitable organizations to help them continue operating and delivering services. Grantees will use these funds to address the hardships caused by COVID-19 (i.e., payroll, rent, I.T. support, implementing required social distancing measures).

## **I. ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**

- A. Organizations must be qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofits or faith-based organizations serving Solano County populations. Private, for-profit businesses are not eligible for funding.
- B. Infrastructure supports the documentation of and accounting for utilization of funds.
- C. Funding will pay for (or reimburse) ongoing COVID-19 response efforts and direct relief for people who live in Solano County.
- D. Future preparedness or resiliency planning programs are not eligible for funding.

## **II. USE OF GRANT MONIES**

- A. Funding support for Direct Basic Needs Support.
  - 1. Purchase or distribution of goods, resources, and materials to distribute to individuals and families, adults, and older adults directly affected by the pandemic (food, utilities, and rent assistance, healthcare, and mental health services).
  - 2. Programs that provide direct financial assistance for basic living expenses for individuals and families, adults, and older adults affected by COVID-19.
- B. Funding for Nonprofit Operating Support (to continue service delivery)
  - 1. Ongoing operating or program expenses needed to pay bills and keep the nonprofit 'open' and able to continue to perform mission and deliver services.
  - 2. To offset lost revenue due to canceled fundraising events, for staffing needs, and for equipment needed to work remotely or in-office.

## **III. APPLICATION SUBMISSION & NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

- A. Only one application per nonprofit organization will be funded at one time.
- B. The Application Form is a fill-in-the-blank PDF and content must be typed. An electronic signature is required. A hand-written application will not be considered.
- C. Applications must be submitted via email to [grants@solanocf.org](mailto:grants@solanocf.org) no later than June 30, 2021. SCF will send each applicant an email to confirm receipt of their application.
- D. SCF will determine funding status upon completion of review and scoring. Applicants may expect a funding status email within 5 to 10 business days after their request is received.
- E. Grantee award letters will be sent via email or regular mail. The grant payment will be processed and sent within 5 to 7 business days after funding status is determined.

## **IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS & PUBLICITY**

- A. Submission of a written Grantee Final Report is required of all grant recipients. The form will be sent to grantees via email.
- B. The report is due no later than December 31, 2021 or when grant monies have been spent, whichever is sooner.
- C. SCF's funding support must appear in grantee publicity releases, in social media and in marketing materials, etc.
- D. Failure to submit a required final report may render the applicant ineligible to receive future grant awards.