

# COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

## Eligibility & Application Instructions

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The 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant cycle is now open and SCF is accepting funding requests through June 30, 2020, 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 emergency response and recovery efforts. While SCF is not able to support individuals with cash grants, we are granting funds to help those nonprofits who are able to provide basic needs support and emergency related direct services to individuals and families.

### SUPPORTING BELIEFS

- A. We believe that emergency response work is required immediately to 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 will have on our communities remains to be seen, however, it is already clear that the needs of our residents and the organizations serving them will be substantial. Community foundations across the Bay Area (all nine counties) are activating emergency funds to rapidly provide flexible resources to organizations working with those most vulnerable and deeply impacted by this crisis.

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

### FUNDING FOCUS

Using SCF's [COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Application Form](#) a nonprofit may apply for funding **up to \$10,000** to help meet the immediate, emergency needs. There are two focus areas:

- A. **Direct Basic Needs Support.** SCF's first priority is to provide funding to charitable organizations 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. Ideally grantees will distribute these funds to individuals and families.
- B. **Nonprofit Operating Support.** SCF will provide funding to charitable organizations to help them continue operating and delivering services to communities impacted by COVID-19, and related hardship caused by loss of wages, business closures and social distancing measures.

## **I. ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Eligible organizations include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations. Private, for-profit businesses are not eligible for funding.
- B. Eligibility to document and clearly account for utilization of funds.
- C. Funding can only be used to pay for (or reimburse) ongoing emergency response efforts and direct relief for people who live in Solano County.
- D. Future preparedness (a.k.a. resiliency) 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. Re-granting programs to provide direct financial assistance for basic living expenses for individuals and families, adults, and older adults affected by COVID-19 and the coronavirus health crisis pandemic.
- B. Funding for Nonprofit Operating Support (to continue service delivery)
  - 1. To offset revenue which may have been lost due to cancelled fundraising events, business closures, and equipment needed to work remotely.
  - 2. Ongoing operating or program expenses needed to pay bills and keep the nonprofit 'open' and continuing to deliver services.

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

- A. Only one application per nonprofit organization will be funded in one cycle.
- B. The Application Form is a fill-in-the-blank PDF and content must be typed. The completed form may be printed and signed, but an electronic signature is preferred.
- C. Applications must be submitted via email to [grants@solanocf.org](mailto:grants@solanocf.org) or by regular mail no later than June 30, 2020. SCF will send each applicant an email to confirm receipt of their application.
- D. Upon completion of review and scoring of an application SCF will determine funding status. SCF will notify applicants of their funding status by email within 3 to 5 business days after a request is received.
- E. Grantee award letters will be sent via email. The ACH/Wire Transfer grant payment will be processed within 7 business days after a request is received.

## **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 September 30, 2020 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.