

Gunnison Valley COVID-19 Recovery Fund Frequently Asked Questions

Should I give to this fund instead of making donations to nonprofits? This fund was not created to be the only way to get needed resources into the community, but to help channel resources that will have the highest immediate impact and to help facilitate coordination among entities.

We encourage you to connect with and give directly to any local nonprofit to which you are drawn. This is a critical time for many nonprofits and the broader business community. Please continue to give to the organizations you regularly support and those that need your help at this critical time. Local businesses are finding creative ways to continue to serve the community – support them how you can!

My organization is interested in resources from this fund. Can we be considered or apply? We understand the COVID-19 outbreak is impacting nonprofits in many ways including increased demand for services, lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges. CFGV is working closely with partners and the nonprofit community to ensure that the grants awarded meet the greatest basic needs in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. In order to move resources quickly, please fill in the short application found on the CFGV website: www.cfgv.org/covid-19-fund-application

I'm an individual or small business that has been affected by COVID-19. Can this Fund help me? Initially, CFGV is working to move resources to nonprofit and community-based organizations that are directly supporting families and individuals facing unprecedented or unexpected situations due to the coronavirus. Priority will be for organizations addressing immediate basic needs of food, health and safety.

While the fund cannot give money directly to individuals or businesses, it's funding community-based organizations that have experience and history of providing people and families with services and support. As we begin to award grants, we will post them to our website. Please check back for a list of the organizations that may be able to assist you.

I want to donate. How can I do that? There are many ways to donate.

1. Credit card: CFGV website COVID page (www.cfgv.org/covid-19). You'll find the Donate button at the bottom of the page.
2. Check: Make out to CFGV. Put COVID-19 in the memo line. Mail to CFGV, Box 7057, Gunnison, CO 81230
3. Stock: Email Pam Montgomery at pam@cfgv.org for instructions

I want to donate and restrict my gift to a particular grantee. Can I? To ensure we move resources as efficiently as possible and respond to the needs of communities most impacted, we're not considering restricted donations to this fund. The COVID-19 Recovery Fund was created in hopes of providing a way to coordinate as many resources as possible. If you have a passion for a specific nonprofit, please consider donating to them directly.

When will you share who receives a grant? We anticipate making the first round of grants in early April. A list of grantees will be published on CFGV's website, along with a short description of the services and support they are providing through the grant.

Is the CFGV office open? Our team is working from their homes. We are practicing social distancing and following all protocols and procedures recommended by Gunnison County and the County Health Department, and the State and Federal mandates. We have postponed all in-person events and internal meetings happen via conference call or Zoom.

Are there fees associated with a donation? 100% of funds received will be granted out. CFGV is not taking an administrative fee. If a donor gives through a donate button on the CFGV website, Network for Good will ask if the donor would like to cover the credit card fee. That decision is up to each donor.

What are the reporting requirements of a grant? The Fund will not add unnecessary burden to nonprofits already working beyond capacity. All grant recipients will be asked to submit a brief, final report.

How long does an awardee have to use a grant? Because the purpose of these grant awards is to provide immediate relief, all grants awarded through these funds should be used in their entirety within two months of the grant award. If these grant funds are NOT utilized within two months, please contact maryo@cfgv.org to discuss an extension or how to best put the dollars to work in our community as quickly as possible. Shorter project timelines are also entirely acceptable.

Can an agency submit more than one proposal? Applicants may submit more than one application for projects that are substantially different in nature. An application submission is required for each separate funding request.

More questions? Please direct all general questions about the Fund to Maryo Ewell at maryo@cfgv.org.