

## **Gunnison Valley COVID-19 Recovery Fund GRANT GUIDELINES**

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV) recognizes that the occurrence of the COVID-19 epidemic calls for grantmaking outside our regular Community Grant timeframe. The Foundation's COVID-19 Recovery Fund will assist nonprofits and appropriate public entities in meeting extraordinary needs. Initially, priority will be given to 1) those entities serving the most vulnerable populations in Gunnison County (those most disproportionately affected by the virus) and 2) to meeting unmet and necessary immediate needs. Operating grants will fund organizations that have deep roots with priority populations and services, such as human service and health nonprofits serving neighbors facing unprecedented, unexpected situations because of the coronavirus. For instance, we anticipate that programs serving school aged kids on free and reduced lunch will need financial help.

The funds available, as well as frequency of distribution, depends upon the community's support. It is our intent to distribute grants on a rolling basis as funds are raised.

CFGV will not limit the number of times an agency can ask for help, but determination of priority will ultimately rest with the CFGV Board. CFGV reserves the right to ask additional questions and to audit the use of any grants made to ensure that monies spent are consistent with the Fund's intent.

CFGV will balance our commitment to distributing the generous support of donors to nonprofits working on the frontlines in an expedited manner, while following best practices in disaster recovery grantmaking. A Grantmaking Advisory Committee comprised of community members who reside across the County, as well as Community Foundation staff, will review grant applications. The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for all grantmaking.

Qualified Applicants for initial funding:

- Organizations with Internal Revenue 501(c)(3) status and qualified tax-exempt entities (schools, government agencies) supporting access to appropriate health care and meeting essential human needs such as food access and emergency services for individuals and families impacted by the virus.  
*(Note: CFGV is not able to grant to individuals; only to agencies that in turn serve individuals and families.)*

To be considered for the first round of grant awards, applications must be submitted by Monday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m. The first round of grant awards will be made during the first week in April and additional rounds of grants, as funding is available through community support, will be made on an ongoing and rolling basis.

CFGV is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on the community, particularly our most vulnerable neighbors. We are coordinating with our County Public Health and Human Service Departments, Gunnison Watershed School District, Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority, TAPP/ICELab, and nonprofit partners to identify and respond to specific needs as they arise. An initial survey was sent to all nonprofits asking for feedback about the most immediate and intermediate needs. The fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials and nonprofits to expand capacity to address aspects of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. Other sources of funding should be expended before the COVID-19 funds are requested and used.

Intermediate needs will be evaluated at the time the first wave of the crisis has passed and will be dependent on donations to the fund.

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.