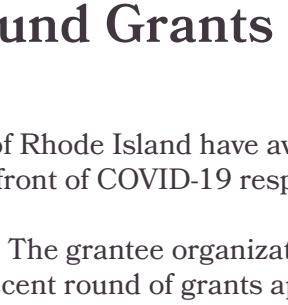


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COVID-19 Response Fund Grants

April 3, 2020

Rhode Island Foundation and United Way of Rhode Island have awarded a total of \$3.6 million to 76 local organizations at the forefront of COVID-19 response.

Three rounds of grants have been awarded. The grantee organization and brief grant descriptions appear below, with the most recent round of grants appearing first.

A joint grants review committee – composed of team members from the Foundation and from United Way of Rhode Island – are working together to review applications and make funding decisions.

Round Three April 3, 2020

Organization

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

East Bay Community Action Program

Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center

Higher Ground International

Hope Recovery Network, Inc.

James L. Maher Center

John Clark Retirement Center

Latino Public Radio

Learning Community Charter School

Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Newport Community School

Nonviolence Institute

Northern RI Food Pantry

Progreso Latino, Inc.

Providence Community Health Centers, Inc.

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Smith Hill Community Development Corporation

The Collective

The College Crusade of Rhode Island

The Groden Center

Tri-County Community Action Agency

Women's Resource Center

Grant description

The funding will support telehealth services, staffing for a helpline, and direct assistance funds to defray the cost of transportation, groceries, laundry, supplies, and other essential services.

This grant will support staffing and basic needs so that the organization may continue to provide services to victims of domestic violence who seek to escape a dangerous environment during the COVID-19 crisis.

These funds will help to maintain program operations to support refugee populations with unemployment claims, information about the current pandemic outbreak in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner, and basic human needs.

The grant will allow for the purchase and implementation of a tele-health tool and will also support the food pantry, limited home visiting to elders, and overall operations at four integrated health sites. Funding will also be used to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to clients who are in need of essential items such as food, formula and diapers, medications, utility assistance, and more.

With this funding, the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center will be able to continue essential support for domestic violence victims and their families and will provide additional resources required to those for whom leaving their abusers is not possible while in quarantine.

Grant funds will be used to hire essential social and medical staff lost due to the pandemic, mitigate psychosocial and basic needs by maintaining safe social connections to ensure mental and health stability of vulnerable elders.

The funding will support residents in six different locations to supplement food and fee expenses for vulnerable populations.

The grant will be used to retain essential staff who are providing the "Day Program To Go", to shield 200 participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities from the depression, anxiety, loss of self-determination, erosion of social skills, and other effects from the diminution of social interaction.

Funds will support the care and treatment of nursing home residents and apartment tenants to ensure dietary needs are met as they shelter in place. The grant will also allow agency to purchase personal protective equipment, incontinence products, and to address technology barriers and additional staffing needs.

Grant funding will allow the organization to create three additional streaming channels to communicate important information related to the COVID-19 crisis to vulnerable Spanish-speaking populations – the elderly, youth of all ages, and Mexican/South American Rhode Islanders.

This funding will support assistance to school families in paying basic living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, and healthcare. This grant will also support the Learning Community to continue case management, legal counsel, and wraparound support for families.

The grant will allow Mount Hope Neighborhood Association to address impact of COVID-19 on the WIC program, and to sustain their local food pantry – including food drop-off to seniors/older adults, the homeless, residents with low income, handicapped individuals and their families.

This funding will support the expansion of the food pantry beyond nonperishable products to personal care, household cleaning, and gift cards to local grocery stores to purchase fruit, vegetables, and meat to support families in need in collaboration with the Newport Public Schools and local adult job training programs.

Grant funding will provide direct assistance to clients and will support the continued efforts of staff.

The funds will support food assistance to vulnerable populations in Northern Rhode Island.

This grant will allow Progreso Latino to provide assistance to individuals and families in Central Falls and Pawtucket that are ineligible for public benefits with basic needs and home rental assistance.

Grant funding will ensure continued provision of primary care services through direct visits and telehealth to help as many people as possible to shelter in place, handle simple and chronic conditions over the phone, and manage mild to moderate influenza within their homes instead of the emergency room or hospital.

For the duration of the crisis, the Food Bank will act as the grocery supplier for Rhode Island's food assistance network. This funding will support the Food Bank in its efforts to continue operations at a high level, ensuring that there is enough food in the network to provide some assistance to all those in need.

These funds will support the Smith Hill CDC in providing rental assistance to tenants and low-wage workers in the service and hospitality industry.

This grant will be used to meet basic needs such as food, rent, cash assistance and household supplies for children and families with unemployed caregivers, senior shut-ins, and high risk individuals.

The College Crusade will give emergency grants to first-generation, low-income college students who are adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This grant will keep group residences staffed and supplied, and will provide the funding needed to expand telehealth, virtual group and 1:1 sessions, and to purchase other technology to enhance distance learning with vulnerable clients.

The grant will provide direct support such as emergency food, sanitary supplies, medical expense relief, and rental/utilities assistance to clients.

These funds will ensure that the needs of victims of domestic violence are met and that staff have access to the equipment, supplies, and technology they need to provide free and confidential services to clients.

Round Two April 3, 2020

Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR)

Amos House

Blackstone Valley Community Health Care

Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center

Capital Good Fund

CareLink, Inc.

Child & Family

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic

College Visions

Community Action Partnership of Providence

Family Service of Rhode Island

Genesis Center

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation

Hope & Main

New Beginnings, Inc.

Newport Mental Health

Oliveville Neighborhood Association

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island

Pawtucket Central Falls Development

Project Weber/RENEW

Provident Housing Authority

ReFocus, Inc.

Refugee Development Center

Westbay Community Action

Young Voices

United Way

United Way