

COVID-19 Community Response Fund Application

Billings Community Foundation

Grant Guidelines Priorities



About the Fund

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund was established in partnership by the Billings Community Foundation and the United Way of Yellowstone County. It is receiving support from individuals, corporations, and foundations throughout our region to provide immediate and coordinated response to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Fund will provide flexible resources to 501(c)3 organizations in Yellowstone County and surrounding rural communities working with citizens who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the economic consequences of this pandemic.
- The Fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local nonprofit capacity to address all aspects of the outbreak pandemic as efficiently as possible.
- The Fund's first priority and focus is to distribute grants to nonprofit organizations providing disaster relief efforts and serving economically vulnerable children, families, and seniors impacted by COVID-19.

Weekly Grant-making Timeline

The Fund will begin accepting applications on Monday, March 30th.

- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling weekly basis each Thursday.

- Award notifications and followup ACH requests will be submitted on Fridays.
- Grant distributions will be processed within three business days of approval.
- **The Fund grant cycle will remain active until it is depleted.**

Fund Guidelines

75% of all contributions into the Fund will be immediately made available to meet growing needs in the following priority categories:

1. Shelter and housing assistance
2. Food security for children, families, and seniors
3. Basic needs to meet increased demand
4. Maintaining existing services to vulnerable population
5. Non-profit capacity to meet social distancing guidelines.

Application Process

Requests of \$2,500 or less may be submitted weekly.

Only 501(c)3 organizations in the following counties are eligible to apply at this time:

- Bighorn County
- Carbon County
- Custer County
- Fergus County
- Musselshell County
- Rosebud County
- Stillwater County
- Treasure County

- **Yellowstone County**

***Preference is currently being giving to charitable organizations in Yellowstone County meeting the highest needs.**

****When needs are equal, weight will be given to those organizations who have not previously received a grant from the Fund.**

Yellowstone County Continuum of Care

In an effort to reduce duplicative process and inefficiency, the remaining 25% of the COVID 19 Response Fund will go directly to the *Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC) Diversion Fund* to meet growing shelter and homelessness needs.

The CoC is an experienced and coordinated group of non-profit leaders well suited to effectively address emergency housing assistance.

*CoC members will access those funds through the existing CoC Diversion Fund procedures.

**CoC members are invited to apply to the COVID-19 Community Response Grant Cycle for needs not currently being met through the CoC Diversion Fund or other CoC mechanisms.

*** In order to stay responsive to ever changing needs, the guidelines, process, and application herein is also subject to change.

COVID-19 Immediate Relief Grant Application

Project Name*

Name of Project.

Character Limit: 100

Organization:*

Character Limit: 100

EIN:*

Character Limit: 100

Mission Statement:*

Character Limit: 250

Zip Code*

Character Limit: 100

Contact Name:*

Character Limit: 100

Phone:*

Character Limit: 100

Email:*

Character Limit: 254

Area Served:*

Please select all that apply.

Choices

- Bighorn County
- Carbon County
- Custer County
- Fergus County
- Musselshell County
- Rosebud County
- Stillwater County
- Treasure County
- Yellowstone County

How has your organization been impacted by the spread of COVID-19?*

Choices

- Cancellation of programs or services resulting in revenue loss
- Disruption of services to clients and communities
- Increased demand for services from clients and communities
- General decrease in donations, not associated with events

If your organization is providing services to children, families, and/or seniors:

Please select all of the following priority areas that best align with you services you will provide in response to COVID-19:

Choices

- Childcare
- Education Support
- Eldercare
- Food Security
- Healthcare
- Health Well-being/Mental Health
- Human Services

Request Amount:*

Character Limit: 20

Brief Description:*

What supplies, services, or equipment are you requesting. How will they increase the organization's impact.

Character Limit: 500

Simplet Budget:*

Specifically list how these funds will be spent and/or what they will pay for.

Example:

- \$600 Computer
- \$2000 100 boxes of Baby Wipes

Character Limit: 150

Reach:*

Please describe the anticipated number of individuals or households that will be directly impacted. When applicable, include demographic information.

Example:

We serve on average 65 individuals per month who are ...at risk, below poverty, homeless, etc..., but have seen an increase to over 150 since the COVID-19 pandemic. We anticipate these funds will allow us to serve 450 individuals in our community over the next 3 months.

Character Limit: 500

Timeframe:*

Please indicate the anticipated start and end date.

Character Limit: 500

Is there any additional information that would be helpful for us to know?

Character Limit: 250