



**Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund
Grantmaking Framework
March 19, 2020**

Overview

The COVID-19 coronavirus has stunned the world and is taking its toll on every individual and organization, including our community's nonprofits. To support the response to this unprecedented challenge, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and United Way of Larimer County established the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund. This effort will provide funding to local nonprofit organizations that work with people disproportionately affected by the consequences of COVID-19. Initially, these recipients include human service organizations that address food insecurity, especially for youth and older adults.

Grantmaking Process

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (CFNC) and United Way of Larimer County are committed to identifying local nonprofits that work with people disproportionately affected by the consequences of COVID-19. We 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 Committee comprised of community members who reside across Larimer County, as well as Community Foundation and United Way staff, will review grant applications and will make funding recommendations to the Foundation's and United Way's presidents.

Funding requests from **nonprofit organizations** are now being accepted **via the application form on the Community Foundation's website** (<https://www.nocofoundation.org/covid-19>).

To be considered for the first round of grant awards, applications must be submitted by Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m. The first round of grant awards will be made by March 31 and additional rounds of grants, as funding is available through community support, will be made on an ongoing and rolling basis.

Funding Priorities

The grantmaking framework is designed to be flexible and broad to meet immediate needs that may vary within Larimer County. The fund's primary goal is to extend financial resources to charitable organizations in Larimer County that are directly supporting individuals impacted by COVID-19.

Priority Areas

PRIMARY:

- Human services – to address basic needs especially related to food insecurity especially related to older adults and youth

SECONDARY:

- Childcare – to provide quality care and connection to caring adult while families are working on recovery efforts
- Mental health – to support the emotional impact of living **in** crisis and returning to stability
- Re-engaging in workforce – to remove barriers to returning to work, including ensuring jobs are available to return to in local communities
- Housing – to re-establish safe and stable housing and provide eviction prevention

Funding decisions will be based upon how well each prospective grantee can demonstrate:

- How grant funding will meet immediate needs that resulted from the COVID-19 coronavirus.
- The organizational capacity to meet such needs and accomplish the proposed activities.

- Alignment with the funding priorities identified in these guidelines.
- Evidence of coordination between local organizations to help reduce duplication and ensure greater effectiveness in program and project implementation.
- Financial support from other donors and/or grantmaking organizations.

Application Process

Grant applications **must be submitted using the online form and instructions** on the Community Foundation's website (<https://www.nocofoundation.org/covid-19>). Please read the instructions in their entirety prior to submitting the form to ensure your application includes the required attachments.

Applications will be reviewed, and funding decisions will be made, on a rolling basis.

Summary and FAQs

Eligible Organizations: 501c3 public charities in good standing with the IRS based in Larimer County, Colorado. **No grants will be made to individuals, government entities, or for-profit organizations.**

Reporting: 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 and financial accounting [using a form](#) that will be posted on the Community Foundation's website and distributed to grant recipients; the report may be submitted anytime within 1-year of the grant award date.

Award Amounts: The minimum grant amount will be \$2,500. We anticipate that grant awards will range between \$2,500 and \$25,000, although no maximum request or award amount has been set.

Award Duration: 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 donorservices@nocofoundation.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.

Multiple Applications: Applicants may submit more than one application for projects that are **substantially** different in nature. A complete application submission is required for each separate funding request.

Timeline: Rolling. To be included for consideration in the first round of grants, applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

Questions: Contact the Community Foundation at donorservices@nocofoundation.org or (970) 224-3462.