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## Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund

The Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund (CCRF) was created by the Chicago Community Trust and United Way of Metro Chicago in partnership with the City of Chicago to rapidly deploy resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak in the Chicago region. The primary goal of the CCRF is to provide resources and essential human services to residents that may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including low income families with children, seniors, medically fragile people, and people who are experiencing homelessness.

## OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS

The CCRF is accepting grant proposals from established direct service providers **providing emergency response services** to people in the Chicago area impacted by COVID-19. The CCRF grant-making working group will consider competitive proposals from organizations using a **targeted approach** – serving a particular need, population, or community – to respond to COVID-19. Grants will be reviewed over multiple cycles, with an initial focus on crisis response. A total allocation up to \$2,500,000 is anticipated per cycle. Only organizations providing services in the identified focus areas will be considered at this time. The grant-making working group will consider adding additional focus areas and populations in future cycles.

## FOCUS AREAS (4/13/2020 Round)

- 1) Access to Health Care (grants range from \$25K-\$100K)
- 2) Stable Housing, Emergency Shelter & Supportive Services (grants range from \$25K-\$100k)
- 3) Community Hubs Providing Emergency Supplies, Financial Assistance, or Outreach (grants at \$25K)

## PRIORITIZING FACTORS

- 1) **Populations:** African Americans, Latinx, undocumented immigrants, aging adults, families with children, individuals surviving domestic violence, people with disabilities, justice-involved individuals
- 2) **Geographic priorities:** communities with high instances of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (rate or number), high rates of chronic disease, and poverty
- 3) **Intersectional & Data-Driven:** priority will be given to organizations with services that are cross-cutting and driven by real time data (e.g., increase access to health care for Black residents at high risk of contracting COVID-19; provide direct financial assistance to undocumented workers unable to access relief from the CARES Act)



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In addition to the open application, the CCRF will continue to support a small number of organizations on an invite-only basis. Invitations will be issued to select organizations taking a broad approach to addressing COVID-19 and/or for time-sensitive initiatives addressing urgent needs.

**WHEN:** Application open Monday, April 13 through Monday, April 20

- Monday, April 13 – The application opens on the website that will link to United Way's e-Climpact grants management system.
- Monday, April 20 – The application closes at 5:00 pm; organizations that do not submit by this deadline will be considered for future rounds of funding.
- Week of May 4 (Expected) – Notification of grant awards/recipients.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be considered for funding, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- 501c3 status with good financial standing at start of COVID-19 pandemic
- Direct service provider and/or works in coalition with members to provide resources
- Service areas within Chicago, Suburban Cook County, DuPage County, Lake County, McHenry County, Will County, Kane County and/or Kendall County.