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## **CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMITS \$500,000 TO CORONAVIRUS RELIEF**

*Grants will support food distribution, healthcare worker safety, and communications*

(FRESNO, CA) - Today, the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) announced that it will grant \$500,000 to Central Valley nonprofits responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 17, the organization has raised or received commitments of more than \$300,000 from individual, corporate, and philanthropic donors for general emergency relief. In addition, CVCF has committed \$200,000 of its own resources to supporting veterans who are impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

The CVCF Team worked with public, private, and nonprofit partners to identify the most pressing needs in our community. Grant funding will support critical work in the following areas:

- **Food/Supply Distribution** – Multiple nonprofit partners who are working together to provide prepackaged food and essential supplies through various distribution sites as well as daily individual deliveries to over 800 elderly and immunocompromised residents in Fresno, Madera, and Tulare counties.
- **Healthcare Worker Safety** – Funding and equipment will be donated to area health care providers to help protect medical personnel during this critical time.
- **Coordinated Communication of Reliable Public Information**- Support for United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties to fully staff the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Helpline to manage the increased volume of non-emergency calls from people looking for updated information and assistance. In addition to the call center, funding will support a regional communications campaign in multiple languages to share information and community resources related to this virus.

With the initial funds raised, grants will be made to 12 nonprofit agencies, including the Central California Food Bank, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Catholic Charities Dioceses of Fresno, Poverello House, Marjaree Mason Center, Fresno Barrios Unidos, Fresno Metro Ministries, Every Neighborhood Partnership, HandsOn Central California, Central Valley Children's Services, and United Way of Fresno & Madera Counties.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund is made possible by individual gifts from local donors and with the support of The California Endowment, the James B. McClatchy Foundation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the Sierra Health Foundation, CalWellness, and Comcast.

CVCF will continue to accept donations to address growing and constantly changing challenges related to COVID-19. Donations can be made by visiting [www.centralvalleycf.org/donate](http://www.centralvalleycf.org/donate). 100% of your contribution will be mobilized to support our community's most vulnerable people.

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## CVCF COMMITS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF



Founded in 1966, the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) is a trusted community partner in California's Central Valley. Our mission is to cultivate smart philanthropy, lead, and invest in solutions that build stronger communities. Our service area includes 2 million people living in six counties: Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings. CVCF attracts investment and deploys resources to solve persistent economic, environmental, and social challenges in four key areas: education, economic development, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood renewal.

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