

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND ROUNDUP

Report from 4/20/2020 through 5/4/2020



## ABOUT THE FUND

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund at the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) was launched to help our region meet the developing challenges linked with the recent coronavirus pandemic. Emergency grants are being made to nonprofit organizations and other health industry partners that have deep roots and strong experience supporting impacted communities, particularly those that are disproportionately affected by this global pandemic and its economic consequences.

Grants focus on three critical areas: food security, support for healthcare workers, and coordinated communications strategies.

CVCF is working in close collaboration with local health agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and other community partners to identify needs. Funds are being directed to reliable partners who can quickly deploy and leverage the funds for the greatest impact. To date, we have disbursed \$510,000 to 33 organizations in six counties.

As a community foundation, CVCF is uniquely built to attract and deploy resources quickly and to adapt to evolving community needs. For 53 years, we have been this community's trusted philanthropic partner and we will continue to lead and serve throughout this crisis.

## GRANTEES

### Communications and Coordination of Resources

#### **Agency-CBO Coordination Call**

CVCF, the United Way, a half dozen additional community organizations, and the County of Fresno cohost a countywide "Agency-CBO Coordination Call" on Thursday mornings with over 500 participants. The agenda changes weekly to address topical issues including education, healthcare, and legal resources. To join the next call, or find material from past calls, please visit [centralvalleycf.org/CovidCall](http://centralvalleycf.org/CovidCall).

#### **Cradle to Career Fresno County**

Leading work to coordinate communication throughout the community on available resources including food, childcare, and continued learning at all grade levels.

#### **Fresnoland**

Reporting and community engagement for rural/impacted populations on housing issues, including rent relief options, and hosting forums with housing experts and advocates.

#### **GO Public Schools Fresno**

Facilitating engagement to help parents transition to distance learning for their children and to navigate available resources.

#### **Helping Others Pursue Excellence**

Providing vocational training, job placement, and resources for job seekers and entrepreneurs.

### Food/Essentials/Shelter

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California**

Providing mental health services, food and supply distribution, and support for vulnerable children and their families, as well as one-on-one relationships that change childrens' lives for the better.

**Centro La Familia Advocacy Services**

Increased capacity for advocacy and resource distribution for low income families throughout Fresno County.

**Community Service Employment Training – Tulare County**

Providing meals to over 750 senior citizens through CSET's Senior Services in Tulare.

**Family Services of Tulare County**

Providing emergency services including shelter for survivors fleeing violence, crisis intervention for those seeking sexual assault forensic exams, and emergency food and hygiene products at Freedom House youth drop-in center.

**Fresno State Student Cupboard**

Free food and hygiene pantry for current Fresno State students that is stocked with produce and pre-packaged grocery bags.

**Madera County Food Bank**

Serving Madera County including the cities of Madera, Chowchilla, and Fairmead, as well as Raymond, Coasegold, Oakhurst and North Fork. Due to the current crisis, demand has increased from 35,000 individuals per month to 78,000 per week.

**Marjaree Mason Center**

Domestic violence calls are up more than 30% and shelter and safety houses are at capacity; this grant is being used for hotel vouchers for women and children affected by domestic violence.

**Merced County Food Bank**

Serving Merced and Mariposa Counties to meet demand that has increased by 300-400% since mid-March.

**Neighborhood Industries**

Through the Take Care Program, Neighborhood industries is delivering nearly 750 boxes of groceries each week to vulnerable populations in over 60 cities in 7 Counties (Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Tulare). Neighborhood Industries employes individuals living in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty, who would otherwise be out of work due to the pandemic. Since March 15, Take Care has provided 50,000 meals.

**Poverello House**

Meeting the increase in need to serve meals and essential services for people who are hungry, homeless, and hurting throughout this crisis.

**Ram Pantry: Fresno City College**

Free food assistance program providing pre-packaged groceries for Fresno City College students.

**Westside Family Preservation Services Network**

Serving nearly 350 families per week in rural western Fresno County as well as providing health services and resources to those who are temporarily homeless due to domestic violence or unable to prevent child abuse and/or neglect in the home.

**Support for Healthcare Workers****CVCF PPE Delivery**

Leveraging its buying power and the generosity of philanthropic partners, Central Valley Community Foundation has delivered over 50,000 surgical face masks to date to clinics, hospitals, and public service organizations throughout the Central Valley with additional supplies on the way.

**Clinica Sierra Vista**

Testing and treating patients in rural Kern and Fresno Counties. By mid-April, Clinica Sierra Vista has tested 1,173 patients at 23 clinics.

**Family HealthCare Network**

Healthcare for rural populations and undocumented residents at 35 clinical sites throughout Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties.

**The Pi Shop**

The organization is making face shields and donating them to frontline medical professionals and retail/service workers.

**United Health Centers**

Providing healthcare and COVID testing for vulnerable rural and undoumented residents at 25 locations in Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties.

**Valley Health Team**

Serving patients at 11 locations in underserved, rural areas throughout western Fresno County.