

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND ROUNDUP

Report from 5/4/2020 through 5/19/2020



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 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.

CVCF began grant making within three focus areas (Food and Essential Services, Support for Frontline Health Workers, and Coordination of Resources), and while CVCF will continue to focus on Phase One priorities, we are also moving into Phase Two of our grant making, 'Inclusive Recovery and Sustainable Re-Opening,' which will include supporting:

- Micro-enterprises and small businesses (*particularly those not receiving Federal stimulus funds*);
- Financial stability and employment opportunities for vulnerable communities (*particularly for undocumented people and those not eligible for stimulus funds*); and
- Community, medical, and public health collaboration that supports sustainable and safe re-opening.

CVCF will continue 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 \$610,000 to 40 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*

Food/Essentials/Shelter

Catholic Charities of Merced County

Serving families in crisis by supplying food, clothing, diapers, and other basic life necessities.

The Salvation Army

Assemble and deliver boxes of canned goods, shelf-stable food, fresh produce, and personal care items to families who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

UC Merced Bobcat Pantry

The Bobcat Pantry provides weekly, prepackaged grocery bags of nutritious and healthy food for all graduate and undergraduate students.

Support for Healthcare Workers

Feed the Frontlines Fresno

Partner with local restaurants to provide meals for frontline workers so they can continue to save lives on the frontlines of the region's COVID-19 crisis. Meals are delivered daily to each of the region's hospitals from various local restaurants.

*This list represents grants awarded over the last two weeks only, not a comprehensive list of grants made from the CVCF COVID fund.

Small Business and Employment Support

Downtown Fresno Foundation

In response to the crisis, the Downtown Fresno Foundation, in partnership with the CVCF and JP Morgan Chase launched the “Re-Start Downtown Fresno Grant” to address the 75% decrease in revenues that small businesses in Downtown Fresno are experiencing. Businesses within the Downtown Fresno Property Based Improvement District area that did not receive Federal stimulus funds can apply for up to \$2,500 in one-time grant funding to help cover business-related expenses, giving them a much-needed hand to replace lost inventory, pay bills, and pay employees.

Restore Merced

Community development effort focused on providing employment opportunities for extremely low income residents in Merced, CA.