

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND ROUNDUP

Report from 5/20/2020 through 6/19/2020



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 62 grants totaling over \$2,300,000 to 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

Central California Food Bank

The Food Bank regularly provides food to over 70,000 households monthly and has seen a 50% increase at distribution sites throughout the Central Valley throughout this crisis. Since March 1, the Foodbank has provided enough food for 12 million meals throughout Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern counties.

Break the Barriers

Providing (now remote) support to improve physical and cognitive performance for disabled veterans.

Fresno EOC/United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties

Implement a coordinated rapid pandemic response for African American residents in Fresno County to ensure equitable access to critical financial relief, education, resources, food, stabilization, and case management to minimize adverse health outcomes and socioeconomic disparities, with targeted focus in the Fresno GROWS Best Babies Zone. These dollars were matched by United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties.

Insight Garden Program

Provide staff support as they work to process an influx of early releases for inmates at Avenal State Prison due to COVID-19.

Merced County Veterans Services

Connecting veterans with essential services and support through the “Project Veterans Information and Access” sites.

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).

Valley Crisis Center-Alliance for Community Transformations

Based in Mariposa and Merced counties, provides responsive and preventative services to individuals and families through partnerships and collective action to create safe, healthy, and socially just communities where every member thrives.

Wings Advocacy Fresno

Provides valuable services and household goods to the most vulnerable families in Fresno including veteran-headed households.

Power of One Foundation

Provided food assistance through a food distribution event in Mendota.

Support for Healthcare Workers

Community Medical Centers

Providing resources, equipment, and support to frontline healthcare workers at CMC sites.

Small Business and Employment Support

Chinatown Fresno Foundation

Provided funding to establish the Re-New Chinatown grant program which will provide small business grants to those negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The historic Chinatown district, located between downtown and Southwest Fresno, will provide financial assistance to ten small businesses to be used to recover normal business expenses lost as a result of the pandemic. Priority was given to businesses with delayed open dates set forth from the state and local government.

Downtown Fresno Foundation

Providing initial funding to launch the Re-Start Downtown Fresno grant program which awarded thirty-one small businesses one-time grant funds to cover business related expenses to replace lost inventory, rent, utilities and payroll. Additional funders who joined in to support small business include JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo along with additional private donations from CVCF donors and Fresno Grizzlies.

Fresno Arts Council

Investment into the organization’s Safety Net Fund, providing support to those who enrich the local economic and community wellbeing through their art.

Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce

Provided initial funding in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to launch the Re-Start grant to support small black business owners in Fresno who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The Fresno Metro Black Chamber will focus grant allocations to those businesses who did not receive financial assistance from emergency funds from federal, state and local entities looking to re-start their businesses as the state begins to re-open.