



# **COVID-19 REGIONAL RESPONSE FUND**

## **Community Grants**

Request for Proposal

Proposals due by 3:00 pm Central Time on **April 21, 2020**

Grant Application available at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives>



## Overview

The COVID-19 Regional Response Fund (“the Fund”) will direct resources to regional nonprofits that are serving local communities disproportionately affected by the coronavirus crisis and its economic fallout.

In an effort to identify the region’s most pressing needs and create an equitable process, The St. Louis Community Foundation has established an Advisory Council which includes representatives from the areas of public health, government, and the community. The needs of the community and our nonprofits will change throughout the crisis. The Council will work to consider needs today, a month from now and during the recovery period. The earliest stages of the shutdown within the region are of the highest priority.

Using the St. Louis Community Foundation’s Center for Civic Research and Innovation affiliate, we will monitor the grants that are made and the impact they are having to guide additional gifts and program modifications as needed.

Successful applicants will demonstrate the organization is both creative in planning to meet the needs of your client population and capable of implementing response efforts.

Requests for funding should not exceed \$10,000.

## Impact Areas

St. Louis Community Foundation is seeking partners currently implementing or planning emergency response to the COVID-19 crisis. Projects accepted for funding will be designed to significantly impact one of the following priorities:

- **Homebound Services**
- **Basic Needs**
- **Pregnant & Parenting Families**
- **Food Insecurity**
- **Health Care Safety Net**
- **Housing & Homelessness**
- **Mental & Behavioral Health**
- **Justice Involved Individuals**
- **Immigrants & Refugees**

Examples of projects include:

- Providing housing to COVID-19 positive or presumptive positive individuals who are unhoused
- Delivering food, toiletry items and other basic needs to homebound individuals
- Delivering food & basic needs to individuals and families in areas without access to retail stores and transportation
- Providing COVID education and basic needs services for immigrants and refugees
- Providing or facilitating access to prenatal and perinatal healthcare services
- Offering mental or behavioral health services to people dealing with the impacts of isolation

## Eligibility

St. Louis Community Foundation defines eligible organizations as any 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that meets the criteria outlined below. Organizations applying for funding must have at least two years of operating/financial history and must provide services within the designated 6 county region (Missouri - St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County and Illinois - Madison County, St. Clair County).

Other criteria include:

- A strong track record of responding to needs within low-income communities and among vulnerable populations
- Ability to use innovative methods to deliver services, particularly given limitations to face-to-face contact

As St. Louis reflects the national trend of a greater incidence of COVID-19 disproportionately impacting African-Americans, priority will be given to projects or programs operating with a racial equity focus.

The Advisory Council particularly favors applications that demonstrate effective collaborative partnerships.

## Exclusions

The COVID-19 Regional Response Fund is intended to implement emergency services and provide for the basic needs of the St. Louis Community. The Fund cannot provide funding to be expended on the following interests/entities:

- Lost revenue
- Any expenses not related to your COVID-19 response

## Timeline

Date	Activity
Monday, April 13, 2020	Request for Proposals released
Tuesday, April 21, 2020	Proposals due by 3pm
Friday, May 1, 2020	Grants announced
Week of May 4, 2020	Funds disbursed

## Application

The application for funding through the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund may be found on the St. Louis Community Foundation's on-line grant portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives>. As well as the application questions, complete applications will include:

- Copy of current organizational OPERATING BUDGET
- Copy of PROJECT BUDGET ([template can be found here](#))

## Contact

Please contact us with questions about the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund and this Request for Proposals.

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## Application Questions

1. Does your organization use another name?
2. Are you using a fiscal sponsor?
3. Board president
4. Organization mission and purpose (100 words)
5. Annual budget
6. Project title & brief overview
7. Impact Areas – please check all that apply to your organization’s COVID-19 response
  - ☐ **Homebound Services**
  - ☐ **Basic Needs**
  - ☐ **Pregnant & Parenting Families**
  - ☐ **Food Insecurity**
  - ☐ **Health Care Safety Net**
  - ☐ **Housing & Homelessness**
  - ☐ **Mental & Behavioral Health**
  - ☐ **Justice Involved Individuals**
  - ☐ **Immigrants and Refugees**
8. Geographic Area Served – please check all that apply to your organization’s COVID-19 response
  - ☐ **St. Louis City, Missouri**
  - ☐ **St. Louis County, Missouri**
  - ☐ **St. Charles County, Missouri**
  - ☐ **St. Claire County, Illinois**
  - ☐ **Jefferson County, Missouri**
  - ☐ **Madison County, Illinois**
9. Please describe the community needs resulting from the COVID-19 crisis that your organization has identified as your top priorities (max 350 words)
10. Please describe how your organization is addressing or proposes to address the needs you have identified as your top priorities (max 350 words).
11. Given the current community restrictions in place, how does your organization’s response to the COVID-19 differ from your standard programming? (max 350 words)
12. Who do you intend to reach with your response efforts and what is your organization’s history working with this group? Please include, as appropriate descriptors such as demographics including income, neighborhoods, population strengths, environmental factors and trends impacting the population, and any other information you believe is important to understanding this community. (max 350 words).
13. Approximately, how many individuals or families do you expect to serve with your COVID-19 response efforts? (integer)
14. Are you serving an increased number of individuals or families as a result of the COVID-19 crisis? Please explain (max 250 words).
15. Budget justification/explanation
16. Documents to upload
  - a. COVID-19 response budget
  - b. FY2020 Budget
17. By submitting this application you are stating your organization is committed to incorporating diversity, equity and including (DEI) into your policies and practices.