



FAIRFIELD COUNTY
COVID-19
RELIEF FUND

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Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund Continues to Support Non-Profits Affected by Pandemic

LANCASTER, Ohio – Nonprofits in Fairfield County can take action to alleviate some of the financial burdens brought on by the coronavirus pandemic by applying for funds from the COVID-19 Relief Fund, established in April by the Fairfield County Foundation (FCF) and United Way of Fairfield County's (UWFC). Since its inception, the fund has provided grants to 22 local nonprofits impacted by the pandemic. Area nonprofits should submit an application for consideration in the next round of funding now through July 10th. Awards will be made on July 15, 2020.

"While many businesses have returned to or resumed operations, the challenges resulting from COVID-19 continue to impact many organizations," said Amy Eyman, Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director. "We have provided more than \$64,000 in grants to 22 nonprofits through the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Funding has ranged from PPE and cleaning supplies, to shelter and food needs, and more. Our nonprofit needs are diverse, and with the flexible giving opportunities that COVID-19 Relief Fund provides, we are able to address those needs so the nonprofits can do what they do best."

To date, the COVID-19 Relief Fund has awarded grants to the following nonprofits:

Cycle 1

- **Bottoms Up** - Diapers and wipes for Fairfield Co. Agencies
- **Canal Winchester Human Services** - Emergency Assistance Program
- **Fairfield Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy** – Foggers/doorbells/UV sterilizer boxes
- **Fairfield Medical Center Foundation** - VapoTherm COVID-19 treatment equipment
- **Fairfield Up** - Food/Housing support for youth in Juvenile Court/protective services
- **Foundation Shelters** - Staff to allow residents to stay on facility 24/7
- **Hardbarger Impact Ministries** - Beds/vehicle repairs/mobile shelter
- **Lancaster First United Methodist Church** - Food/personal hygiene items
- **The Lighthouse** - Funds for increased operational needs due to COVID-19
- **Ohio Restaurant Assoc. Education Foundation** - Food/shelter/medical grants to workers affected by restaurant closings
- **Robert K Fox Family YMCA**- PPE/cleaning supplies/thermometers for childcare
- **Spreading the Sparkle**- Supplemental food/household products/educational supplies to Berne Union Families
- **St. Mark Church**- Food for St. Mark Food Pantry

Cycle 2

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** - Match supplies/PPE for in-person meetings
- **Columbus Blessing Boxes Project** - Food/supplies for 10 boxes in Fairfield County
- **Destination Downtown Lancaster** - Hand sanitizer stations & supplies, social distance markers
- **Fairfield Community Health Center** - PPE for their locations
- **Fairfield County TeenWorks** - Laser thermometer, masks, hand sanitizer and wipes

- **Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency** - Commercial upright freezer for increased need
- **Robert K Fox Family YMCA** - Childcare cost/needs due to reduced ratio - Sanderson location
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Increased demand for food boxes
- **Sozo Pediatrics** - Cleaning supplies and PPE

Nonprofit organizations that would like to apply for the next grant cycle can complete an application at www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/covid19-relief-fund by July 10. Applications will be reviewed by July 15.

Individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations interested in making charitable contributions to the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund can donate in one of three ways:

- Make checks payable to **Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund** and mail to Fairfield County Foundation, 162 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 OR United Way of Fairfield County, PO Box 2299, Lancaster, OH 43130-2299
- Give online at www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org or www.uwayfairfieldco.org and designate "Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund"
- Text "FCCOVID19" to 91-999

About the COVID-19 Relief Fund: In response to the call from a coalition of community advisors, the Fairfield County Foundation (FCF) and the United Way of Fairfield County (UWFC) have teamed up to establish the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide flexible grant resources, up to \$5,000, to qualified charitable organizations operating in Fairfield County that are directly supporting residents whose basic needs are going unmet due to COVID-19.

About the Fairfield County Foundation:

The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

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