

COVID-19 EMERGING NEEDS FUND



United Way of Rock River Valley and 815 Community Response Team Steering Committee **Emerging Needs Grant**

The purpose of the Emerging Needs Grant Fund is to support Human Service Organizations as they respond programmatically to the needs of individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences. This is a competitive grant application. Until further notice, deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, beginning on April 15, 2020. Applications will be reviewed and funds allocated by the last day of each month, beginning on April 30, 2020.

Priorities for funding are, but are not limited to:

- Emergency Supports
 - Housing
 - Utility Assistance
 - Medical Assistance
- Basic Necessities
 - Childcare
 - Food
 - Transportation
- Resources for Human Service Organizations as they respond to their clients' needs

The 815 Community Response Team Steering Committee is a partnership of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, The Kjellstrom Foundation, the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence, and United Way of Rock River Valley, which are part of the 815 Community Response Team that also includes Transform Rockford and the Workforce Connection.

Eligibility for Grant Allocations

In order to be eligible for a grant allocation from the Emerging Needs Fund, nonprofit agencies must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) Organization
- Be in operation and providing human services in Boone, Winnebago, Ogle or Stephenson counties for at least three years
- Have an active, local Board of Directors comprised of nonpaid volunteers who meet at least quarterly
- Maintain an annual operating budget
- Agree to the Emerging Needs Fund Memorandum of Understanding
- Comply in a timely manner to a request for information

Ineligibility for Grant Allocations

Agencies that provide programs or services described below are ineligible for funding:

- Are primarily political in nature.
- Provide programs or services limited solely to the members of a particular religious group. A program run by an agency with a religious affiliation may be granted funds, but only if the program is not religion-based and grant allocation funds are clearly not used for religious activities.

Review and modification of these standards may be made at the discretion and approval of the 815 Community Response Team Steering Committee.

Grant Application Form

A. Organizational Information

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Executive Director _____

Contact Person (if other than Executive Director) _____

Board Chair _____

Organization Mission _____

Signature of Executive Director

Date of Application

B. Grant Information

Name of Program _____

Amount of Request _____

C. Grant Narrative

Please consider the Emerging Needs Grant funding priorities listed on the first page of this document along with the following bullet points and tell us in a maximum of two (2) pages how a grant from the fund will assist your organization in serving families and individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences.

- Who will your program serve? How will you qualify clients/participants to avoid duplication of services and ensure efficient use of limited community resources?
- Is this program a collaborative effort? Who are your partners?
- If the Emerging Needs Fund cannot support your program with the full amount of your request, will you be able to access funding from other sources and run the program? Please explain your additional funding sources.

D. Deadline for application is the 15th of each month, beginning on April 15, 2020.

Email a completed copy of this packet, your grant narrative, and a copy of your 501(c)(3) exemption letter to lindas@unitedway.org or send a hard copy to Linda Sandquist, United Way of Rock River Valley, 612 N. Main Street #300, Rockford, IL 61103.

This is a simplified grant process for emerging needs. Contact Linda Sandquist at United Way of Rock River Valley at 815-289-1258 with any questions or concerns. In addition, the 815 Community Response Team Steering Committee is working on the development of a recovery package for long-term, operational support of human service organizations. Information will be shared as it becomes available.