



GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

GUIDELINES

The Will County COVID-19 Response Fund shall support nonprofits and human service organizations that are successfully responding, through community-based programs, to the needs of individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences. This is a competitive grant process, awarding one-time grants, and resources are limited.

Grants between \$1,000 and \$25,000 shall be made for operating, program and capital needs that are in demand because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Preferences shall be given to requests that are building capacity and meeting basic, human needs of Will County residents including but not limited to:

- Housing and Shelter
- Food Access
- Health and Mental Health
- Safety

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for a grant, nonprofit organizations must:

- Provide proof of existing/current 501(c)(3) tax status. (Current United Way of Will County Funded Impact Partners are exempt due to existing information on file.)
- Be in current operation and located within Will County, IL
 - Consideration will be given to organizations outside of county limits, but must show significant impact in serving Will County residents.
- Maintain an annual operating and program budget
- Comply to requests for information, including grant outcome reports

INELIGIBILITY

Organizations, programs and intended fund use as described below are ineligible for funding:

- To fund endowments, contingency funds, reserves, interest, or taxes
- For political organizations
- Reimbursement of services already rendered
- For 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 does not mandate nor require religious participation
- To re-start programs that have exhausted all other funding sources

PROCEDURES

Nonprofit organizations seeking support must complete the following application in its entirety.

- This will be a multi-phase grant process, with multiple award waves. Current deadlines are 4/16 and 4/30.
- Funding shall be made available immediately upon receipt of signed agreement.
- A final report on all funded projects shall be required by 6/30/2020.