

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF TOMPKINS COUNTY  
COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND



Community Foundation supports the many and varied ongoing local efforts in the nonprofit sector to address challenges brought forth by the coronavirus. We are engaging in collaborative efforts with other local funders to deliver a coordinated philanthropic response.

The COVID-19 Response Fund provides flexible resources to basic needs nonprofit organizations serving Tompkins County communities to address how they and their participants are impacted by this crisis. The fund does not make grants directly to individuals nor provide emergency paid leave.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND GRANTS – \$113,961 awarded, as of May 13, 2020**

An additional \$235,312 grants from donor advised funds and other Community Foundation funds have helped the organizations listed below, as well as Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Loaves & Fishes, Alternatives Impact, First Congregational Church, Advocacy Center, Downtown Ithaca’s Childcare Center, Community Arts Partnership, State Theatre, Cinemapolis, IPEI, Open Doors English.

**Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga - \$10,250**

Help people stay housed, fed, and as healthy as possible; providing direct support to families and individuals. Help applicants navigate other potential resources from State and Federal entities when the time comes.

**Challenge Workforce Solutions - \$6,000**

Technology and technology support for essential staff to have full remote support to meet the needs of program participants through YOUTH VOICE, Prevocational, SEMP, and Job Club programs; responding quickly and flexibly to essential needs of vulnerable individuals in this rapidly changing environment.

**Child Development Council - \$10,250**

Non-traditional staff childcare hours provided for essential workers, emergency funds for cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, diapers, wipes, blankets, and food for children. Emergency scholarship funds for childcare costs for clients feeling financial burden or odd work hours due to pandemic concerns.

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County – Family and Community Development - \$7,500**

Address the needs currently known, while also proposing to survey families on their current and emerging concerns and needs. To this end we are developing a survey for families intended to gather input and then help increase Protective Factors, focusing on social connections and access to concrete supports. [Ways to Promote Children's Resilience to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County - Healthy Food For All - \$17,036**

Emergent needs of low-income families in rural communities struggling to access fresh produce, CCETC's Healthy Food For All and Farm to School programs are partnering with Headwater Food Hub and Food Service Directors in Newfield, Dryden and Trumansburg to distribute fresh produce from local farms to food-insecure families in these districts.

**Foodnet Meals on Wheels - \$250**

Currently delivering regular and emergency frozen meals to their entire client base of older adults (i.e. home delivered and congregate clients) due to, and in anticipation of, potential service disruptions related to the COVID-19.

**Golden Opportunity - \$3,000**

Provide valuable connection between student and tutor. Purchase Tracfones for students to speak regularly with their tutor. Tracfones can be purchased for limited use and paid month-to-month with no additional fees. Many of GO students are without electronic devices and internet connections.

**Greater Ithaca Activities Center - Robin Fund - \$10,450**

Hardship assistance to individuals. We anticipate a significant growth in need. Typically, these "calamities" take the form of an unexpected illness or layoff upending their ability to pay rent or mortgage or basic utility costs; an expensive car repair; a death in the family with attendant funeral expenses. Assistance is provided as small grants or loans.

**Hospicare & Palliative Care Services - \$10,000**

Personal protective equipment for staff, soaps/sanitizers, cleaning fees paid to contractors, technology to support patients remotely, and to securely share records with referral partners.

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### **Human Services Coalition - \$10,000**

Establish a pool of funds to pay for technical support for nonprofits so that they can do the planning and other essential work necessary to help organizations survive the pandemic.

### **Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services (INHS) - \$10,125**

Support of INHS lending department's work-at-home technical needs so it can provide small business relief to those awaiting approval for economic disaster loan applications, and help provide relief to elderly citizens for rent relief, along with providing services to the elderly who are sheltering in place.

### **Southside Community Center - \$10,000**

Fiscal viability while ensuring the communities we serve have the information technology capacity needed to fully participate in society and the economy. Assist households obtain up-to-date technology, digital media equipment and maintain Internet connectivity while providing resources to become proficient in essential digital literacy skills to improve their economic opportunities and quality of life.

### **The Center for Community Transportation (Ithaca Carshare) - \$1,100**

Carshare usage for volunteer delivery of groceries and other essentials for those unable to access transportation, also transportation for symptomatic individuals to the TCHD testing site, and for essential workers who rely on bus systems.

### **The Salvation Army - \$5,000**

Providing pre-packaged food boxes, meals, and snacks to vulnerable populations. Homeless outreach serving 350 meals, snacks and water to those in The Jungle and housed in hotels. Food pantry and mobile food pantry outreaches to the county's neediest neighborhoods, serving over 135 households.

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**YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County - \$3,000**

Support facility needs, essential staff and expenses. The Y staff are taping programs and connecting through social media outlets providing classes and healthy information. The website is used to support members and the community and collect food with partners like Friendship Donation Network providing access to food at the Y front door. Upon reopening, scholarship assistance will be funded.

Further information and details about making a request are on Community Foundation's website: [cftompkins.org](http://cftompkins.org)