

## 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 – \$231,298, awarded, as of July 31, 2020

**An additional \$286,612 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, Alternatives Impact, Advocacy Center, First Congregational Church, Community Arts Partnership, State Theatre, Cinemapolis, IPEI, Open Doors English, Tompkins County Workers Center, Village at Ithaca, Mama’s Comfort Camp, St. John’s Community Services.

#### **Advocacy Center of Tompkins County - \$6,225**

To support enhanced hotline services due to increased call volume and additional technology support to provide secure mobile advocacy services that assure compliance with confidentiality protocols.

#### **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.

#### **Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services (CARS) - \$12,000**

Procure telehealth/telecommunication devices to ensure uninterrupted treatment for patients, including electronic breathalyzers and telemedicine carts/kiosks. These are critical to allow CARS Medical Staff to provide a full array of medical services to outpatient clients who are unable to enter the facility due to COVID-19 diagnoses or exposure.

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**Cayuga Medical Center Foundation - \$10,000**

Purchase rapid testing machines from Rheonix to increase their turn-around time on testing as our community reopens and, particularly, as the state reopens and we contemplate having students returning. Each machine costs \$50,000.

**Center for Community Transportation (Ithaca Carshare) - \$3,100**

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.

**Center for Transformative Action – Youth Farm Project - \$3,000**

Guarantee a 1:1 match on \$3,000 for the actual giving day, Giving Is Gorges, which will be the grand finale of this month of pre-summer fundraising. Even this amount of funding will make a crucial impact on us being able to retain staff, continue farming, and working with kids virtually, and when we are able, in person.

**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.

**Challenge Workforce Solutions - \$10,000**

Retraining and reconfiguring staff who were employed in the campus dish rooms to offer CDC and EPA compliant, insured and supervised COVID-19 Cleaning services to essential businesses in the community; and expand to offer cleaning services to local non-profits who serve our most vulnerable populations at no-cost to them through this project.

**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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**Civic Ensemble - \$2,500**

To support the ongoing work of participants involved with *Streets Like This*, which explores real stories of people in the community who have experienced incarceration and court involvement. These individuals developed the play in workshop sessions at the Probation Department's Day Reporting office, and collaborated with a professional playwright to script the final play which can now be viewed online.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County – Covid-19 Food Task Force - \$9,972**

The Tompkins County Covid-19 Food Task Force (FTF) was established in March, 2020 to address the coordination of equitable food distribution throughout the pandemic, while following Covid protocols to avoid viral spread. FTF is composed of people from 60+ member organizations from multiple sectors. Request is for Coordinator, Supplies, Stipends, Food Hub, Outreach.

**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 - \$27,095**

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.

**Downtown Ithaca Children's Center - \$10,000**

Critical immediate agency need is assistance with our payroll - targeted the 34% of staff living in poverty. This would help cover our overall costs and this funding would assure that our staff in most and different need are covered. We intend to cover the remaining payroll cost with the revenue resources received prior to the pandemic. We are on call to reopen or child care to essential personnel from DICC and throughout the community.

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**Family & Children’s Service of Ithaca - \$10,000**

Technology support for staff to assure a continuation of high quality mental health services provided virtually to those in need. This support positions them to be prepared and flexible in their response to the changing mental health needs of local residents.

**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.

**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.

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**Ithaca Children's Garden - \$7,581**

To support the growing of produce for distribution in Newfield and for West Hill communities in need, in relationship with the Friendship Donations Network. This is part of a larger effort of the Solidarity Gardens Initiative and the Tompkins County Food Task Force.

**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.

**Loaves & Fishes - \$7,000**

Help cover our increasing food and supplies expenses and help cover the necessary expense of training additional kitchen substitute staff. On March 16, we began serving meals to-go at our front door. We instituted new criteria for volunteering and new safety protocols to use during meal preparations, meal distribution and clean up.

**Longview, An Ithacare Community - \$10,000**

To support the staffing structure which has changed to accommodate a safe programming environment such as added/adjusted programming to accommodate social distancing and appropriately sized groupings as well as testing, screening, telehealth and cleaning services.

**Sciencenter - \$5,000**

Requested funds will be allocated towards the costs of planning, developing, and delivering STEM education opportunities for families that are responsive to the current situation in Tompkins County.

**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

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maintain Internet connectivity while providing resources to become proficient in essential digital literacy skills to improve their economic opportunities and quality of life.

**St. John's Community Services - \$2,000**

Along with generous funding from a donor advised fund, to purchase a new commercial refrigerator and freezer to facilitate the storing and distribution of fresh produce and proteins at the homeless shelter.

**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.

**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.

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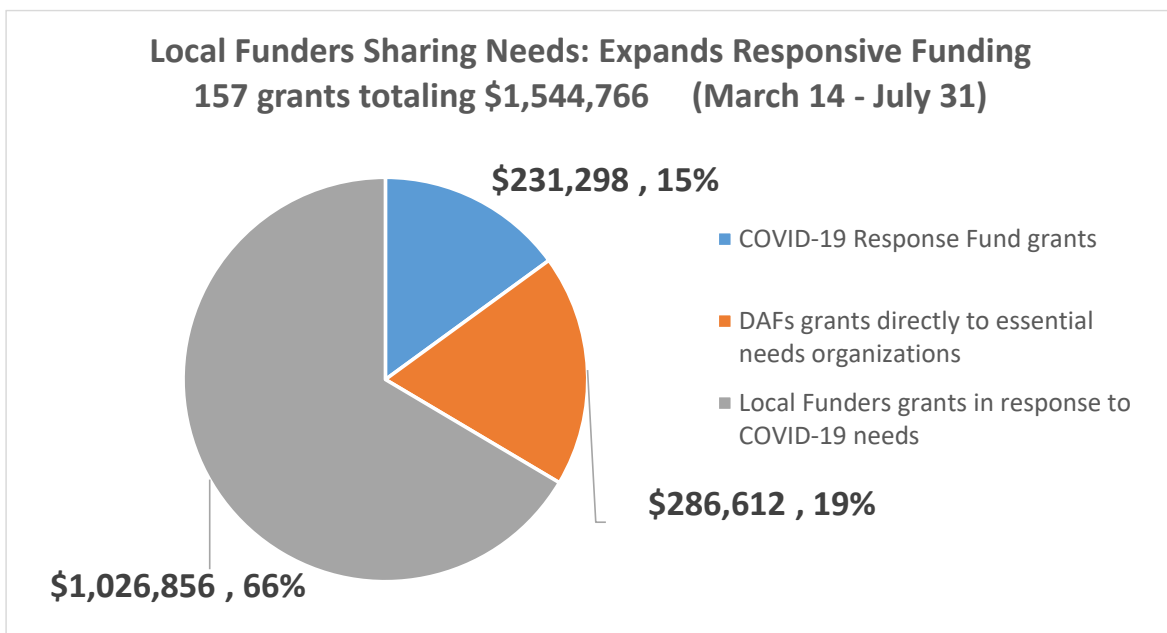
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A partnership to support our local communities

**Tompkins County Local Funders Sharing Local Needs Expands Responsive Funding**

Community Foundation supports the many and varied ongoing local efforts in the nonprofit sector to address challenges brought forth by COVID-19. In the past weeks these **collaborative efforts have resulted in more than \$1,500,000 to support essential nonprofit services.**



**COVID-19 Response Fund** has granted more than \$231,298 in support of requests for COVID-19 funding.

**Fund Advisors** responded quickly, making 59 grants of \$286,612 directly supporting essential nonprofit services.

**Other Local Funders**, more than a dozen, have played a role in this collaborative approach, sharing requests and information. Grants of \$1,026,856 help meet the basic needs of our residents during the coronavirus pandemic.

**These efforts have expanded funding for essential services** provided by organizations such as: FoodBank of the Southern Tier, Loaves & Fishes, Ithaca Children's Garden, FoodNet Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities, First Unitarian Church, First Congregational Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church of Enfield Center, Healthy Food For All, Ithaca Carshare, Salvation Army, Second Wind Cottages, Alternatives Impact, Open Doors English, GIAC's Robin Fund, Downtown Ithaca Children's Center, Child Development Council, Challenge Workforce Solutions, Tompkins County Workers Center, Community Arts Partnership, Kitchen Theatre, State Theatre, Cinemapolis, IPEI, Family & Children's Service, REACH, Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Racker, Southside Community Center, and more.

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