



# COVID Impact Report

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# ➤ Priority Areas

1. Mobilize Financial Support
2. Facilitate Communication
3. Support Sector Health
4. Support Access and Prioritize Racial Equity



# Mobilize Financial Support

March, 2020:

1. Established the COVID-19 Response Fund
  - To date it has raised almost \$400,000
  - Provides a vehicle for donors to meet basic needs
2. Launched the Resilient Communities: COVID Rolling Grant Cycle targeting basic needs



# 2020 Grantmaking in \$

## TOTAL 2020 GRANTS

\$2,320,585

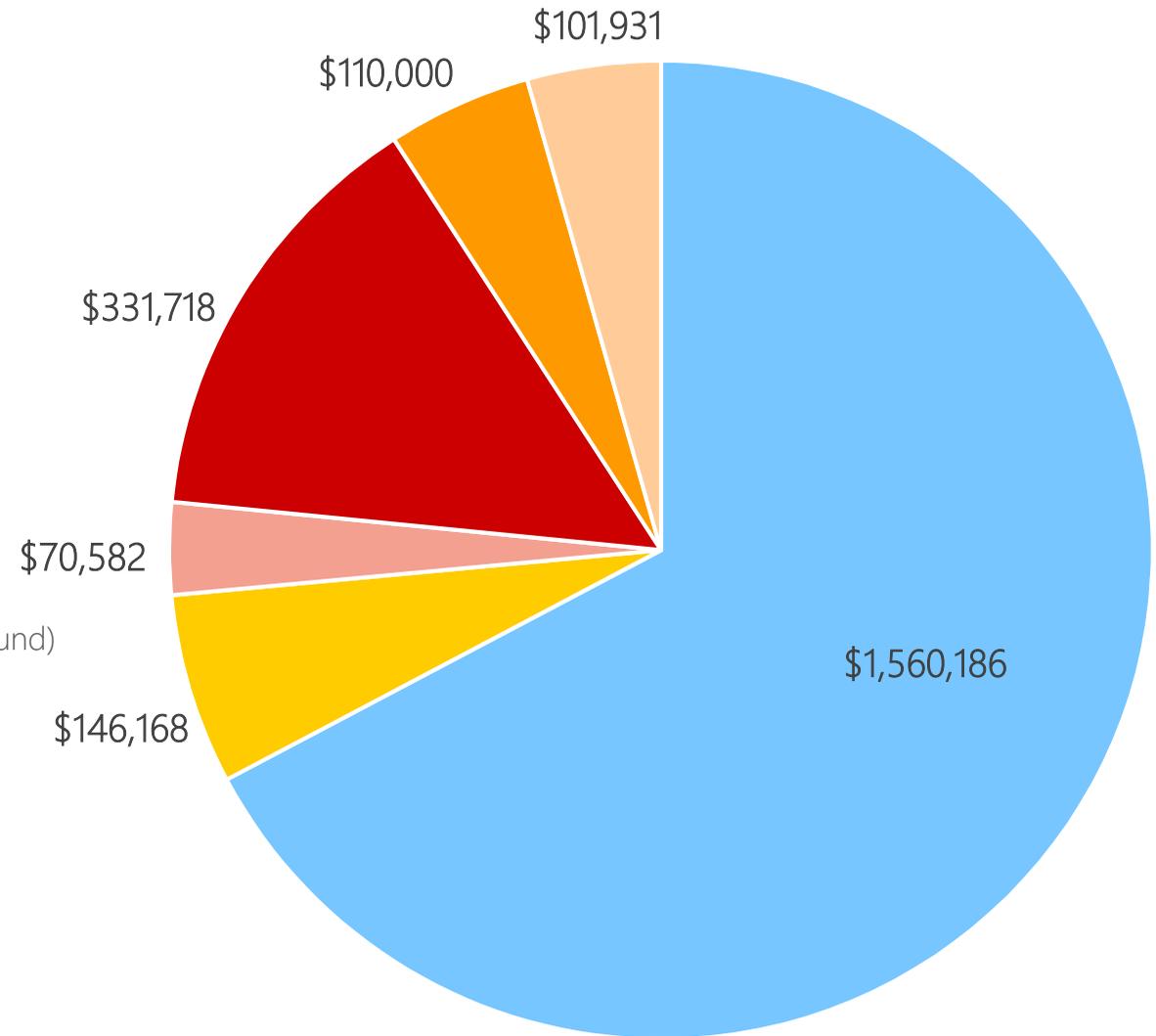
572 GRANTS

1 in 3 Gifts in 2020 was for the COVID-19 Response Fund

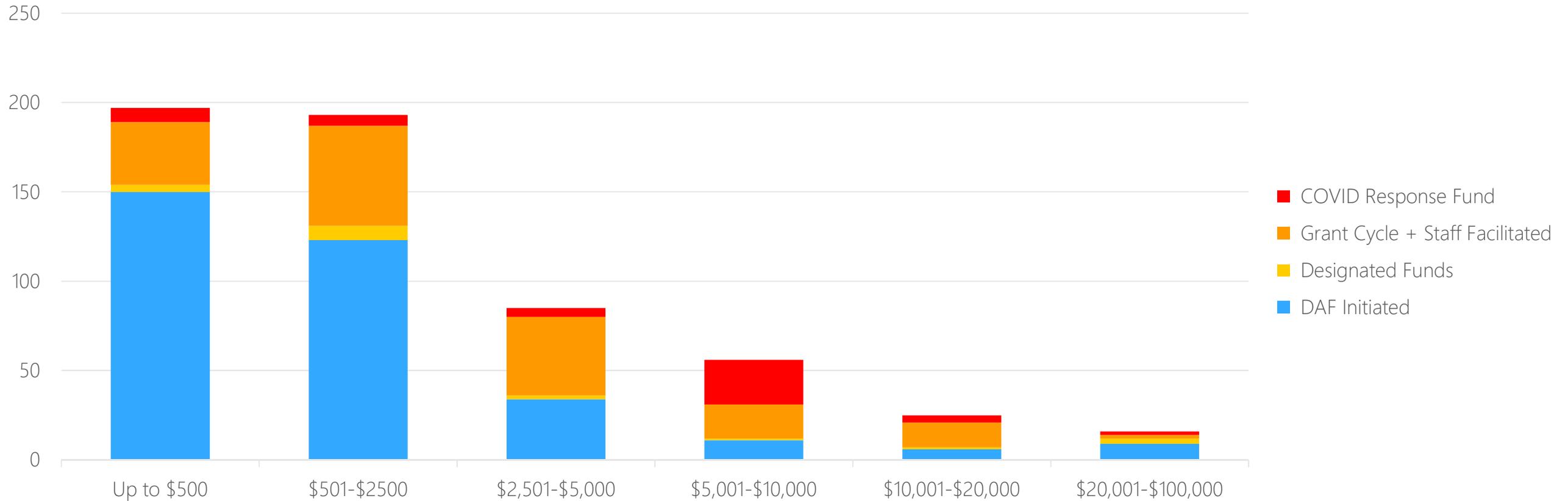
- Donor Advised Funds (81 Funds)
- Designated Funds (35 Funds)
- Field of Interest (17 Funds)
- COVID Response Fund (1 Fund)
- Tompkins Today and Tomorrow (1 Fund)
- Pass-Thrus and Oper. End. (5 Funds)

Community Foundation held 140 funds in 2020

133 Local Grantees in 2020



# Average Size of 2020 Grants



## Average COVID Grant Size

**\$6,770**

The average COVID Response Fund grant was \$6,770. The average grant size in 2020 overall was \$4,057.

## Foundation Facilitated Grants

**47%**

47% of all grant \$ awarded in 2020 were inspired by a grant cycle, brokered, researched or otherwise facilitated by staff. 17% of all grants were above \$5,000. 73% of those were brokered by staff.

## Spring Grant Cycle

**\$10,000**

In 2021, the spring grant cycle raised its maximum request amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000

# Pandemic IMPACT Areas

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**FOOD SECURITY**

**HEALTH**

**CHILDCARE**

**OTHER BASIC NEEDS**

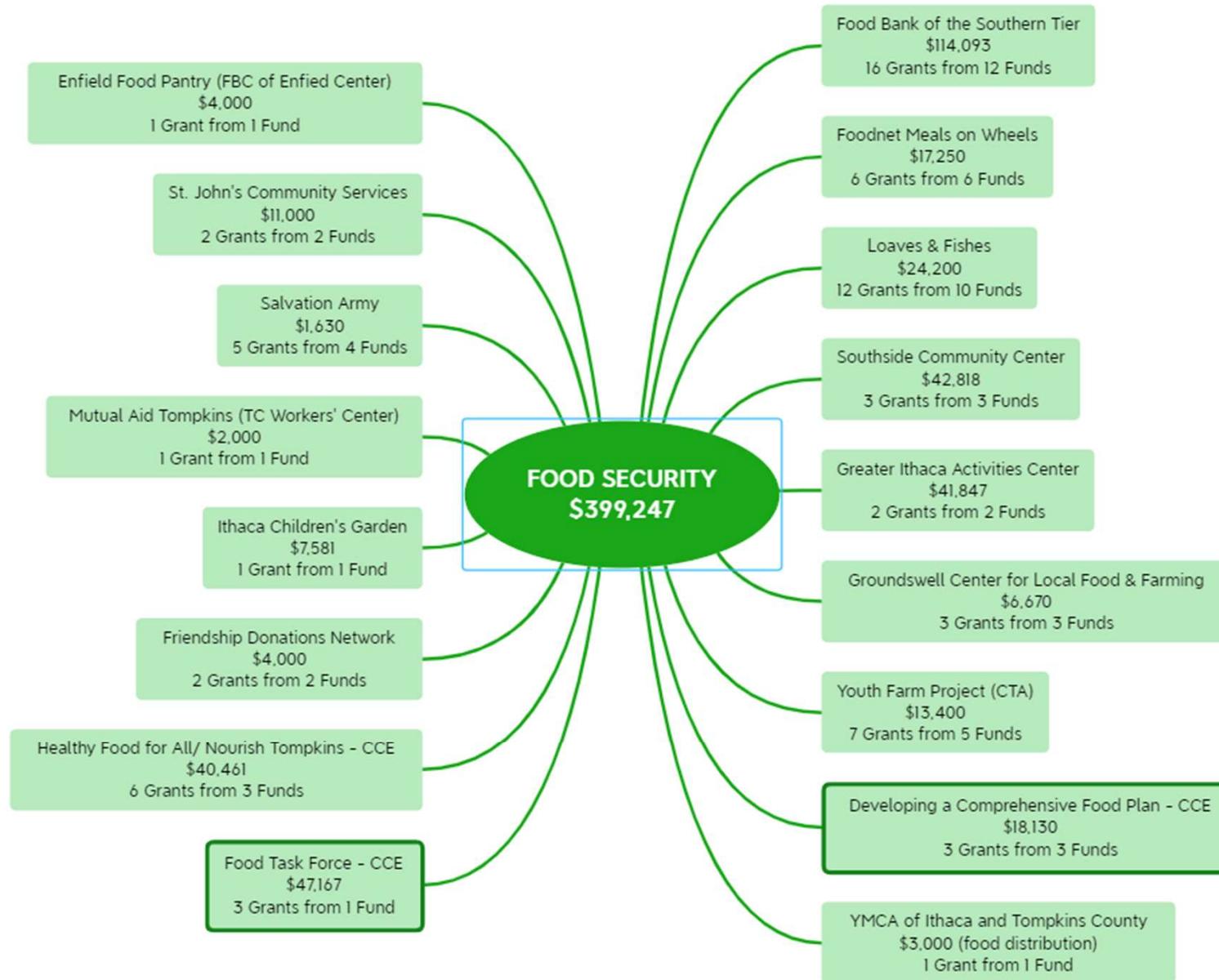
# Mobilize Financial Support

Foodnet Meals on Wheels



2,092 Blizzard Bag Meals Distributed

**TAKE AWAY:** With so many food related organizations, the COVID Response Fund focused on coordination of food distribution with grants supporting the Food Task Force



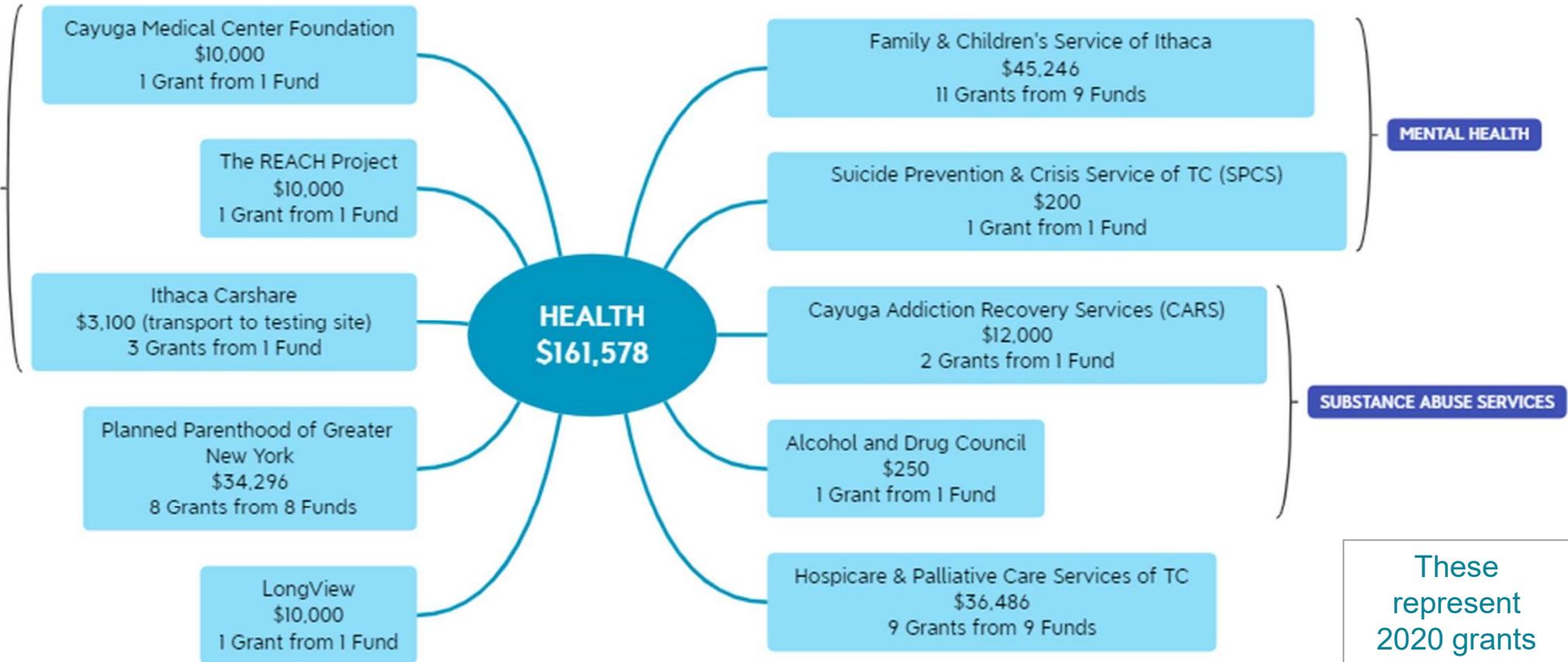
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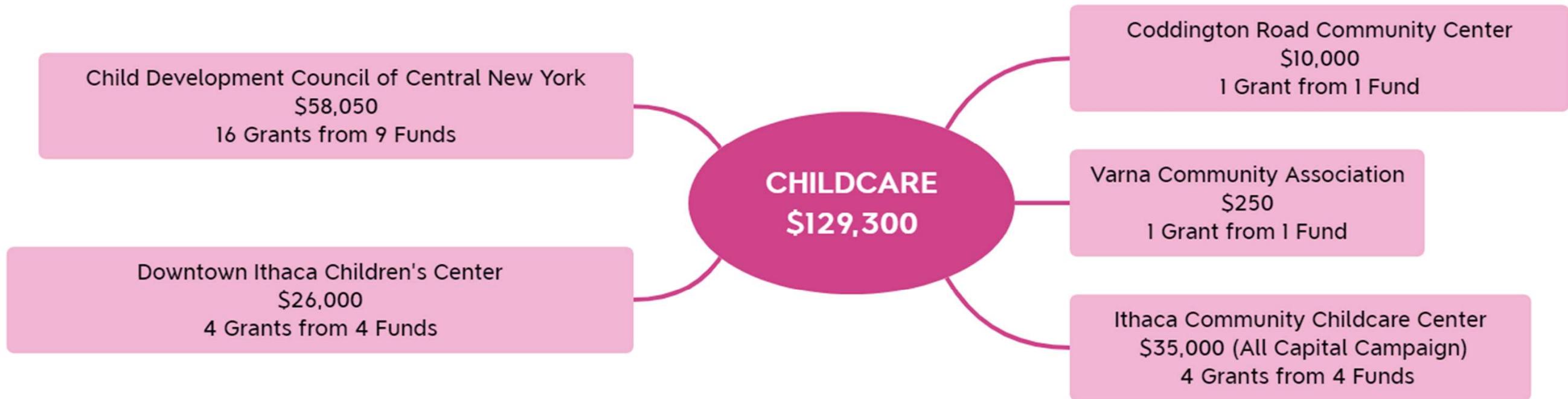
COVID TESTING

**TAKE AWAY: Grants were mobilized quickly to provide technology to support work from home and Telehealth services**



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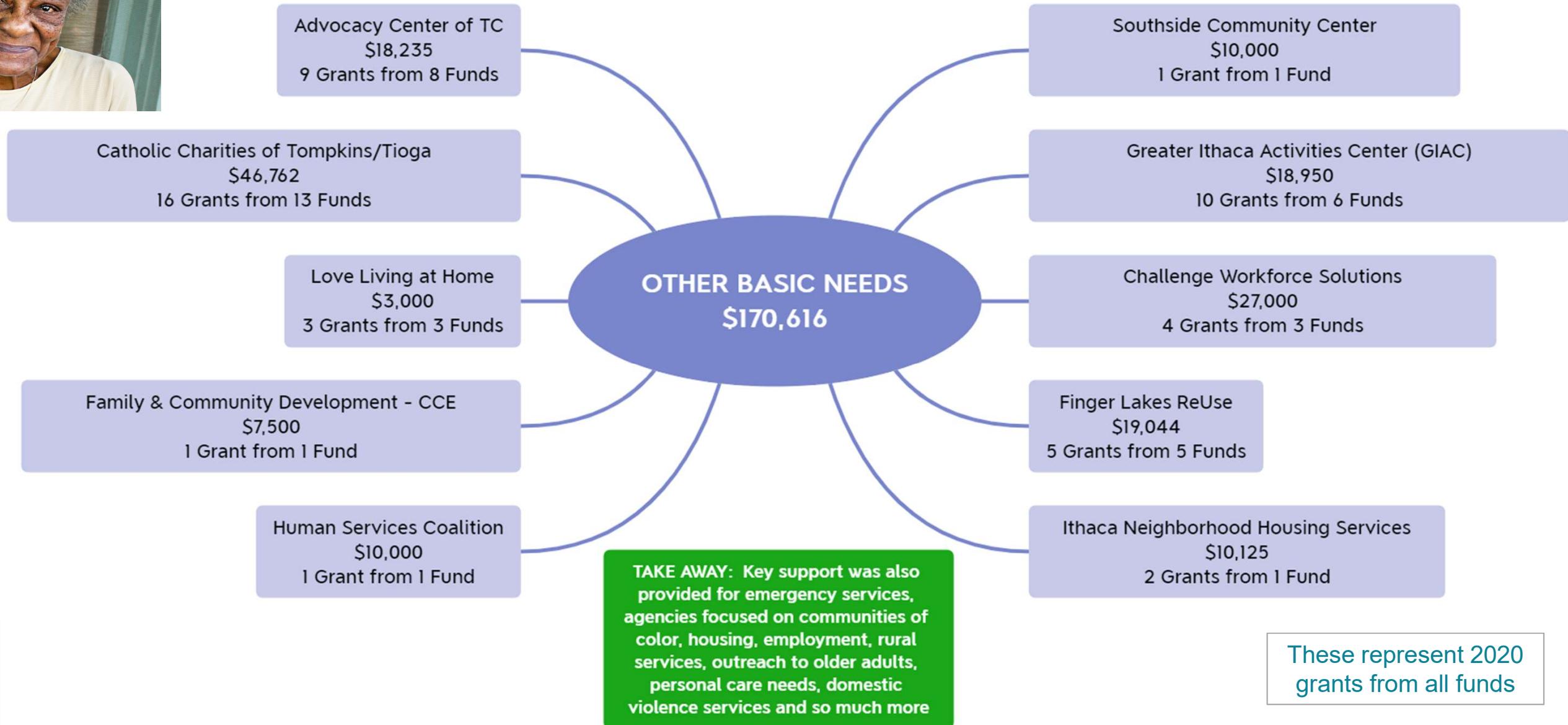


**TAKE AWAY:** The Child Development Council functioned as an umbrella to other childcare facilities, providing funding, supplies, guidelines and support



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# Mobilize Financial Support



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## Resilient Communities: COVID Rolling Grant Cycle

- ✓ Streamlined the application
- ✓ Turned grants around quickly
- ✓ COVID Response Fund made grants up to \$10,000
- ✓ Average COVID grant was \$6,770
- ✓ Flexible funding
- ✓ Listen: especially to communities least heard
- ✓ Support programs that get \$ to individuals

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COVID Response grant  
enabled being **nimble**  
and responsive

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# Mobilize Financial Support

## Resilient Communities: COVID Rolling Grant Cycle

- ✓ Rapid Response Review Team
  - ✓ 7 Member Team: Travis Brooks, Christine Barksdale, Theoria Cason, Keith McCafferty, Linda Madeo, Susan Murphy and Ann Martin
  - ✓ They met 26 times, reviewing 76 applications/updates
  - ✓ Mobilized over \$330,000 by 12/31/20



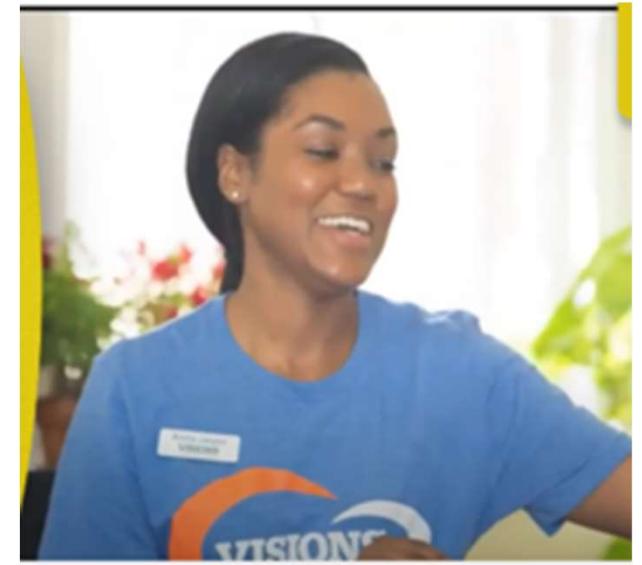
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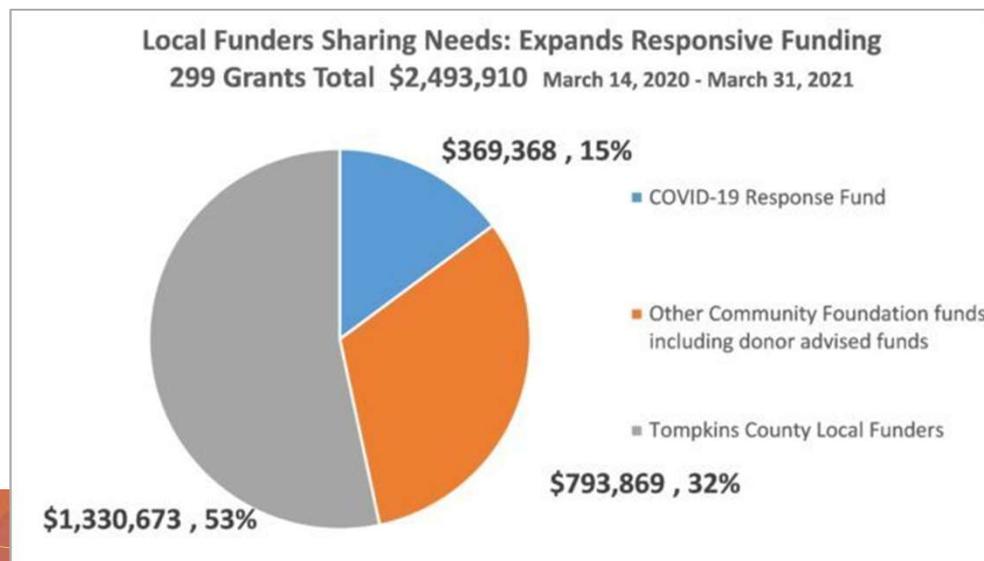
# Facilitate Communication

- ✓ Convened local group of funders
  - Identify emerging needs
  - Heard from experts
  - Shared requests with each other
  - Resulted in collaborative grants



# Facilitate Communication

✓ For a Full List of Grants, Visit our website:  
[www.cftompkins.org](http://www.cftompkins.org)>Grant Opportunities>Grant History>COVID-19 Response Fund Grantees



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF TOMPKINS COUNTY  
 COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND**



**A partnership to support our local communities**

Community Foundation supports the many and varied ongoing local efforts in the nonprofit sector to address challenges brought forth by the coronavirus. Over the past year, we have engaged in collaborative efforts with other local funders to deliver a coordinated philanthropic response.

March 2020: 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.

# Facilitate Communication

## ✓ Staff / Foundation Representatives Engaged:

- Food Task Force
- Childhood Nutrition Collaborative
- TC Youth Task Force
- Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
- Dryden-Groton Belonging Group
- Ithaca Rotary Club
- Executive Exchange
- Police Reform Meetings
- Ultimate Re-Entry Opportunity
- Early Childhood Advocacy
- Black Hands Universal
- Unbroken Promises Initiative
- Homeless and Housing Task Force
- Groton/Newfield Food Pantry
- Diversity Consortium of TC

# Facilitate Communication



- ✓ Launched the "Let's Talk Series"
- Share what we've learned with wider audiences



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# Support Sector Health

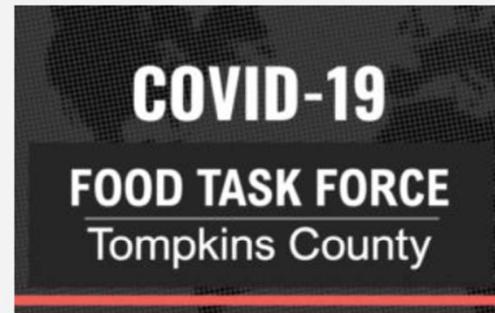
- ✓ Consult with Regional and Statewide funders
- ✓ Support Flexibility: Released grant restrictions
- ✓ Consultation with Individual Org's
- ✓ Cross-sector support (small business loan program)
- ✓ Strategic Grants
  - Technical Support for Organizations
  - Mental Health Support
  - Coordination of Services - Food Task Force

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these non-profits understand that the Foundation **trusts** them to do their work well. This is no small matter, as it bespeaks a contribution to the overall capacity of non-profits in Tompkins County

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# Support Sector Health



1. Collaboration among a diverse group of organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals
2. Transparent, open communication and data sharing between these partners, building trust and shared knowledge
3. Collective conversations that led to innovative program expansions to respond rapidly to changing needs
4. A consistent focus on equity
5. Resiliency through a common agenda and diversity

**PICK-UP ONLY FOOD PANTRIES**

**No Mas Lagrimas Pantry**  
Thursday 3-5  
706 W. Buffalo St.  
279-7687

**Southside Community Center**  
Tuesday 4-6, and  
First & last Saturday 12-2  
305 S. Plain St.  
273-4190 \*delivery occasionally possible

**Baptized Church of Jesus Christ**  
Wednesdays 10-12, and  
3rd Sat. 10-12:30  
412 First St.  
272-1984

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
3rd Saturday, 12-2  
507 N. Albany St.  
273-7291

Find a pick-up pantry or a delivery that works for you.  
Call 2-1-1 for a full listing of 15+ pantries in Tompkins  
OR visit [hsctc.org/211food](http://hsctc.org/211food)

**NEED HELP FINDING HELP?**  
Dial 2-1-1

OR text your zip code to 898211  
OR call 1-877-211-8667

¿Necesita ayuda (p.e. buscando comida u obteniendo un seguro de salud)? Marcar 211 or Text 898211



# Support Sector Health

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The stories reflected the Foundation's **leadership** in networking...in promoting a very good idea (Collective Impact), in jumping in fast (Covid-19 stories), in funding a new project (Foodnet Meals on Wheels) or a unique project (A Place to Stay).

## ✓ Grantee Survey: Ripple Effect Mapping

1. Small Grants, Big Impact
2. Flexible, Nimble and Responsive
3. Trusted by Grantees
4. Relationships
5. Networking
6. Leadership

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As with relationship building, the Foundation practice of **bringing people together...is valued**

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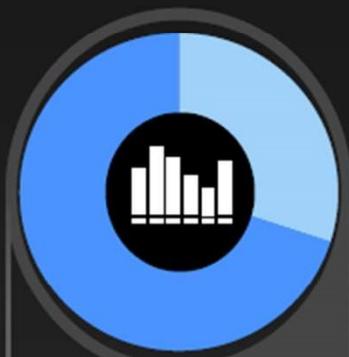
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# Social Justice Grants Analysis

# 79%

Of Tompkins County Region grants totaling \$5.2 million, \$4.1 million employ social justice strategies. 2018 – 2020 (1/1/2018 - 12/31/20)  
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**79%**

**Social Justice Impact Grants**

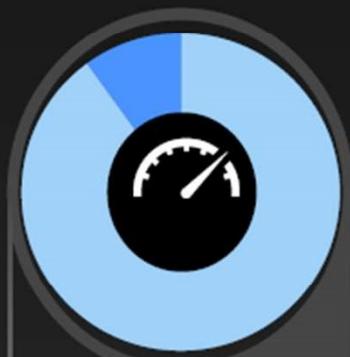
922 grants total  
\$4,082,000 to 173 organizations



**\$4.1M**

**Social Justice Regional Impact**

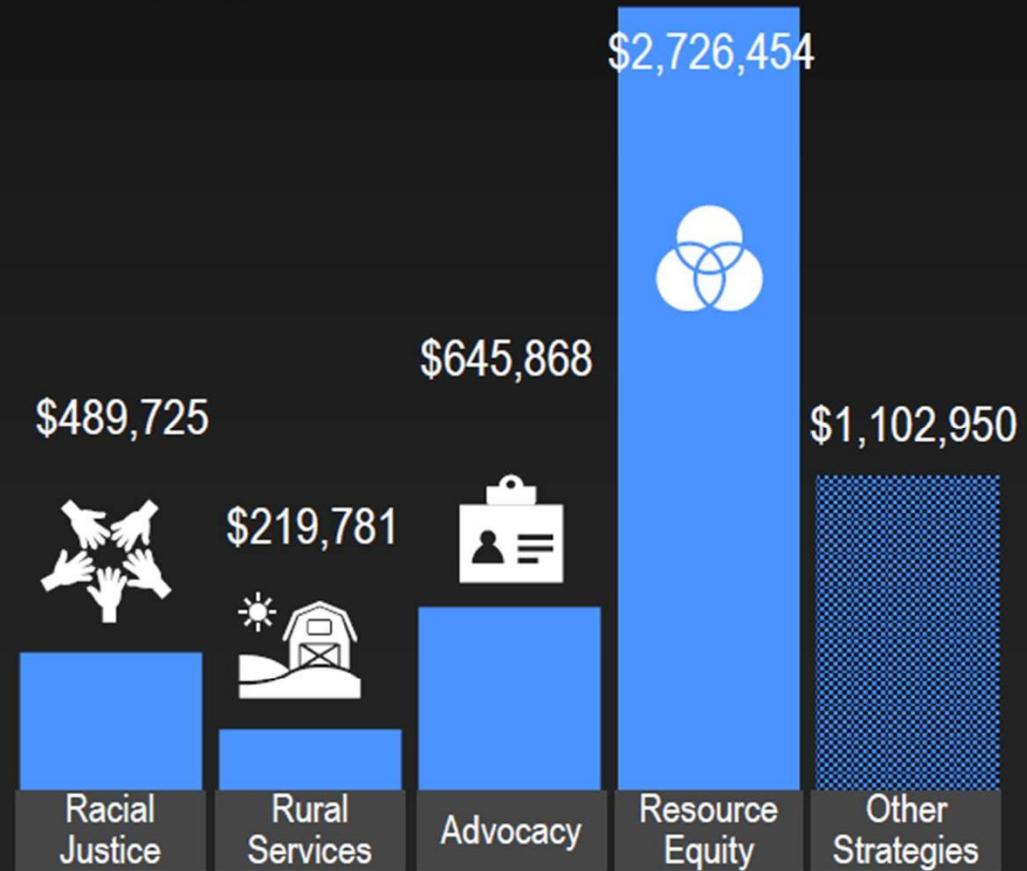
Regional grants incorporate social justice strategies



**9%**

**Racial Justice Impact Grants**

115 grants total  
\$490,000 to 38 organizations



# Support Access and Prioritize Racial Equity

- ✓ Establishing new racial equity goals in our **strategic plan**
- ✓ **Democratizing decision-making** by engaging people with lived experience (context experts) in decision-making roles (e.g. review teams)
- ✓ Fostering leadership by **sharing the microphone** with new (and experienced) voices at our events
- ✓ Support workshops like the **DEI Series** with the Chamber
- ✓ Continuing to **take risks** supporting emerging issues, programs, leaders
- ✓ Using our resources to **build social capital** (e.g. consulting with applicants and potential applicants, encouraging connection at events, engaging in community initiatives, donor education...)
- ✓ **Culture creators** (e.g. fostering racial equity, encouraging proximity, organizational self-awareness, self-assessment, etc. through grant cycle and application design)
- ✓ **How** we do our work is as important as what we do in our work

# Looking Forward

1. Resilient Communities 2021 Spring Grant Cycle is focused on providing flexible support (building review team now)
2. COVID Rolling Grant Cycle is no longer posted, but the COVID Response Fund (and many other funds) is still available for COVID-related needs. Contact Chief Impact Officer with inquiries.
3. Fatigue and low morale (Reach out to org's you're close to)
4. Stories revealed: vulnerable and disadvantaged Populations will get hit hardest
5. We don't know what we don't know

# Some Good News

1. Tompkins County is generous. Keep at it!
2. New relationships have been built
3. Cross-sector engagement
4. New technology-related skills
5. New programs, newly inspired leaders
6. With crises, come change and opportunities
7. Renewed commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and justice
8. Strategic Planning





Thank You

