

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. 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.

March 2021: ***The COVID-19 Rolling Grant Cycle has ended. Organizations are encouraged to seek support through Community Foundation's 2021 Resilient Communities Spring Grant Cycle (information at cftompkins.org). The COVID-19 Response Fund will continue to provide covid-related support as the foundation becomes aware of needs.***

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND GRANTS – \$369,368 awarded, as of March 31, 2021

An additional \$793,869 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, Friendship Donations Network, Alternatives Impact, First Congregational Church, Community Arts Partnership, State Theatre, Cinemapolis, Hangar Theatre, Historic Ithaca, Dorothy Cotton Institute, IPEI, Open Doors English, Tompkins County Workers Center, Village at Ithaca, Mama's Comfort Camp, Beverly J Martin Elementary School PTA, Varna Community Association, St. John's Community Services, Ithaca Health Alliance, United Way 2-1-1, Ithaca Community Radio, Civil Advocacy Project.

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.

Alliance for Childhood - Just Play Project and Unbroken Promise Initiative Collaboration - \$10,000

Just Play Project is creating jobs, providing no cost childcare (especially for low-income, black, and Latinx children), and providing free play opportunities to children - to help them heal and process the pandemic. Playworkers (the caring adults supporting children's play) are the transformative component in the afterschool and summer play program. Playworkers build relationships with kids, advocate for play in their communities, and hold space for children to 'play out' the trauma in their lives. Without playworkers, the program cannot happen. Over 80% of the playworkers hired will

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be low-to-moderate income people. In collaboration with Unbroken Promise Initiative, two of the three playworkers will be trained and hired from the West Village neighborhood.

Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes - \$4,900

Video conferencing equipment to facilitate support groups, workshops and services. Set up of the group room for videoconferencing will allow those connecting virtually to join those who choose to attend in-person. Monthly educational sessions will now have the capacity to effectively deliver workshops through video conferencing.

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.

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.

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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.

Child Development Council - \$10,000

The pandemic posed serious financial challenges for the tightly budgeted programs: some temporarily furloughed staff and shuttered their doors; others were able to utilize philanthropic and federal relief funding to stay afloat. As programs began reopening, NYS Department of Health guidelines posed new costs to consider for the health and safety of children. Programs had to address ways to adjust for smaller group sizes (lower revenue), new safety protocols and emergency modifications, with limited or no assets in reserve. This grant will provide additional financial assistance.

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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.

Coddington Road Community Center - \$10,000

To help offset the increased demand for scholarships in order to avoid limiting enrollment to higher income families. This support will also help reduce the growing deficit created by the current scholarship demand.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County – Covid-19 Food Task Force - \$47,167

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. Additional requests extended funding of task force coordination through April 30, 2021.

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 - \$37,961

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.

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Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers - \$2,000

The recent death of civil rights hero Senator John Lewis, inspired Dr. Whitehead and DCJS to envision a large-scale new work for four-part mixed-voice chorus, soloists, children's choir, and orchestra recognizing Lewis' work in the arena of social justice. Renowned composer Stan Spottswood, a frequent collaborator with DCJS, has agreed to compose "Good Trouble" using John Lewis' words and deeds to inspire listeners toward racial reconciliation.

Downtown Ithaca Children's Center - \$15,000

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 are on call to reopen or child care to essential personnel from DICC and throughout the community. A second grant provided new cameras, technology and security system, as the old system could not be repaired.

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.

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There is a significant increase in the number of people seeking mental health support services, (e.g. suicidal ideation, essential workers/medical staff, financial stressors, social isolation, anxiety, job stress, marital problems, etc.). An upgrade the existing phone system to a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system will facilitate communication with a dynamic network of therapists and support systems, significantly enhancing capacity while providing virtual services.

Finger Lakes ReUse - \$10,359

Support staffing costs as part of the pilot ReUse Warehouse & Training Center in December 2020 - January 2021, building upon the successes of the existing training programs to address the urgent needs for expanded reuse services, living-wage jobs, and job training opportunities. This project will generate revenue and support job training efforts.

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Foodnet Meals on Wheels - \$5,850

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. A second grant provided food delivery during quarantine.

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 - \$12,150

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. A second grant provided funding for Compassion Fatigue and Self Care Workshop and Coaching Sessions.

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.

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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.

The REACH Project - \$10,000

Expand the street outreach program to fund a full-time community health worker and full-time registered nurse, along with supplies needed to provide these services in the winter months. With this funding, REACH will expand the number of sites and people that can be served, including providing regular visits to the homeless shelter, all of Tompkins Community Action housing sites, the Econolodge, and the homeless encampment. Services to be provided include clinical nursing assessments, first aid including wound dressing, delivering supplies, and connecting individuals to REACH providers through telemedicine including clinical services and behavioral health counseling and support.

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.

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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.

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.

TST B.O.C.E.S. - \$10,000

Adult education: Requested funds will be used to establish a Technology Lending Library, including primarily laptop computers, software, and accessories if required. This technology library will allow students who are unable to come to campus or off-site classrooms to participate in remote learning in order to pursue their High School Equivalency diploma. This can be accomplished by enrolling in either distance learning (remote learning) or the National External Diploma Program (NEDP), which is now 100% remote.

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

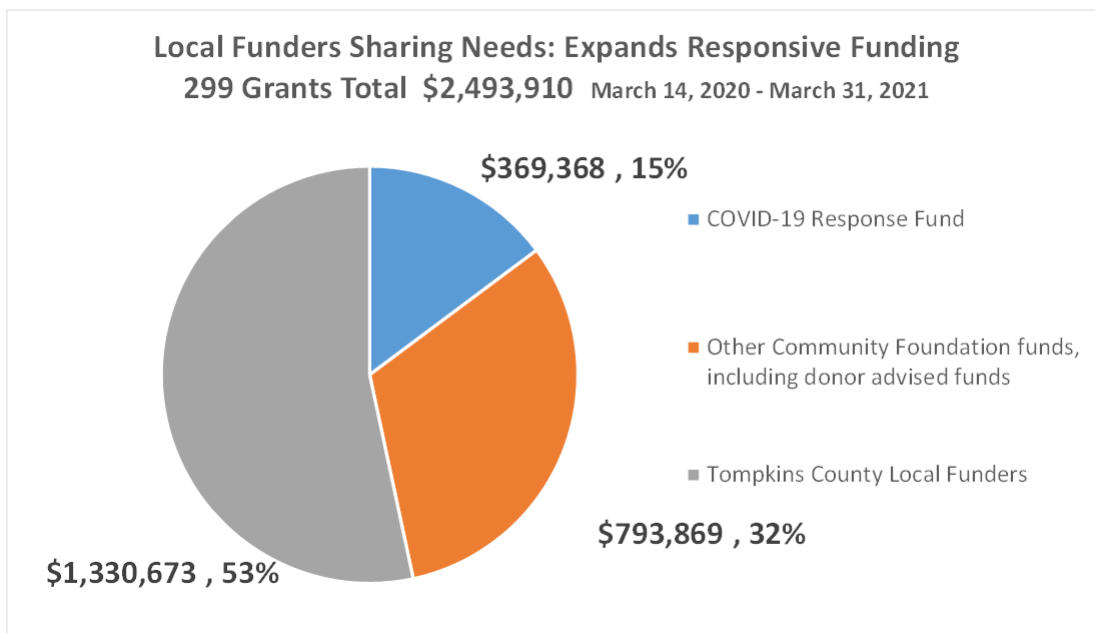
Support facility needs, essential staff and expenses. The Y staff are taping programs and connecting through social media outlets providing classes and healthy information. The website is used to support members and the community and collect food with partners like Friendship Donation Network providing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

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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 these past months, **collaborative efforts have resulted in \$2.5 million for essential nonprofit services.**



COVID-19 Response Fund has granted \$369,368 in support of requests for COVID-19 funding.

Community Foundation Fund Advisors responded quickly, making 163 grants of \$793,869 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 \$1,330,673 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.

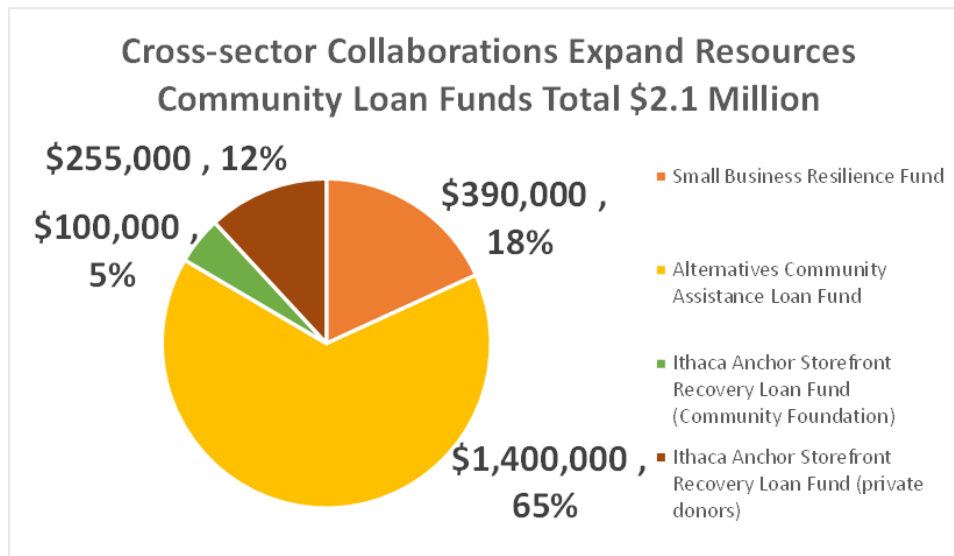
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A partnership to support our local communities

Cross-sector Collaborations Create Responsive Loan Funds

Community Foundation collaborative efforts through Community Loan Funds resulted in more than \$2.1 million for individuals, nonprofits, and small businesses to meet economic challenges during the coronavirus pandemic.



Small Business Resilience Fund \$390,000, 0% interest rate, 18-month term, forgivable loans in amounts up to \$5,000. Fund fully expended to 96 local businesses. Priority was given to ground floor storefront businesses open to the general public; also, businesses which supply owners with a primary source of income, businesses owned by women or people of color and businesses that need the resources to stay operational. Collaborative efforts by the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, several organizations, including, Community Foundation, Alternatives Federal Credit Union and Cornell University, along with donations from individuals through GiveGab’s COVID-19 Economic Crisis Response Fund.

Alternatives Federal Credit Union Community Assistance Loan Fund \$1.4 million, 0% interest rate, repayable loans in amounts up to \$3,000 - \$8,000. Loans made available to individuals, businesses, organizations, and nonprofits who had suffered a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A grant from the Community Foundation provided additional loan loss reserve, as well as additional monies for technical assistance delivery and administrative support.

Ithaca Anchor Storefront Recovery Loan Fund \$360,000 1.25% interest rate, 60-month term, loans in amounts between \$8,000 - \$50,000. First round applications due September 2, 2020. The initiative to establish this fund was facilitated by the City of Ithaca Office of Economic Development in collaboration with local economic development agencies including the Downtown Ithaca Alliance, Tompkins Chamber and Small Business Development Center, distributed by Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services (INHS). Monies for this fund came from private individuals connected through Community Foundation.