

COVID-19 Community Recovery Fund Grant Awards as of November 13, 2020



United Way
of Washtenaw County

UWWC has established the COVID-19 Community Recovery Fund to provide ongoing support to COVID-19 recovery efforts of local human service nonprofits, community groups and United Way of Washtenaw County. Our goal? Help providers return their operations to “steady state” and ensure continued support to populations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prioritizing response efforts that attend to racial inequity remains a central tenet in United Way’s grant making as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to reveal the disproportionate impact of this virus on people and communities of color.

This grant investments made to date prioritized: 1) K-12 Education Supports to ensure continuity of learning among children and youth 2) Supports to nonprofit practitioners of human service organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quick Facts

- **\$172,000:** Total of grants awarded
- **57%:** Funding to Ypsilanti zip codes 48197/98
- **14%:** Funding to rural Washtenaw County
- **14:** # of grants awarded
- **52%:** Funding explicitly serving communities and people of color
- **53%:** Grants to agencies led by people of color

Date	Agency/Group Name	Project Description	Grant Award
7/21/20	Children's Literacy Network	Allows CLN to maintain continuity of literacy and academic supports to families while there is no school, and fill the void of learning and literacy that is currently permeating Washtenaw County.	\$20,000
7/21/20	Girls on the Run of Southeastern Michigan	Provides agency supports as the organization pivots its programming due to limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensures continuation of services to 8- to 13-year-old girls in Ypsilanti that promote girl empowerment by teaching life skills through lessons and running.	\$15,000
7/21/20	Nonprofit Enterprise at Work	Virtual Community Conversation series centering the voices of people of color designed to support local nonprofit practitioners. Each conversation in the series lifts up and centers this question: “What have we learned from COVID-19 that will, and must, transform us-- as individuals, organizations, and a community?”	\$10,000
7/21/20	Stand with Trans*	Provision of outreach, virtual engagement and supports to trans youth and their families, designed to be a relief from the	\$10,000

		monotony of social distancing and long periods of self-isolation with family-- especially for trans youth who are forced to take shelter with unsupportive family members.	
7/21/20	The Family Learning Institute	Provides agency supports as the organization pivots its programming due to limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. FLI will adapt its K-12 literacy support services to ensure continued service to children and youth in Ypsilanti.	\$20,000
7/21/20	Washtenaw Area Council For Children	Provides agency supports as the organization pivots its programming due to limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools have historically been the primary mode of delivery for our programs that prevent child sexual abuse, however, with schools now moving to an online medium, the agency must too must adapt services to support the teachers as well as parents and youth that now find their lives online now more than ever before.	\$15,000
Total Investments Round 1			\$90,000

**Denotes agencies/groups not previously funded by United Way*

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10/27/20	Parkridge Community Center	Supports costs associated with bringing the Parkridge facility building back into compliance so that it can resume operations and youth-programming during COVID.	\$10,000
10/27/20	The Women's Center of Southeast Michigan	Funds increased service capacity for agency's workforce development programming for women based on an increase in demand during the pandemic.	\$7,500
10/27/20	Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development	Barrier Busters Emergency Unmet Needs Fund provides social workers, case managers, and other direct service providers access to emergency assistance funds for people with low incomes experiencing emergencies and financial hardship.	\$13,000
10/27/20	Bottles and Backpacks*	Ensuring adequate virtual learning supports to maximize academic achievement for children and youth in care.	\$20,000
10/27/20	Career Directions via Avalon Housing*	Supports professional coaching for a cohort of new human service CEOs in Washtenaw County to ensure stable and sustained leadership during the pandemic.	\$10,000
10/27/20	Nonprofit Enterprise at Work	Provision of Community Conversations to build local nonprofit practitioner and community member understanding of racial inequities that persist in Washtenaw County.	\$16,000
Total Investments Round 2			\$76,500

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Date	Agency/Group Name	Project Description	Grant Award
11/13/20	Journey of Faith Christian Church	Supports meeting basic needs of older adults related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Ypsilanti's Sugarbrook and West Willow neighborhoods.	\$5,500
Total Investments Round 3			\$5,550
GRAND TOTAL TO DATE			\$172,000

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