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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND FOR BERKSHIRE COUNTY

A coalition of philanthropy and business partners has joined together to create a COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund that will rapidly deploy resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of the coronavirus outbreak in Berkshire County.

Co-led by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and Berkshire United Way, COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund for Berkshire County has launched to provide flexible resources to **501c3 organizations in our region working with communities who are disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak**. A first phase of grants will help fund frontline human services organizations that have deep roots in the community and strong experience working with vulnerable populations. These rapid-response grants are designed to address gaps in services and increase capacity of organizations to meet basic needs of individuals and families.

These grants will address the needs of Berkshire County's most vulnerable individuals and families that have been exacerbated due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund will prioritize organizations serving Berkshire County in these areas:

- Improving access to food for children and youth,
- Increased demand for early childcare and after school programming,
- Increased demand for services for the elderly,
- Increased support for the homeless population,
- Increased demand for medical services for uninsured or undocumented individuals.

In order to move resources quickly, we have opened a simple, rolling, application process. Funds may be requested for up to \$25,000. Berkshire United Way will administer grants from the Fund in partnership with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and in close collaboration with our partners. Grant amounts will be determined by funding availability.

TO APPLY, EMAIL REQUESTS TO BERKSHIREUW@GMAIL.COM ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING:

1. How will the funds address the above criteria? Please share the primary beneficiaries you will serve.
2. How will the funds be used over the next month? How are you collaborating with other agencies?
3. How much are you requesting?

QUESTIONS

- General questions & inquiries about the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund can be directed to Karen Vogel at kvogel@berkshireunitedway.org or 413-822-5713.
- For interested donors and partners, please contact BerkshireUW@gmail.com.
- For media inquiries, please contact Karrie Buratto at kburatto@berkshireunitedway.org or 518-229-2086.
- Donations can be made [here](https://www.berkshireunitedway.org/donate) or at [berkshireunitedway.org/donate](https://www.berkshireunitedway.org/donate).