



Berkshire United Way

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Berkshire Taconic  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND FOR BERKSHIRE COUNTY

**\*\* Grant review is currently paused as we assess longer-term needs related to the pandemic. \*\***

***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**. 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. Funds will not support administrative costs for organizations.

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 and supplies for children, youth, and the elderly.
- Increased demand for emergency early childcare sites.
- Increased demand for services for the elderly.
- Increased support for the homeless population.
- Increased demand for medical services needed for vulnerable populations, including 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](mailto:BERKSHIREUW@GMAIL.COM) ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING:**

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

## QUESTIONS

- General questions & inquiries about the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund can be directed to Karen Vogel at [kvogel@berkshireunitedway.org](mailto:kvogel@berkshireunitedway.org) or 413-442-6948, ext. 20.
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