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## Dunham Fund Launches Interim Grant Process

Aurora Area human service providers who are impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis have a streamlined application process to access funding.

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AURORA, IL | The Dunham Fund has been a steadfast community partner since 2006, supporting the many noble nonprofits who provide much-needed services to all in our community. In the economic crisis of 2009, we created a Dunham Fund Emergency Response Fund to support nonprofits who struggled to keep their doors open when individuals needed their services the most.

### Interim Grant Process

As we come to terms with sheltering-in-place, and strive to define our “new normal,” please know that the Dunham Fund has quickly pivoted how we are looking at our funding priorities. The Dunham Fund Board of Advisors and Staff want to ensure our nonprofit partners and our community know that we are with you. In response to this crisis, we have launched the **Interim Grant Process** to quickly and nimbly respond to the emerging needs of our human service providers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. We are working with existing grantees to address their needs.

[Learn more about the new Interim Grant Process here](#)

### Fox Valley Grantmakers COVID-19 Response Fund

We are proud to be one of five local grantmakers to create this fund to rapid-response grants to nonprofit organizations in our community who need critical funding to maintain operations and support the increased demand for services.

[Learn more about the Response Fund guidelines here](#)

### COVID-19 Fox Valley Non-Profit Connect on Basecamp

The Dunham Fund, along with our Fox Valley grantmaking partners – **Aurora Women’s Empowerment Foundation (AWEF)**, **Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (CFFRV)**, **Fox Valley United Way (FVUW)**, and the **Inc Board** – created a Fox Valley Non-Profit Connect Basecamp account for nonprofits. This software app is an invite-only project management and internal communication tool that allows nonprofit leaders to confidentially communicate with their peers and share resources, such as grant opportunities and info concerning regional, State, and Federal funding for nonprofits.

**Do not navigate this crisis on your own – join your peers today!** If you are a nonprofit leader and would like to receive a Basecamp invitation, please email Vicki Morcos, President and CEO, at [info@dunhamfund.org](mailto:info@dunhamfund.org).

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