



Fox Valley United Way



"A Community Mental Health Funding Alliance"

PRESS RELEASE

Applications Live for COVID-19 Grantmaking Program

Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley has partnered with Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation, Dunham Fund, Fox Valley United Way, and INC Board to create the **Fox Valley Grantmakers COVID-19 Response Fund**.

The Fund is designed to provide **rapid-response grants to nonprofit organizations** in our community who need critical funding to maintain operations and support the increased demand for services during this pandemic. As of this morning, **applications are live for this special grantmaking program**.

Nonprofits in the greater Fox Valley region (Greater Aurora Area, TriCities, Kendall County) will be considered for funding. **While this fund will not make direct grants to individuals**, we will be awarding funding to nonprofit organizations that provide financial assistance to individuals.

- Nonprofits can apply for **operating, program, or capital needs** that are in demand because of the COVID-19 pandemic, including technology needs of agencies who are serving clients while sheltered in place.
- Preference will be given to requests meeting **basic human needs** of residents in our community, including but not limited to food, shelter, safety, health, mental health.
- The average anticipated grant award will be between **\$1,000 - \$20,000**.

The steps are simple:

- Nonprofits will need to complete a brief online application detailing their needs.
- A committee will review the applications as they are received on a weekly basis.
- Nonprofits will receive a response within two to three weeks of their submission of a request.

Interested nonprofits may learn more and apply via the COVID-19 Grantmaking How to Apply page on the CFFRV website.

[**Learn More & Apply Now**](#)

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