



United Way of the Black Hills

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Update Newsletter: 7/13/2020

Dear Community Leaders and Donors,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time. We have seen great success from our grant recipients and the impact these funds have made in our community! Thanks to your support and donations, we have been able to impact **52,586** lives so far!

Of the many lives we have assisted through these grants, we want to share a moving testimony from Crisis Intervention Shelter Services in Sturgis and the impact of their grant funding:

"A mother with three kids lost her job because of the virus and was trying to get on unemployment. She was struggling to get approved for unemployment and could not get into contact with their offices to see what was going on. She is a single parent who lives paycheck to paycheck and her family was quickly running out of food and hygiene products. Through the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund, CISS was able to provide her with 5 complete meals, plus additional food items to help them. CISS also included a month's worth of hygiene products and cleaning supplies for her family. She knows she can reach out to CISS for more items if they are still in need. When CISS showed up to her house with these items, she broke down and cried, thanking them for helping her family during desperate times. 'We explained we wouldn't be able to provide this assistance without the help of the United Way,'" - CISS.

It's through these collaborative efforts that we are able to change lives in the Black Hills. This fund illustrates the work that we do every day at our organization; working together to address pressing and long-term issues in our community.

This week, we distributed **\$12,000** in grant funding to two organizations in the Black Hills to assist with relief and recovery efforts.

Western Dakota Tech - \$10,000

Funds will be used to purchase materials to make reusable face masks to provide to local businesses, service providers, students, homeless and healthcare providers in need. Kits are assembled by Western Dakota Tech employees, their family and friends, and community volunteers. To date, 13,209 sewn masks have been collected, and 10,360 individual masks have been distributed to businesses and individuals thanks to donations and community volunteers.

Spearfish United Methodist Church Children First Childcare program - \$2,000

Funds will be used to purchase extra cleaning supplies for classrooms in order to continue to serve the Spearfish community.

100% of donations from this fund will benefit nonprofit organizations that are providing resources to our community members impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot do the work alone, and we are asking for your support to help us continue to spread the word of our grant opportunities! **If you know of an organization that could benefit from a grant, please encourage them to apply!**

We also encourage you to learn more about our Black Hills Reads COVID-19 Summer Slide education grant opportunities.

We thank you for your continued commitment.

Sincerely,

Jamie Toennies
Executive Director
United Way of the Black Hills



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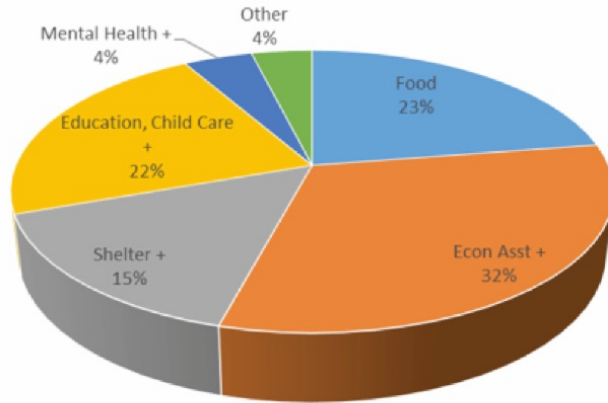
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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
RECEIVED A GRANT

52,586

LIVES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED

GRANT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION:



[Click here to view your impact](#)

Black Hills Reads COVID-19 Grant Opportunities

United Way of the Black Hills and Black Hills Reads have grants available to capture innovative solutions to learning loss due to COVID-19.

Qualifying entities must be working with youth, ages 0-8 years and fall into one of the following categories:

- Non-profit entity
- City/Government
- School District
- Faith-based organization
- Library

[Click here to learn more!](#)



BLACK HILLS READS

COVID-19 SUMMER GRANTS

COVID SLIDE GRANTS

The following grants have been designed to capture innovative solutions to learning loss due to COVID-19 (i.e. COVID Slide).

1 SUMMER EDUCATION PACKS!

This grant is for the Black Hills libraries! Grant will offer co-branded materials, with Black Hills Reads and the Black Hills Libraries Consortium, that will incorporate summer reading activities for youth.

Range: varies | *Deadline:* July 15, 2020

2 COVID SLIDE INNOVATIVE GRANTS!

These grants are open to any Black Hills entity that is working with youth.

Range: up to \$2,000 | *Deadline:* July 15, 2020

3 COVID SUPPLIES & SERVICES

The UWBH's COVID-19 Response Grants are for those in need of program funding for increased services or costs due to COVID-19.

Deadline: Rolling



TO QUALIFY
entity must be working with youth, ages 0-8 years and a:

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TO APPLY
go to:

- United Way grant portal at <http://agency.e-cimpack.com/login.aspx?org=44150u>
- Login or register for funds with your entity's EIN number



NEED HELP?
contact:

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Resources for COVID-19

We are committed to helping our community navigate these difficult times. We continue mobilizing resources to lend assistance in a variety of ways.

Our [Educational Resources page](#) provides parents and caregivers with tools to help students with online learning, arts and crafts, activities, fitness and more. Additionally, there are links to the five school districts in our region and the help they are providing.

For immediate assistance, please dial 2-1-1.

We also encourage you to go our [COVID-19 Information page](#) for more resources.