

UNITED WE STAND COVID-19 RELIEF

FUND RECIPIENTS

Volunteers of America - \$15,000

Funds will be used to purchase food items for the food boxes, diapers, baby wipes, Formula, Disinfectant spray, cleaning products, hand soap, Hand sanitizer, paper towels, laundry detergent, face mask, reusable gloves and other supplies as needed in response to COVID-19 related issues.

Hot Springs Library - \$2,000

Funds will be used to purchase children size COVID-19 masks for children in order to participate in summer reading activities at the library.

NeighborWorks - \$5,000 which will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) & Black Hills Energy (BHE)

Funds will be used to purchase tablet computers to allow clients to attend in-person homebuyer education courses which have been suspended in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fork Real Cafe - \$4,000

Funds will be used to cover the cost of meals provided to families in need for free. During the month of June, 540 meals were provided to individuals and families across Rapid City, through the help of UWBH funding.

Minneluzahn Senior Center - \$1,000

Funds will be used to continue the 'Happy Paks' meal delivery service for senior citizens.

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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills (BBBSBH) - \$6,000

BBBSBH will use grant funds to recover from cancelled fundraisers and to help with an increased need. A strong mentorship relationship guided by a Match Support Specialist (MSS) builds positive outcomes. BBBSBH will use the grant to provide case management services into the fall as schools and families refer more youth, as well as to acquire webcams and microphones so MSS can remotely interview and communicate with Bigs, Littles, and potential volunteers during the pandemic, per CDC guidelines.

Abbott House - \$6,000

Abbott House is requesting financial support to bring technology into the new foster homes and independent living apartments. The COVID pandemic caused the shutdown of schools and access to the public library. Within the current foster homes, they had to increase access to computers and tablets to allow the youth to complete their schoolwork. In addition, the technology is necessary for tele-health such as counseling services and contact with family and case workers.

Sturgis Public Library - \$6,000

Sturgis Public Library worked with the Meade 46-1 School District to assess how COVID-19 school and library closings affected our students and community. Lack of internet access and access to physical books was a common thread, affecting patrons and school students in Sturgis, Whitewood, Piedmont, Stagebarn and our rural communities. (2019-2020 enrollment was 2,964 students.) With CDC and district restrictions, the libraries will face continuing challenges to provide access this fall. This grant would allow them to purchase 10 circulating Wi-Fi hotspots giving internet access to families, and to expand the SPL downloadable books collection content for kindergarten through high school reading levels.

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Rural America Initiatives (RAI) - \$6,000

The Ateyapi Youth Mentors continue to find ways to give access to technology for schoolwork and curriculum. The grant will allow RAI to have the capacity to provide 10 students, at a time, with an electronic notebook and wifi access through the upcoming year. These funds will help provide the needed access to the students.

YMCA Childcare Centers in Rapid City and Custer - \$20,000

The purpose of these funds is to support positions that have been necessitated by COVID-19. There is a need for new positions such as greeters, runners and additional cleaners. These positions enable the YMCA to follow CDC guidelines and also reduce the amount of surface touching, limit the amount of people entering the building and encourage social distancing.

The greeters meet parents and children outside of the YMCA facility to screen children for temperature and other symptoms, they also check in the children and bring them to the runners. The staff who serve as runners bring the children to their classrooms in the morning and pick up each child in the afternoon as each parent arrives. The additional cleaning staff allow a constant rotation of cleaning elevators, door handles and other areas that would be considered frequently touched.

Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB) - \$7,500

GPTCHB serves as the liaison between the Great Plains Tribes and the various Health and Human Services divisions including the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service. GPTCHB works to reduce public health disparities and improve the health and wellness of the American Indian peoples.

Funds will be used to purchase food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products including toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, hand soap, hand sanitizer, etc. COVID specific supplies that will be purchased include face cloth coverings and thermometers.

MakeSPACE Spearfish Partnership For Arts - \$2,500

makeSPACE coordinates Masks for Spearfish - a local project to sew and coordinate the distribution of masks and isolation gowns for healthcare workers, local businesses and the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Northern Hills.

Funds will be used to make personal protective equipment for healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis at Monument Health. Thus far, makeSPACE has had more than 3000 masks sewn.

Northern Hills Alliance for Children - \$8,000

Funds will be used to purchase supplies to accommodate the changes necessary to meet CDC recommendations and guidelines. Some supplies include (but not limited to): food, thermometers, room dividers to create smaller classrooms and staffing to accommodate smaller classroom units.

Youth & Family Services (YFS) - \$5,000 (second grant)

This is their second grant we have awarded from the UNITED We Stand Fund. These funds will be used to continue to feed clients plus providing food to other agencies, plus helping with transportation, and now they are working on opening again.

Helpline Center 2-1-1: \$5,000

Funds will be used to accommodate the increase in calls to be connected to urgent resources.

Fork Real - \$2,000

Funds will be used for food distribution.

Custer Schools - \$5,000*

Funds will be used for summer food distribution.

**These funds will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation*

Operation Home Front - \$2,500

Funds will be used for economic assistance for veterans

Feeding SD - \$10,000*

Funds will be used for food boxes to distribute throughout the Black Hills.

**These funds will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation*

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Minneluzahan Senior Center - \$1,000

Funds will be used for *Happy Paks* with food and activities for seniors along with a check in by staff to make sure they are doing okay.

Crisis Intervention Shelter Service (CISS) - \$3,500

Funds will be used for boxes of food, hygiene kits, rental assistance, hotel vouchers, and assistance in acquiring unemployment for victims of domestic abuse.

Front Porch Coalition – \$5,000

Funds will be used for PPE for LOSS volunteers and additional trainings for LOSS volunteers to help others with the new stresses families are experiencing due to COVID-19.

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative - \$12,000

The need: A need for computers and technology for households to continue online education.

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase computers for households to continue online education for children and adult learning. In addition, BHSSC provides economic assistance to students via the recently created Student Support Fund. Funds are used for emergencies only; such needs as rent assistance, utilities, fuel, bus passes, employment uniform/attire, employment tools, education/training materials and supplies (including technology and devices, which was recently added due to new needs in response to Coronavirus).

Volunteers of America - \$10,000

The need: A lack of sufficient shelter for the homeless population due to the increase in CDC guidelines.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide shelter at a hotel/motel to upwards of 20 individuals.

WAVI (Working Against Violence Inc) - \$5,000

The need: An increase for food, essential non-food supplies, and activities for residents in the shelter.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide food and the necessary non-essential supplies to continue operations.

Spearfish Nutrition Site - \$4,000*

The need: An increased need for meals to serve to local senior citizens.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide assistance to purchase meals.

**This amount will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation*

Abbott House - \$3,000

The need: A lack in supplies: Food, toilet paper, paper towels and creative supplies for mental wellness activities for residents.

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase the necessary supplies to continue day to day operations.

New Dawn Enterprises - \$2,500

The need: A lack in toilet paper, paper towels and creative supplies for mental wellness activities for residents

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase the necessary supplies to continue day to day operations.

Catholic Social Services - \$20,000

The need: An increased need in emergency economic assistance applications (rental assistance, vouchers for medications and food), as well as mental health tele-counseling services.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide economic assistance to families in need, and to provide mental tele-health counseling services.

Wellfully - \$8,144

The need: To accommodate an influx of residents coming into their care.

How these funds will assist the need: Purchasing additional beds and supplies to serve more kids in residential care.

Youth and Family Services - \$5,000

The need: Families enrolled are facing economic hardship due to job loss, reduced hours, etc. They want to assist these families in getting the emergency needs they require.

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How these funds will assist the need: For food and non-food essential items, and to provide rent assistance (an average of \$500 each for up to nine families) and/or co-pay for medical, dental, and mental health services for families in need.

Salvation Army of the Black Hills - \$20,000

The need: An increase in demand for their food pantry service as a result of lost or reduced employment.

While they usually assist with utilities, they have also begun assisting with rent payments in response to the pandemic.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide utility and rental assistance to those in need.

To purchase food, hygiene supplies (toilet paper and household cleaners when available) and boxes to continue serving their food pantry clients and delivery for vulnerable populations.

Meals on Wheels of Western SD - \$10,000*

The need: They are expanding the capacity to provide hot, and frozen meals to seniors throughout the region which encompasses 49 communities. They have seen a 30% increase in the last 2 weeks. 25 new signups a day and growing

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase frozen meals that they will be preparing for Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Rapid City, Custer, Hot Springs and Edgemont (Approximately 15,045 meals)

**This amount will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation to equal a \$20,000 award amount.*

Black Hills Works - \$8,500

The need: Increased operating costs associated with cleaning to comply with CDC guidelines. I.e - the purchase of additional cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, and other PPE.

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase cleaning and protective supplies for employees, and provide meals to clients who are not receiving meals through their workplace.

Club for Boys - \$5,000

The need: Families enrolled are facing economic hardship due to job loss, reduced hours, etc. They

want to assist these families in getting the emergency needs they require.

How these funds will assist the need: To provide emergency economic assistance to enrolled families such as: Gift cards to local stores so families can purchase supplies needed during this emergency such as food, diapers, medical supplies, cleaning and household supplies.

Boys and Girls Club of the Black Hills - \$2,800

The need: Providing food and activities to kids while they are out of school and practicing social distancing.

How these funds will assist the need: To purchase meal bags and activity kits for kids staying at home.