



# ILLINOIS COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

## **Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund Announces Second Round of \$4.85 Million in Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Serving State's Most Vulnerable Residents** *Fund Also Announces More Than \$30 Million Raised Thus Far*

Springfield, IL (April 22, 2020) -- The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF) announced today it has distributed an additional \$4.85 million to 18 nonprofit organizations across the state, marking the second round of grants since launching. The Fund, which was established by the United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, today also announced it has raised more than \$30 million from over 2400 donors since its launch on March 26.

Funds raised will be disbursed to nonprofit organizations across the state serving individuals, families and communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the ICRF has made grants of more than \$10.5 million to 48 organizations across the state of Illinois. The fund prioritizes swiftly deploying resources to local community foundations and nonprofits in support of residents in need of: emergency food and basic supplies; interim housing and shelter; primary health care services; utility and financial assistance; supports for children and other vulnerable populations, and nonprofit safety and operations assistance.

"I am so proud to see Illinoisans stepping up and helping each other through these challenging times," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Thousands of Illinoisans have now contributed to this fund and I'm thrilled to see these resources going to organizations doing critical work in our communities."

The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, is providing flexible funding to nonprofit organizations across the state to supply essential resources to the individuals and households most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the second round of grants and there will be additional rounds of funding in coming weeks aimed at addressing needs as they evolve. The ICRF grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$400,000.

"At a time of such significant need for families across our state, this is an all-hands on deck moment," said Penny Pritzker, chairman of PSP Partners. "Thanks to the generosity of so many, these funds will deliver immediate support for people in every part of Illinois, providing critical services and basic needs such as food, shelter, diapers, support for our seniors and so much more."

In its first round, the ICRF made grants predominantly to local community foundations and United Ways around the state, as well as to some large nonprofit networks serving specific groups who are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. The second round of ICRF grants are going predominantly to large statewide or regional direct service providers who are addressing basic

needs in multiple communities around the state. The second round grant recipients from the ICRF are:

### Organization

- Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness
- Children's Home & Aid
- Evanston Community Foundation
- Family Counseling Center, Inc.
- Housing Action Illinois
- Illinois Action for Children
- Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies
- Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- Mercy Housing Lakefront
- Midwest Food Bank
- Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation
- One Hope United
- Shawnee Health Service
- Southern Illinois University Foundation
- The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois
- The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children
- The Salvation Army of Illinois

“Homeless service providers throughout Illinois have been critically active during the COVID-19 crisis, introducing social distancing measures in shelters, working to move people off the streets and into hotels or motels, and screening individuals with symptoms,” stated Sharon Legenza, Housing Action Illinois’ Executive Director. “With these relief funds, housing agencies across the state will be able to help more Illinoisans obtain or stay in stable homes—which protects the health and safety of our entire state.”

Since its launch on March 26<sup>th</sup>, the ICRF has raised an additional \$7.4M for the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to provide immediate relief to Illinois families. The growing list of donating organizations and individuals can be found at <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/#supporters>.

Contributions to the **Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund** can be made by visiting <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/>

### Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations

The Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations strengthens and promotes community foundations in cities, counties and regions across Illinois. Community foundations steward donor funds to improve the quality of life in our local communities.

<https://allianceilcf.org>

### United Way of Illinois

United Way of Illinois (UWI) is a statewide association of local United Way organizations representing communities across Illinois. We fight to create lasting community change by helping children and youth succeed in school, promoting financial stability and family independence and improving the health of all Illinois’ residents. More information at

<http://unitedwayillinois.org/>

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Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund  
 Round 2 Grant Awards  
 4/22/2020  
**Total Amount: \$4.85M**

| Organization                                      | Amount     | Geography                               |
|---|------------|---|
| Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies | \$ 400,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Children's Home & Aid                             | \$ 350,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Lutheran Social Services of Illinois              | \$ 350,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Illinois Action for Children                      | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Midwest Food Bank                                 | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| The Salvation Army of Illinois                    | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness                   | \$ 300,000 | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| One Hope United                                   | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Housing Action Illinois                           | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children        | \$ 300,000 | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| Southern Illinois University Foundation           | \$ 300,000 | State-wide (all of Illinois)            |
| Shawnee Health Service                            | \$ 250,000 | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| Family Counseling Center, Inc.                    | \$ 250,000 | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation        | \$ 250,000 | Single County                           |

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| Mercy Housing Lakefront              | \$ 200,000             | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| Evanston Community Foundation        | \$ 150,000             | Single County                           |
| Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank           | \$ 150,000             | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois | \$100,000              | Regional (several counties in Illinois) |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$ 4,850,000.00</b> |   |

## Round 2 ICRF Awards recommendation - Key Facts



**\$4,850,000** grant awards recommended



**18** grantees: **12** direct service providers and **6** re-granting organizations



Support for **100%** of counties in Illinois



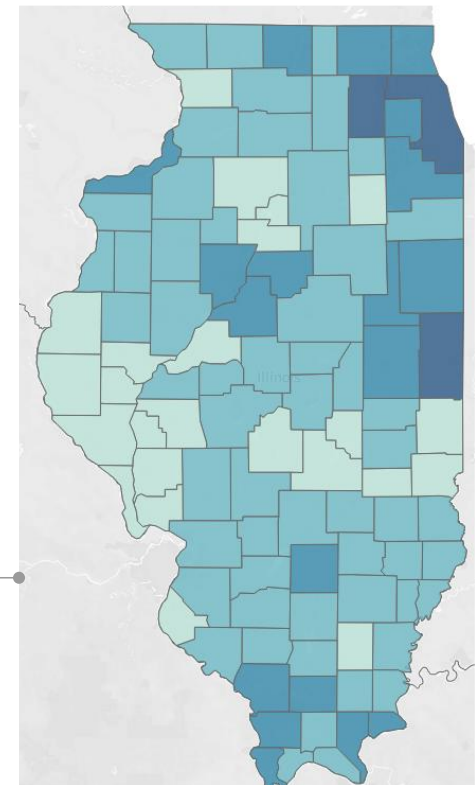
Round 2 to cover approximately **1M+** individuals

*(Some organizations may cover same lives for different needs)*



Funds to cover a full span of **age ranges** and **vulnerable populations** groups by providing services in line with **6** strategic areas

- Emergency food and basic supplies
- Interim housing and shelter
- Primary health care services
- Utility and financial assistance
- Support for children and other vulnerable populations
- Nonprofit safety and operations assistance



Source: ICRF Round 2 Applications