



ILLINOIS COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund Announces First Round of More Than \$5.5 Million in Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Serving State's Most Vulnerable Residents

Fund Also Announces More Than \$28 Million Raised Thus Far

And Steering Committee of Illinois Leaders

Springfield, IL (April 8, 2020) -- The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF) announced today it has distributed more than \$5.5 million to 30 nonprofit organizations across the state, marking the first grants since launching. The Fund 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 \$28 million from nearly 2000 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.

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 people rallying together around the state they call home and helping each other during these unprecedented challenges,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “This initial wave of funding will help people across the entire state and provide critical support to the communities that need it most. This generosity defines what it means to be All In Illinois.”

The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, is providing flexible funding to local nonprofit organizations across the state to supply essential resources to the individuals and households most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the first round of grants and there will be multiple rounds of funding in coming weeks aimed at addressing needs as they evolve. The ICRF grants announced today range from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

“In this time of such great need, we have been overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of people across our state to support the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund,” said Penny Pritzker, chairman of PSP Partners. “Our Fund’s committee members are working very hard to distribute funds quickly and thoughtfully across Illinois in response to this terrible crisis.”

The initial grant recipients from the ICRF Fund are:

Organization

- AgeOptions on behalf of I4a the Illinois Association of AAA
- Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley
- Community Foundation of Macon County
- Community Foundation of the Quincy Area
- DeKalb County Community Foundation
- Feeding Illinois
- Fox Valley United Way
- Freeport Community Foundation
- Galesburg Community Foundation
- Heart of Illinois United Way
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Illinois Migrant Council
- Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living
- Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
- Prairieland United Way
- Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation
- Southern Illinois Community Foundation
- Starved Rock Country Community Foundation
- DuPage Foundation
- The Moline Foundation
- United Way of Central Illinois
- United Way of Champaign County
- United Way of Greater McHenry County (UW) and
- The Community Foundation for McHenry County (CFMC)

- United Way of Greater St. Louis
- United Way of Lake County
- United Way of McLean County
- United Way of Rock River Valley
- United Way of South Central Illinois
- United Way of Will County

The ICRF also announced its Steering Committee made up of philanthropic, social sector and corporate leaders from across Illinois. The ICRF Steering Committee members include:

- Penny Pritzker (PSP Partners) – chair
- Sean Garrett (United Way Metro Chicago) – ex officio
- Helene Gayle (Chicago Community Trust) – ex officio
- Ellen Alberding (Joyce Foundation)
- Sharon Bush (Grand Victoria Foundation)
- Genna Gent (McDonald's)
- Sue Grey (United Way of Champaign County)
- Amanda Lessley (Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation)
- Maria Pesquiera (Healthy Communities Foundation)
- Mary Schmidt (State Farm)
- Gretchen Crosby Sims (University of Chicago Institute of Politics)
- Maurice Smith (Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois)
- Wegi Stewart (Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations)
- John Stremsterfer (Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln)
- Eric Weinheimer (Forefront)

“As a locally-based community foundation and United Way, we regularly interact with the key front line nonprofit organizations providing round the clock services to our most vulnerable citizens,” said Dan Templin, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Community Foundation. “This is an all hands-on deck moment and we greatly appreciate not only the trust and confidence of our local donors and grantee partners, but also being entrusted with a grant from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to help address this unprecedented crisis.”

An extraordinary group of founding donors -- corporations, foundations, and individuals -- have come together in an unparalleled way to contribute more than \$28 million to the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to provide immediate relief to Illinois families. The full list to date 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>

About 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 One Grant Awards

4/8/2020

Total Amount: \$5,575,000



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Organization	Amount	Geography
AgeOptions on behalf of I4a the Illinois Association of AAA	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Community Foundation of Macon County	\$ 250 000.00	Single County
Community Foundation of the Quincy Area	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
DeKalb County Community Foundation	\$ 100 000.00	Single County
Feeding Illinois	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Fox Valley United Way	\$ 50 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Freeport Community Foundation	\$ 100 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Galesburg Community Foundation	\$ 100 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Heart of Illinois United Way	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Illinois Migrant Council	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)
Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies	\$ 250 000.00	State-wide (all of Illinois)

Prairieland United Way	\$ 25 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Southern Illinois Community Foundation	\$ 100 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
Starved Rock Country Community Foundation	\$ 50 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
The DuPage Community Foundation d/b/a DuPage Foundation	\$ 100 000.00	Single County
The Moline Foundation	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of Central Illinois	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of Champaign County	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of Greater McHenry County (UW) and The Community Foundation for McHenry County (CFMC)	\$ 250 000.00	Single County
United Way of Greater St. Louis	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of Lake County	\$ 50 000.00	Single County
United Way of McLean County	\$ 100 000.00	Single County
United Way of Rock River Valley	\$ 250 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of South Central Illinois	\$ 50 000.00	Regional (several counties in Illinois)
United Way of Will County	\$ 250 000.00	Single County
	\$ 5,575,000.00	

Round One ICRF Awards - Key Facts



\$5,575,000 awarded



30 grantees: **7** state-wide, **16** regional and **7** single-county organizations



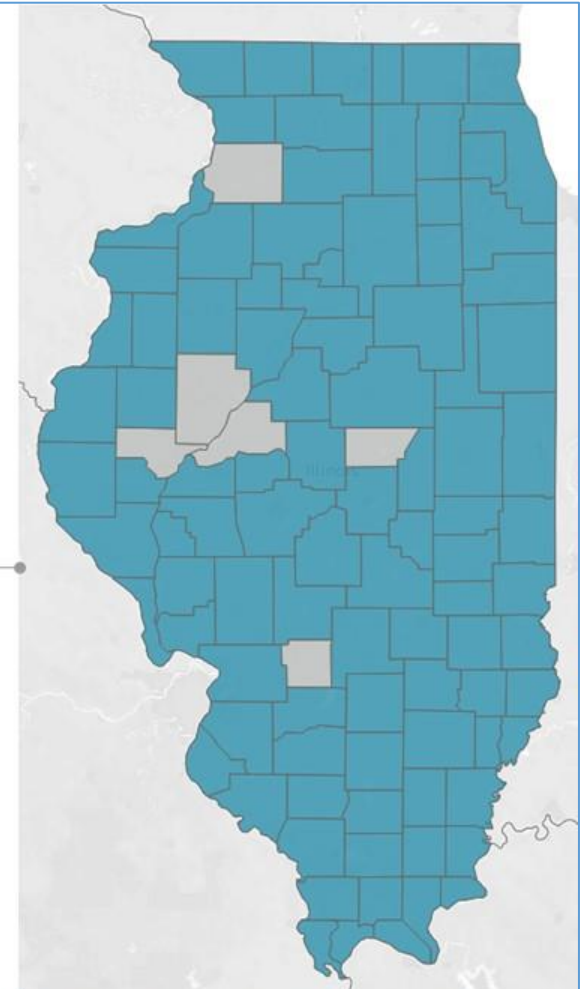
Support for **94%** of counties in Illinois



Round 1 to cover approximately **730K** 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; supports for children and other vulnerable populations; and nonprofit safety and operations assistance)



Regional organizations providing support for 96 counties