



ILLINOIS COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund Announces Largest Round of Funding to Date, Expanded Approach to Fund \$6.275 Million in Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Serving State's Most Vulnerable Counties

Fund Also Announces More Than \$30.5 Million Raised Thus Far from over 2,800 donors

Springfield, IL (May 20, 2020) -- The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF) announced today it distributed its third and largest round of funding thus far, an additional \$6.275 million to 31 nonprofit organizations across the state. 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 \$30.5 million from over 2800 donors since its launch on March 26th.

Funds are disbursed to nonprofit organizations across the state serving individuals, families and communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. With this most recent round, the ICRF has made grants of \$16.7 million to 62 unique organizations. Including these organizations and those that they have re-granted to, ICRF has funded almost 800 unique organizations across the state of Illinois. The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, will continue with additional rounds of grantmaking to nonprofits across the state to help Illinoisans through this crisis.

"The generosity of the people of Illinois and their willingness to help neighbors through tough times inspires me every day," said Governor JB Pritzker. "The outpouring of support we're seeing for the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund and the kind acts that some think go unnoticed are making the world of difference to residents in every corner of our state. Every good deed is making someone's day brighter."

"This is an all hands on deck effort to help our most vulnerable fellow Illinoisans at this time of such great need," said Penny Pritzker, chairman of PSP Partners. "We are so grateful to the thousands of individuals and organizations who have stepped up to provide critical services and support for people in every part of Illinois."

For this third round of funding, the ICRF expanded its approach to grantmaking, and used a data-driven process to identify the counties hit hardest by this pandemic – capturing both health *and* economic impacts. ICRF considered unemployment data, COVID-19 cases, percentage of vulnerable populations within the county, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) to prioritize 57 counties in greatest need of support throughout the state.

The third-round grant recipients from the ICRF are:

Organization

- Boone County Community Foundation
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Peoria

- Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois - Diocese of Belleville
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
- Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley
- Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri (Formerly Community Foundation of Quincy Area)
- DeKalb County Community Foundation
- Diocese of Rockford - Social Services DBA Catholic Charities
- DuPage Foundation
- Edwardsville Community Foundation
- Fox Valley United Way
- Freeport Community Foundation
- McDonough County United Way
- Morris Community Foundation DBA Community Foundation of Grundy County
- Quad Cities Community Foundation
- Rochelle Area Community Foundation
- Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation
- Southern Illinois Community Foundation
- Starved Rock Country Community Foundation
- The Community Foundation for McHenry County
- The Heart of Illinois United Way
- United Way of Central Illinois
- United Way of Champaign County Illinois Inc
- United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois
- United Way of Greater St. Louis
- United Way of Lake County
- United Way of Lee County
- United Way of McLean County
- United Way of Rock River Valley
- United Way of South Central Illinois
- United Way of Will County

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 3 Grant Awards
 5/20/2020
Total Amount: \$6.275M

Organization	Amount
DuPage Foundation	\$400,000
Quad Cities Community Foundation	\$400,000
Southern Illinois Community Foundation	\$400,000
United Way of Lake County	\$400,000
United Way of Will County	\$400,000
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation	\$350,000
United Way of Greater St. Louis	\$350,000
The Heart of Illinois United Way	\$300,000
United Way of Central Illinois	\$300,000
Fox Valley United Way	\$250,000
The Community Foundation for McHenry County	\$250,000
United Way of Champaign County Illinois Inc.	\$250,000
United Way of McLean County	\$250,000
United Way of Rock River Valley	\$250,000

Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley	\$200,000
United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois	\$200,000
United Way of South Central Illinois	\$150,000
Boone County Community Foundation	\$100,000
Catholic Charities Diocese of Peoria	\$100,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois	\$100,000
Edwardsville Community Foundation	\$100,000
Freeport Community Foundation	\$100,000
Rochelle Area Community Foundation	\$100,000
United Way of Lee County	\$100,000
Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois - Diocese of Belleville	\$75,000
DeKalb County Community Foundation	\$75,000
Diocese of Rockford - Social Services DBA Catholic Charities	\$75,000
Morris Community Foundation DBA Community Foundation of Grundy County	\$75,000
Starved Rock Country Community Foundation	\$75,000
Community Foundation of West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri (Formerly Community Foundation of the Quincy Area)	\$50,000
McDonough County United Way	\$50,000
Total	\$ 6,275,000.00

Round 3 ICRF Awards - Key Facts



\$6,275,000 grant awards recommended



31 grantees: **13** United Ways, **14** Community Foundations, and **4** Catholic Charities organizations



Support for **57** high-priority Counties throughout the state of Illinois¹



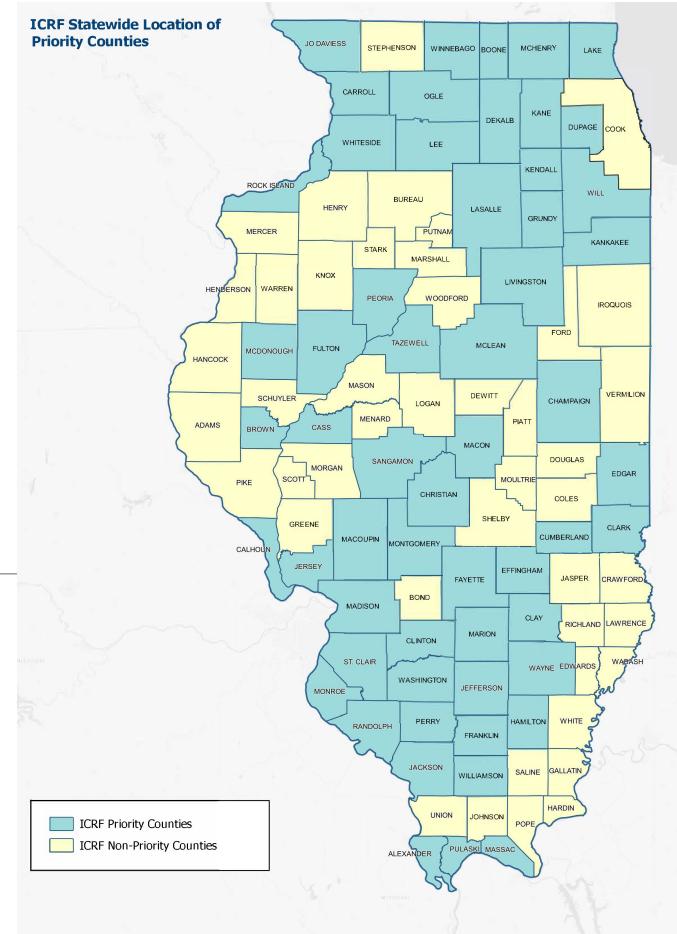
Funds to cover a full span of age ranges and COVID-19 vulnerable populations including:

- African Americans
- Seniors
- Latinx
- Essential Workers
- Children
- Individuals and families experiencing wage loss



Grants will provide 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



1: Priority determined by COVID-19 cases, CDC SVI Index, Unemployment data, and percentage of vulnerable population, especially people of color
 Source: ICRF Round 3 Applications