

Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund – FAQs

What will my donations support?

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund will provide immediate support to those most vulnerable to the economic and health related impacts caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. The fund will focus on providing resources to organizations working with communities disproportionately impacted by the outbreak and its economic consequences.

Initial priorities will likely focus on the immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations resulting from closures and support those community safety nets such as food insecurity, rent and utility assistance, medical supports and childcare.

Priority populations include families with young children and children on free and reduced lunch; individuals without health insurance, access to sick days or access to healthcare; hospitality, service industry and gig economy workers; and those needing housing stability.

Dollars will also go to address the gaps in the capacity of our existing non-profit partners adversely affected by the impact of COVID-19, including impacts from unanticipated interruptions in business operations, interruptions in state and/or local government programs or services and the loss of volunteers in an age of social distancing.

Can a family apply for resources from the Fund?

We understand many individuals and families may be affected by the outbreak already and more may continue to be affected. We are working to move resources to community-based organizations that are directly supporting local residents and families who are most affected by emerging economic and health impacts. While the Fund is not able to provide grants to individuals, it is funding community-based organizations that have experience and history of providing people and families with services and support. As we begin to award grants, we will post them on our website. If you are looking for resources now, please reach out to 211. United Way of Greater Atlanta's 2-1-1 Contact Center is a full-service contact center which connects people to the assistance they need to address everyday challenges of living as well as those that develop during emergencies. United Way 2-1-1 is free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year in 140 different languages.

Will all the money go to the community?

Yes. Other than a small credit card processing fee, 100% of all donations will go directly to support services and supplies for those in need.

What organizations will receive the funds?

We anticipate making a first round of investments in the coming weeks and will publish the list of selected grantees on United Way and the Community Foundation's website, along with short descriptions of the services and support they are providing. We hope that this will help the community navigate available resources.