

# UNITED WAY FOR CLINTON COUNTY

## COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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### Introduction

On May 18, 2020, United Way for Clinton County, The Community Foundation of Clinton County, Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, and Kaspar Radio announced a joint effort to bring relief to the area's most vulnerable individuals and families impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The goal of the COVID-19 Response Fund is to rapidly deploy resources to local non-profit organizations that are offering emergency relief to families and individuals in need and to those who are looking for innovative means to provide support networks for those who need them the most.

In addition to funds raised by United Way for Clinton County, The Community Foundation of Clinton County, Chamber of Commerce and Kaspar Radio, the COVID-19 Response Fund is sponsored by Indiana United Ways, with funding provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc. This additional funding totals \$200,000 is provided to support Clinton County in their efforts to provide critical and necessary services to those who have been negatively affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

These funds will help stabilize our United Way Not For Profit Agencies and the broader safety net services by supporting local Non-Profits that are providing critical services to individuals and families. Our normal strategies focus on helping people find a path to better education, health and financial stability. These funds will strengthen that work during this crisis and into the future.

### Agency Eligibility

Any organization wishing to submit a proposal must:

- Serve residents in Clinton County
- Have a 501(c) 3 status and other nonprofit designation, as stated from the IRS in Health and Human Services

### Funding Priorities

- Food distribution to students affected by school closures and other food insecure populations that are isolated or lack access
- Rent, utility, and prescription medication for those displaced by employment interruption
- Access to childcare for families affected by closures especially for essential medical and emergency response staff
- Services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness who lack the resources to stay safe and receive medical treatment
- Access to mental health and substance use services during a time when isolation can significantly impact progress
- Sustaining nonprofits who are providing and supporting critical health and human services
- Long-term recovery and community development opportunities

## Application Process

- Step 1: Review COVID-19 Response Funding Priorities to determine if your request aligns with The United Way for Clinton County mission.
- Step 2: Complete and submit an application to Anita Stewart at [astewart@uwclintoncounty.org](mailto:astewart@uwclintoncounty.org)

We suggest that Tier I grantees submit grants only for immediate needs which can be between \$1,000 - \$5,000. Additional funds can be granted depending on circumstances and approval by Advisory and United Way Board of Directors. Grant awards and reporting requirements will be communicated via email.

## Deadline

This grant will have a rolling deadline until the funds are expended, but it will be distributed in stages for immediate/emergency needs (Tier I) and intermediate/long term recovery needs (Tier 2 & Tier 3).

## Review Process

All completed applications will be assessed through a review process by an Advisory Board made up of community volunteers and the United Way Board of Directors. An agency may be contacted if additional information or clarification is needed.

## Funding Distribution and Oversight

United Way for Clinton County will manage the fund distribution process and provide oversight of the funds reporting requirements. All final funding allocations will be approved by the United Way Board of Directors.

