

Dane County Executive Parisi: Announces local non-profit recipients of \$5M COVID-19 relief grant program aiding underserved communities

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Today, County Executive Joe Parisi announced the recipients of Dane County's \$5 million Covid-19 Non-Profit Relief Grant Program, created to help local organizations recover from the pandemic. The program will provide relief to local, human service focused non-profit organizations to bolster their service delivery efforts to the Dane County community.

"Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, local non-profits have worked tirelessly to support our community and deliver services under unprecedented circumstances," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "These grants will help our local non-profits recover from the impacts of the ongoing pandemic and boost their ability to support underserved communities. We congratulate the recipients and thank them for their commitment to serve the Dane County community."

The program, created with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan, will allocate one-time grants to 66 Dane County non-profit agencies to bolster their efforts to meet client service and community needs impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Only Dane County non-profit agencies providing service to underserved communities were eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. The grant design reflected the need to institute supports quickly and included flexibility to address the needs of individual non-profit agencies.

Allowable grant activities include the following:

- Expansion of, or needed adaptation to, any current operating expenses in order meet emerging client service needs or opportunities in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Expansion of staffing or supports with grant funds would end following the grant period.
- Permanent housing costs not covered by Emergency Rental Assistance funds such as move-in costs and meeting household needs, including purchase of furniture.
- Resource linkage or navigation—activities designed to connect individuals and families to services and/or resources.
- Food security activities—activities designed to address food insecurity and support food pantries and other local food resources in low-income areas.
- Direct service materials and supplies—purchase of agency supplies to meet direct service needs.
- Basic needs allocations for clients to help promote safety and wellbeing.

To impact the greatest number of low income people in the community, the decision was made to spread the dollars among applications that met the eligibility criteria. 66 requests for \$5 million were funded, ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,301. Approximately 125,000 individuals in the community will be served. Agencies receiving awards on average serve a population that is 87% low income.

Priority was given to smaller, emerging agencies serving low income communities/individuals, who did not receive prior Covid relief. The impact ranges from meeting the basic needs of families, ensuring food security and housing support, bolstering mental health and AODA agency capacity, and enhancing programs serving youth, people with disabilities, and older adults. Many BIPOC led organizations are receiving funding. A number of programs will serve the Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian communities most impacted by Covid.

Covid-19 Non-Profit Relief Grant Program Recipients Include:

1. SSM Health at Home
\$75,000
Focus: meals for seniors
2. Community Organizations Promoting the Arts
\$50,000
Focus: youth support

3. Sunny Side Development, Ltd
\$50,000
Focus: utility support
4. Community Agency Bridging the Gap
\$150,000
Focus: family support
5. Operation Straighten-Up
\$50,000
Focus: basic needs / seniors
6. EOTO Culturally Rooted
\$150,000
Focus: linkage / mental health
7. YAFA: Yoga Accessible for All
\$65,000
Focus: mental health impacts
8. North Eastside Youth Basketball
\$50,000
Focus: youth support
9. MACH OneHealth
\$150,000
Focus: housing support
10. Occupy Madison, Inc.
\$150,000
Focus: housing support
11. Open Doors For Refugees
\$60,000
12. Root To Rise, Inc.
\$150,000
Focus: academic support
13. Madison Area Community Land Trust
\$150,000
Focus: sustainable housing
14. Families Back to the Table, Inc.
\$150,000
Focus: food security
15. Allied Wellness Center
\$70,000
16. Connecting The Dots with Mattie Inc.

- \$150,000
Focus: housing impact
- 17. Extended Hands Pantry
\$80,000
Focus: food distribution
- 18. Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin
\$50,000
Focus: client linkage / support
- 19. Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: transportation needs
- 20. FOSTER of Dane County, Inc.
\$91,435
Focus: basic needs
- 21. McFarland Youth Center
\$50,000
Focus: youth support
- 22. The Arc-Dane County
\$65,000
Focus: support for isolated IDD adults
- 23. Southeast Asian Healing Center
\$150,000
Focus: mental health in Hmong community
- 24. The Hmong Institute
\$250,301
Focus: basic needs, transportation, linkage, etc. for Southeast Asian community
- 25. Progress Center for Black Women
\$150,000
Focus: basic needs, support for BIPOC women
- 26. Friends of Stoughton Area Youth Center
\$65,000
Focus: youth support
- 27. JFMJ Academy, Inc.
\$150,000
Focus: basic needs
- 28. Neighborhood House Community Center
\$55,000

- Focus: food security, basic needs
- 29. CEOs of Tomorrow, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: youth support
- 30. Deerfield Community Center, Inc.
\$65,000
Focus: basic needs / youth support
- 31. Omega School, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: virtual learning
- 32. Elver Park Neighborhood Center, operated by Wisconsin Youth Company
\$50,000
Focus: youth support
- 33. 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc.
\$78,424
Focus: basic needs / youth support
- 34. Encore Studio for the Performing Arts, Inc.
\$75,000
Focus: disability support
- 35. Living Our Visions, Inc.
\$69,540
Focus: support for Latinx community
- 36. Kennedy Heights Community Center
\$55,900
Focus: basic needs
- 37. Outreach, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: basic needs / seniors
- 38. Affordable Dental Care Inc.
\$64,700
Focus: health support
- 39. More Smiles Wisconsin, Inc.
\$64,700
Focus: health support
- 40. Latino Academy of Workforce Development
\$150,000
Focus: basic needs, translation, linkage for Latinx community
- 41. Project Home

\$50,000

Focus: basic needs

42. Forward Learning Youth and Young Adults

\$50,000

Focus: basic needs, linkage, mental health support

43. Tenant Resource Center

\$50,000

Focus: housing impact

44. Jessie Crawford Recovery Center

\$50,000

Focus: AODA support

45. Big Oak Child Care Center

\$50,000

Focus: childcare

46. Families and Schools Together, Inc.

\$50,000

Focus: family support

47. The Rainbow Project, Inc.

\$50,000

Focus: safety supplies, mental health support

48. Bayview Foundation

\$50,000

Focus: support Hmong community

49. Middleton Outreach Ministry

\$50,000

Focus: housing, basic needs, food

50. Movin' Out, Inc.

\$50,000

Focus: housing stability for the disabled

51. Chrysalis

\$50,000

Focus: mental health support

52. Literacy Network

\$50,000

Focus: community resources

53. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County

\$50,000

Focus: youth support

54. Madison-Area Urban Ministry d/b/a JustDane
\$50,000
Focus: resource navigation / family support
55. The Road Home Dane County
\$50,000
Focus: housing impact
56. Operation Fresh Start
\$50,000
Focus: youth employment support
57. Domestic Abuse Intervention Services
\$50,000
Focus: safety text line access
58. Community Action Coalition for South-Central Wisconsin
\$50,000
Focus: household supplies
59. Porchlight, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: health, food
60. YWCA Madison, Inc.
\$50,000
Focus: basic needs, transportation
61. The River Food Pantry
\$50,000
Focus: food security
62. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County
\$50,000
Focus: outreach, food security
63. The Salvation Army
\$50,000
Focus: housing stability
64. Goodman Community Center
\$50,000
Focus: older adult services
65. Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)
\$50,000
Focus: childcare
66. RISE Wisconsin, Inc.
\$50,000

Focus: mental health impacts