

The Stark Community Foundation, in partnership with the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton and other local funders, has activated the foundation's Immediate Impact Alert Fund and opened grant applications.

The fund is designed to provide a resource for COVID-19-related support that isn't coming from federal, state or local governments; to streamline requests for funding; and help funders understand the scope of the need.

Any money donated to the fund will go directly to organizations in the community dealing with the coronavirus response.

How to get funding:

(Money will be awarded to organizations handling)

- Assistance to seniors
- Childcare for first-responders
- Emergency financial assistance (utilities, rent and mortgage assistance)
- Food
- Mental Health services
- Shelter

Nonprofits, schools, churches and government organizations may apply for funding by contacting Anne Savastano, grants and operations manager at the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, at asavastano@scfcanton.org or [330 454-5800, ext. 304](tel:3304545800).

The grant application asks questions about whether organizations have lost revenue because of the coronavirus and whether they have incurred additional expenses because of added programming or increased operations.

There is no limit as to how much funding organizations can apply for.

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We are living through very challenging times. As we get through the days, weeks and months ahead, there is so much we can do as a community to support those who may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

To support these efforts, ServeOhio, in conjunction with its partners, the American Electric Power Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service, announces the availability of grants to support community resiliency initiatives that mobilize residents to address significant needs in their community as a result of the novel coronavirus. Grant awards will range between \$500 to \$2,000, and projects must take place prior to [April 30, 2020](#).

Examples of such initiatives may include:

- Organizing a food drop off program for at-risk populations (children, older adults, etc.)
- Organizing a diaper drive
- Organizing a toiletry drive to support residents unable to purchase essentials
- Creating cards/letters for older adults in nursing homes

Note: *There is no requirement for residents to physically come together for this initiative (social distancing is encouraged). These funds are intended to support initiatives that mobilize the power of local communities to solve complex problems as a result of the novel coronavirus.*

How can the funding be used?

The grants support projects that provide opportunities for citizens to solve an immediate need caused by COVID-19. Funds may not be used for staffing, travel costs, gift cards, awards, or grantee administration/overhead costs. All awards will be paid by reimbursement upon submission of the project report and documentation of expenditures.

Who is eligible to apply?

Non-profit and public organizations in Ohio including, but not limited to, volunteer centers, school districts, community colleges, universities, and local governments are eligible to apply.

Ready to apply?

For the application and instructions, [click here](#). **Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2020, and projects must take place prior to April 30, 2020.** We look forward to receiving your application!

Please refer questions regarding this grant competition to Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss at Rebecca.Verhoff-Kiss@serveohio.gov.