

Subject: [EXT] Latest News: COVID-19 Response Fund

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United Way of Central Carolinas announced a joint partnership with Foundation For The Carolinas on March 16, 2020 to <u>launch the COVID-19 Response Fund</u> to support Mecklenburg County nonprofit organizations helping to serve residents impacted by the pandemic crisis, especially our most vulnerable populations.

Today, the COVID-19 Response Fund sits at over \$13.7 million thanks to the collective generosity of local government, businesses, foundations and individuals. We are exceedingly grateful to 400 donors during this unprecedented time to support the immediate and long-term needs of our community. Read more about our most generous donors <a href="https://example.com/here/besses/bes

Shortly after the COVID-19 Response Fund was announced, a 17-member COVID-19 Response Fund Grants Committee was established to review and distribute grants. The group represents a diversity of business sectors, backgrounds and Mecklenburg County geographic locations.

On Friday, March 27, United Way of Central Carolinas and Foundation For The Carolinas announced that nearly \$3 million in direct grants has been awarded to 14 local nonprofits in the first round of a multi-phase grant award process.

These grants ensure rapid funding for organizations on the front lines meeting basic needs for those affected by the pandemic: food,

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shelter, housing and emergency financial assistance. To see the complete list of first-round grant recipients, <u>click here</u>.

A competitive grant cycle is now open for future grant awards. Mecklenburg County 501(c)3 nonprofits that meet eligibility requirements may apply.

Thank you again for your ongoing support during this public health and economic crisis. The power of maximizing your reach and impact through collective giving has never been more evident. There is no single nonprofit that can manage these complex challenges on its own. It takes a village. This incredible response exemplifies what we can achieve when we come together for a common purpose.

In these uncertain times, the basic needs within our community grow with each passing day. We encourage you to share this opportunity with others who may be interested in making a donation toward the COVID-19 Response Fund.

We are all in this together.

The United Way of Central Carolinas and Foundation For The Carolinas Teams

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