Regional Nonprofit Emergency Response Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

❖ **What is the Regional Nonprofit Emergency Fund?**
   Hosted by Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Regional Nonprofit Emergency Fund will be administered by community foundations throughout the 10-county Bay Area region. The fund will be used to provide flexible operating support grants to nonprofit organizations serving one or more of the 10 counties.

❖ **How will COVID-19 Regional Nonprofit Emergency Response funds be distributed?**
   Each partner community foundation will use a simple process to issue grants for the county(ies) they serve and will be responsible for dispensing funds in their region. SVCF will distribute resources in San Mateo and Santa Clara County based on our assessment of local needs and the opportunity to fill gaps in services and leverage other philanthropic resources.

❖ **Who will decide how the COVID-19 Regional Nonprofit Emergency Response funds are spent in San Mateo and Santa Clara County?**
   SVCF staff and a community advisory committee will work in collaboration with other funders to coordinate and leverage our donations. We have strong working relationships with philanthropic organizations and government entities that are also responding to the crisis.

**Donors: How to give?**

❖ **Can I direct my gift to a specific county?**
   Yes. You can direct your gift to a specific county, by selecting that county in the drop-down menu of the donate button, You can also contact a member of our development team at donate@siliconvalleycf.org.

❖ **Will there be an administrative charge applied to fund donations?**
   To support administrative, reporting and processing costs, a 1% fee will be withheld from all fund contributions.
Can I provide in-kind support to the regional response?
Those who are interested in providing in-kind support are encouraged to contact the designated lead agency in their region. At this time, SVCF is focused on coordinating financial support and not region-wide in-kind support.

Nonprofits: How to apply?

Which nonprofits are eligible to apply?
SVCF is accepting applications from organizations 501c(3) organizations serving San Mateo and Santa Clara County. Our online application can be found here.

How do I receive funding if my organization is located outside of San Mateo or Santa Clara County?
Nonprofits in other Bay Area counties seeking emergency funding should reach out to their local community foundation.

My organization applied for a grant, when will we hear back?
Applicants will be informed of grant decisions within 7-10 business days.

Other Resources

Technology Tools: Given the need to work remotely during the COVID-19 crisis, several technology companies are making their tools available for free during this period. Here is more information about how to take advantage of tools that companies have to offer.

Philanthropy CA: Under the Resources tab: The Philanthropy California team has compiled a list of resources to help nonprofits navigate numerous aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak. The page is updated on a daily basis to help you stay informed and take rapid actions to support our most vulnerable communities during this crisis.