COVID-19 Regional Response Fund
Frequently Asked Questions

❖ What is the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund?
Hosted by Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund provides funding to designated lead partner organizations in the 10-county Bay Area region to help individuals meet basic needs including housing/shelter, food, clothing, and financial assistance. These lead organizations, in turn, will provide direct service to individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Donors: How to give?
❖ Can I direct my gift to a specific county?
Donors can designate contributions to a specific county or counties in the Bay Area region. Contributions to the entire region will be distributed to every county with a focus on equity and the most vulnerable residents.

❖ 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 and Individuals: How to receive funding?
❖ Can individuals receive financial assistance?
SVCF does not provide grants to individuals. Individuals seeking financial assistance, food, clothing shelter or other basic necessities should contact one of the lead agencies receiving funding through SVCF. Assistance is dependent on available funding.
❖ **Can my nonprofit apply to be a lead agency?**
No, not at this time. SVCF worked in consultation with community foundations across the 10-county Bay Area region to choose lead agencies based on their deep roots in their communities and their ability to administer and deploy grant funds quickly and efficiently.

❖ **Can my nonprofit receive funding from the lead agencies?**
SVCF is relying on lead agencies' local expertise to deliver services and partner with organizations in each community to address the COVID-19 crisis as appropriate. Nonprofits who may be eligible for funding are determined by lead agencies based on local needs and available funding.

❖ **How can my nonprofit receive funding?**
SVCF is also hosting a Regional Nonprofit Emergency Fund that will be administered by SVCF for nonprofits that serve Santa Clara County and San Mateo County and by community foundations that serve other Bay Area counties. The fund will be used to provide flexible operating support grants to nonprofit organizations serving one or more of the 10 counties.

**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 these offers.

❖ **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 daily to help you stay informed and take rapid actions to support our most vulnerable communities during this crisis.