



# FAQs

- 1) **Will an accounting of the fund be made available to donors at some point?** YES! Both organizations will have this information published on their website, as well as sharing through email newsletters. Our goal is to be transparent and let the public and donors know the need, what is happening and what still needs to be done.
- 2) **How will money from the fund be dispersed?** The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund will be an ongoing fundraising effort. It is our expectation that we will be raising dollars for a year to 18 months to distribute to local McHenry County nonprofits. Funds will be distributed throughout that time, as the needs arise and as nonprofits apply through our online process. Together, United Way of Greater McHenry County and The Community Foundation for McHenry County will be the ones to review the applications and grant the money.
- 3) **What is the plan for developing a allocation process?** Local McHenry County nonprofit agencies will be asked to fill out an online application as their needs arise. Together, United Way of Greater McHenry County and The Community Foundation for McHenry County Executive Directors will be the ones to review the applications. We will also collaborate with the Mental Health Board and McHenry County Social Services members.
- 4) **How does my nonprofit apply for funds?** An application is available on The CFMC's.
- 5) **If our agency receives an allocation from the Response Fund will it affect future funding from the Transformational or Mission Grant dollars?** The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund, dollars are potentially available to any charitable organization in McHenry County. This is completely separate from our normal grant process.
- 6) **Are the funds available to individuals or businesses?** No. The McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund is only available to current charitable organizations serving the McHenry County community. The region's health and human service organizations are experiencing a surge in demand for services from neighbors and communities significantly impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. It's critical these nonprofits have the resources they need to continue to operate at the highest capacity and help those individuals who are most vulnerable.
- 7) **I've seen a lot of different funds popping up on my social media page. Why should I donate to this one?** The CFMC and United Way are grateful to see so many wonderful community members stepping up to help our friends and neighbors. The benefit of donating to the McHenry County Community COVID-19 Response Fund is that our organizations pride ourselves on long and successful histories of grant making. Our staff members are able to quickly and accurately conduct due diligence to ensure funds are going where they will do the most good for our community. Also, contributions to this fund may be tax deductible for donors.
- 8) **Where can I go to find out more about services in our community?**
  - We suggest calling 2-1-1 from your cell phone or land line if you want more information on services or resources available. This is a United Way funded program available to anyone in McHenry County. 2-1-1 is a free, 24/7 call center that puts people in touch with health and human service related needs/questions, as well as emotional support. For more information, you can also check out their website at <http://www.navigateresources.net/path/>

- Everyone is encouraged to download the McHelp App to their phone. This free app is a way to connect to the Crisis Line, McHenry County Mental Health Resources, A Way Out McHenry County Substance Abuse Amnesty, 2-1-1 Community Helpline and QPR.
- If it's an emergency and you need help, call the McHenry County Crisis Center at 1-800-892-8900 (local access only).