

The Covid-19 Relief Fund at Community Foundation for San Benito County (CFFSBC), in partnership with United Way of San Benito County (UWSBC), was created in March 2020 to respond to the continuously evolving crisis of the global pandemic in San Benito County. On June 16, 2021, we will begin accepting applications for Covid-19 Relief: Recovery 2 made possible with funding from San Benito County.

Eligibility: Grants may be awarded to nonprofit organizations serving San Benito County meeting the following criteria:

- Applicants must be registered, in good standing with local and state regulations and tax requirements, be active, and organized according to either Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6), or 501(c)(19);
- Demonstrate a need for funding due to the coronavirus pandemic or the impact of following public health recommendations to “flatten the curve” of potential Covid-19 infections locally for the purpose of either:
 - Providing new or altered support services or resources to impacted people, organizations, or communities.
 - Continuity of operations support due to increased expenses or decreased revenue.
- Have a plan for adapting or maintaining services now or in the future including adherence to applicable county or state guidance on re-opening;
- Demonstrate a high degree of benefit to the general public or a broad sub-population(e.g. youth, elderly) over time; and
- Have the ability and organizational capacity to adapt and continue to have a sustainable, long-term influence in the community.

Ineligibility:

- Religious institutions or churches shall not be considered
- Schools, private public or pre-schools shall not be considered.

Priority will be given to organizations who are still unable to open due to COVID-19 restrictions, or who have faced ongoing hardship due to high fixed operating costs and decreased revenues. Additional priority will be given to nonprofits who provide service to vulnerable residents of San Benito County, including but not limited to: food, shelter, health and mental health, child and family services, youth, senior, social, crisis, treatment and prevention services.

Grant Award Amounts: With limited funding sources, the maximum grant per approved request will be \$25,000. One grant may be awarded per nonprofit.

Timeline:

Period Opens: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Decisions Announced: Friday, August 27, 2021
Funding Deadline: Friday December 31, 2021

CFFSBC and UWSBC, are committed to fairly evaluating all grant requests submitted. The Grants Committee consists of a diverse and knowledgeable group of volunteer community members representing a broad spectrum of San Benito County.

In general, Covid-19 Relief Recovery 2 grants awards will NOT fund the following:

- Organizations that discriminate by age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation
- Programs that benefit a specific individual
- Fraternal or service organizations, unless in support of specific programs open to or benefiting the entire community
- Salaries or operating expenses of schools, government departments and agencies or related organizations
- Fundraising events such as, walk-a-thons, tournaments, fashion shows, dinners, and auctions
- Private foundations or fundraising organizations
- Organizations and programs designed to support political activities
- Organizations located outside San Benito County unless for a specific program benefiting residents within San Benito County
- Pay off existing obligations or enable funding of reserve accounts
- Endowment funds
- Scholarships, fellowships, travel grants, and academic, technical or specialized research
- Applications for grant requests that far exceed a reasonable proportion to the applicant's financial scale

The Grants Committee shall exercise due diligence by revisiting historical needs and performance to determine the overall Covid-19 impact on the applicant/nonprofit organization. Vetting committees will be assigned and meetings scheduled with the organization to review the content of the Covid-19 Relief: Recovery 2 application. After thorough examination and evaluation, Vetting Committees from CFFSBC and UWSBC will present their findings to the Grants Committee with recommendations. A consensus by the Grants Committee shall determine each Covid-19 Relief Recovery 2 grant award, and the committee will establish and approve funding levels and any appropriate terms and conditions. The Grant Committee will provide an award or regret letter to each grant applicant; typically, this communication will be an e-mail from the Director of Grants.

Funding

Applicants who are awarded a Covid-19 Relief Recover 2 Grant must apply for their funding by **December 31, 2021**. The Director of Grants will provide a 2021 Covid 19 Relief Recovery 2 Agreement and Funding Request that Grantees must complete and return with original signatures. **Covid-19 Relief Recovery 2 grant awards will expire, if not funded by the deadline specified.**

Follow-Up Requirements

All grantees are required to provide a *Covid-19 Relief Fund Recovery Grant 2 Interim Impact Report* within 6 months after receipt of funding and a full *Covid-19 Relief Fund Recovery Grant 2 Impact Report* within a year after receipt of funding. The Grants Committee may schedule a follow-up review with the grantee to properly understand the use, impact, and effectiveness of the grant.

Marketing

CFFSBC and UWSBC encourages grantees to make announcements of grant award upon receipt of the grant payment. CFFSBC and UWSBC marketing departments are available to provide assistance in your communication efforts. **NOTE:** Please do not list the CFFSBC and/or UWSBC as a Sponsor. Use words similar to “Funded in part by a Covid-19 Relief Recovery 2 Grant from the Community Foundation for San Benito County and United Way of San Benito County”

Applications and Question:

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