

Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund

COVID-19 Proposals

Application Guidelines and Instructions

I. Overview

Managed by the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will provide flexible financial support to nonprofit partners within the CFCI service area (a 50-mile radius of the city of Peoria, IL excluding Knox and McLean Counties), who are responding to increasing needs as a result of COVID-19.

An advisory committee will review applications at the end of each cycle. Grants will then be made to community-based organizations that are directly supporting local residents and families who are most affected by emerging health, economic, and social impacts.

II. Purpose

Most immediately, CFCI has identified the need for unrestricted grants to organizations seeking assistance with or providing support for projects that may include but are not limited to the following:

- Emergency food and basic supplies
- Interim housing and shelter
- Primary health care services
- Utility assistance
- Support for children and vulnerable populations

III. Application Instructions

1. All applications will be submitted online using the SmarterSelect platform. The link for the online application can be found on CFCI's homepage: <https://communityfoundationci.org/>
2. The committee will review applications at the end of each cycle. CFCI will then communicate funding decisions as soon as possible. The first cycle will open Wednesday, April 22, 2020 and close Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Details on the second cycle will be forthcoming.
3. Organizations may request up to \$5,000.
4. At this time, organizations may only apply once. Any changes to this restriction will be communicated as ongoing needs are assessed.
5. Eligibility: Open to all organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, those that operate under a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3) organization, and to units of local county, state or federal government.
6. Grantmaking limitations: CFCI does not fund annual / capital campaigns, individuals, endowments, or sectarian religious purposes: Faith based organizations and churches are eligible if the program serves the community.

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