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### **The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Accepting Round 2 Grant Applications Beginning May 21<sup>st</sup> for Local COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

May 20, 2020 – Peoria, IL: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) is pleased to announce the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will begin accepting applications for Round 2 of funding on May 21, 2020. The Fund will provide flexible financial support to nonprofit partners within the CFCI service area (a 50-mile radius surrounding 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 the 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.

Most immediately, CFCI has identified the need for unrestricted grants to organizations seeking assistance with or providing support for projects in the following areas:

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

For Round 2, applications are due by noon on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Please note:

- *This grant is not intended for general operating expenses.*
- *Organizations that received funding during Round 1 are allowed to apply but must provide an update on previous funding and the need for additional funding.*

Organizations may apply for up to \$5,000. The application can be found on our website: [communityfoundationci.org](http://communityfoundationci.org).

Mark Roberts, President and CEO of CFCI, states: "CFCI is pleased to offer another round of funding to support our nonprofit partners who continue to provide essential services to the community. We invite donors, including individuals, corporations, private foundations and all others, to donate to the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund to help magnify our support of local COVID-19 relief efforts."

### **About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois**

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information please call 309-674-8730 or visit [communityfoundationci.org](http://communityfoundationci.org).

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