Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund FAQs

I’m an individual who is affected by COVID-19. Can the Fund help me?
We understand many individuals and families have been affected and more will continue to be impacted. The Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund will provide resources to nonprofit organizations that have experience supporting vulnerable communities across the Kansas City Region.

While the fund is not able to provide direct grants to individuals, it will support local nonprofit organizations that provide direct services and support. If you need resources now, please contact United Way 211 by dialing 211 to reach trained, caring professionals seven days a week, 24 hours a day, or visit 211kc.org.

My organization is interested in grant funding. How can we be considered?
We understand nonprofit organizations are facing increased demand for services, lost revenue and many other unprecedented challenges. We are working closely with local government, health agencies and community partners to identify regional needs and will provide grant dollars to address the most critical needs. In order to move resources quickly, we are not hosting a formal application process at this time. Please complete this form to make sure we are aware of your needs as the granting process progresses.

Is there a geographic area of focus for the Fund?
The Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund will prioritize community-based organizations serving the greater Kansas City region. This includes the following counties in Kansas: Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte. And the following counties in Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray.

When will you share who you fund?
The Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund anticipates making a first round of investments in the coming weeks. We will publish the list of selected grantees on this page.
What is the best way to donate to help those impacted by COVID-19?
The Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund is focused on deploying targeted charitable resources where community needs are the highest. However, this is not the only vehicle in the region to do so. This is a critical time for countless individuals and organizations. Please continue to give to organizations you regularly support and those that need your help at this crucial time. Read more best practices for giving in response to COVID-19.

I'm interested in helping other communities across the country. Are there similar efforts elsewhere that I can support?

Community foundations across the country have created funds to support those affected. Read more about community foundation-led efforts around COVID-19.