The Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund (CCRF) was created by the Chicago Community Trust and United Way of Metro Chicago in partnership with the City of Chicago to rapidly deploy resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak in the Chicago region. The primary goal of the CCRF is to provide resources and essential human services to residents that may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including low income families with children, seniors, medically fragile people, and people who are experiencing homelessness.

**OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS**

The CCRF is accepting grant proposals from established direct service providers providing emergency response services to people in the Chicago area impacted by COVID-19. The CCRF grant-making working group will consider competitive proposals from organizations using a targeted approach – serving a particular need, population, or community – to respond to COVID-19. Grants will be reviewed over multiple cycles, with an initial focus on crisis response. A total allocation up to $2,500,000 is anticipated per cycle. Only organizations providing services in the identified focus areas will be considered at this time. The grant-making working group will consider adding additional focus areas and populations in future cycles.

**FOCUS AREAS (4/13/2020 Round)**

1. Access to Health Care (grants range from $25K-$100K)
2. Stable Housing, Emergency Shelter & Supportive Services (grants range from $25K-$100k)
3. Community Hubs Providing Emergency Supplies, Financial Assistance, or Outreach (grants at $25K)

**PRIORITIZING FACTORS**

1. **Populations:** African Americans, Latinx, undocumented immigrants, aging adults, families with children, individuals surviving domestic violence, people with disabilities, justice-involved individuals

2. **Geographic priorities:** communities with high instances of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (rate or number), high rates of chronic disease, and poverty

3. **Intersectional & Data-Driven:** priority will be given to organizations with services that are cross-cutting and driven by real time data (e.g., increase access to health care for Black residents at high risk of contracting COVID-19; provide direct financial assistance to undocumented workers unable to access relief from the CARES Act)
In addition to the open application, the CCRF will continue to support a small number of organizations on an invite-only basis. Invitations will be issued to select organizations taking a broad approach to addressing COVID-19 and/or for time-sensitive initiatives addressing urgent needs.

**WHEN:** Application open Monday, April 13 through Monday, April 20

- Monday, April 13 – The application opens on the website that will link to United Way’s e-CImpact grants management system.
- Monday, April 20 – The application closes at 5:00 pm; organizations that do not submit by this deadline will be considered for future rounds of funding.
- Week of May 4 (Expected) – Notification of grant awards/recipient.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be considered for funding, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- 501c3 status with good financial standing at start of COVID-19 pandemic
- Direct service provider and/or works in coalition with members to provide resources
- Service areas within Chicago, Suburban Cook County, DuPage County, Lake County, McHenry County, Will County, Kane County and/or Kendall County.