

## COVID-19 Updates and Federal and National Funding Information

**Notice: This will be the last MoCAP COVID-19 Regular Weekly Digest. Additional COVID-19 digests may be released on a as needed basis. The monthly MoCAP Digest for July will be released next week.**

In an effort to keep organizations informed about federal and national funding opportunities related to COVID-19, Missouri Foundation for Health's MoCAP program will be putting out email updates through this MoCAP COVID-19 Digest. Organizations not currently receiving MoCAP emails may join our mailing list [here](#). Resources and information to help nonprofits and local governmental agencies navigate these difficult times will also be shared. New opportunities and resources added in this digest will be highlighted in [blue](#).

### COVID-19 Forecasted Funding Opportunities

Forecasted grants are funding opportunities which are predicted to become available soon but have not officially been released by the federal agency.

#### **Title: Nonprofit Recovery and Resilience**

**Funder:** YouthBridge Foundation

**Award Amount:** TBD

**Anticipated Application Deadline:** TBD. As we have not yet entered the Recovery phase of the crisis, they anticipate opening the application process in June.

**Purpose:** In 2020, the Fund will deploy grants for recovery assistance to preselected organizations. The grants will provide general operating support due to increased costs or loss of revenue directly related to the pandemic. Applicants will be asked to submit best and worst case scenario plans, and we will review an organization's cash flow, use of reserves and other sources of additional income including loans.

Grants for resiliency projects, including risk assessment training and mergers or consolidations, will be available in 2021.

**Eligibility:** Funding in 2020 will be for preselected organizations; Funding in 2021 for resiliency projects, any nonprofit primarily serving children or families in the St. Louis region will be eligible to apply

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://youthbridge.org/category/grants/>

### COVID-19 Funding Opportunities and Resources

\*Denotes state/local funding opportunities not eligible for MoCAP assistance

**Title: Building Local Operational Capacity for COVID-19 Demonstration Site Project**

**Funder:** National Association of County and City Health Officials

**Award Amount:** \$100,000

**Application Deadline:** July 1, 2020

**Purpose:** Funding for demonstration sites to strengthen local infection prevention and control capacity. Goals include to increase capacity for local health departments to prevent and respond to COVID-19 in healthcare facilities, strengthen infection prevention and control practices in high-risk facilities, increase coordination among local partners to bolster response efforts, and enhance coordination with state and local partners.

**Eligibility:** Local Health Departments

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.naccho.org/blog/articles/request-for-applications-building-local-operational-capacity-for-covid-19-demonstration-site-project>

**Title: Arts and Healing Initiative\***

**Funder:** Arts and Education Council

**Award Amount:** \$10,000

**Application Deadline:** July 31, 2020

**Purpose:** The initiative which aims to improve the quality of life for people throughout St. Louis City and County in its first year, and other Missouri counties in subsequent years. The overarching goal of the Arts and Healing Initiative is to increase the capacity to heal through the arts.

**Eligibility:** Must be a 501(c)(3) organizations who have a primary mission that is directly concerned with arts, arts education, healing and well-being. Be based in one of the following Missouri Counties-Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, St Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles, Warren, and Washington. Additional eligibility information can be found in the proposal guidelines.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://keeparthappening.org/blog/arts-and-education-council-news/arts-and-education-council-launch-arts-and-healing-initiative-june>

**Title: NCOA COVID-19 Community Response Fund**

**Funder:** National Council on Aging (NCOA)

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount:** \$5,000-\$50,000

**Purpose:** The NCOA COVID-19 Community Response Fund was created to raise and distribute funds to hard-hit community-based organizations that are directly serving older adults during the pandemic.

The Fund will provide grants to qualified local nonprofits that are meeting the critical needs of older adults, allowing them to stay safe, secure, and healthy in their own homes during the crisis.

**Eligibility:** Eligible organizations must provide services to older people living in their own homes; work with underserved populations such as older women, people of color, LGBTQ seniors, low-income people, and rural residents who are at greatest risk of being admitted to a hospital as a result of Covid-19; develop public campaigns or projects to address the crisis;

provide resources to help older people adapt to remote work; or run programs to support access to health care, health testing, services, or government aid and relief programs.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.ncoa.org/covid-19/covid-19-community-response-fund/>

### **Title: LifeLine Program Phone and Broadband Discounts**

**Funder:** Federal Communications Commission

**Award Amount:** N/A

**Purpose:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Lifeline program provides monthly discounts on phone and broadband service to qualifying low-income consumers. Many fixed (landline) Lifeline carriers already offer unlimited local and toll-free calling to their subscribers, and mobile wireless Lifeline carriers that are temporarily offering unlimited calling to subscribers during the COVID-19 pandemic include the following:

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/>

### **Title: COVID-19 Response Grants**

**Funder:** National Education Association (NEA) Foundation

**Award Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Application Deadline:** Multiple

**Purpose:** In response to educators' emerging needs, addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on teaching and learning, the NEA Foundation is offering three new grant opportunities.

- COVID-19 Response Student Success Grants
- COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants
- COVID-19 Response Learning and Leadership Grant

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be teachers, education support professionals, or specialized instructional support personnel and must be current NEA members. Current NEA Foundation grantees are ineligible for this funding opportunity.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/covid-rapid-response-grants/>

### **Title: COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding**

**Funder:** GENYOUth

**Award Amount:** Up to \$3,000

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Purpose:** GENYOUth is providing grants of up to \$3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery efforts to get food to students during COVID-19. From soft-sided coolers, bags and containers for individual servings, to protective gear for food service sanitation and safety, this equipment will help ensure our children continue to receive the nutritious meals they need.

**Eligibility:**

- School must be located in the United States
- School must participate in the National School Lunch Program

- School must include at least one of the grades K-12
- School must be located in a recognized “brick and mortar” school building

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://covid-19.genyouthnow.org>

### **Title: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants**

**Funder:** United States Department of Agriculture

**Application Deadline:** July 13, 2020

**Award Amount:** Up to \$1,000,000

**Purpose:** The DLT Program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

**Eligibility:** Open

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=326343>

### **Title: COVID-19 Community Response Fund**

**Funder:** Novartis

**Award Amount:** Between \$100,000-\$125,000

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Purpose:**

Programs must support one or more of the three stated objectives:

- Strengthening local and national healthcare infrastructure to meet increased demand and protect frontline health workers
- Establishing digital platforms for COVID-19 related data collection, remote delivery of healthcare and effective dissemination of important public health information
- Creating or enhancing new community health programs specific to the pandemic response

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be verified 501(c)(3) organizations. Note: Priority will be given to efforts focused on geographies where Novartis has a physical presence and where there is an acute need, including, but not limited to, NJ, MA, CA, IL, NC, and NY.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.novartis.us/news/novartis-us-covid-19-initiatives>

### **Title: COVID-19 Telehealth Program**

**Funder:** Federal Communications Commission

**Award Amount:** \$1,000,000 award ceiling

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be approved on a rolling basis

**Purpose:** Under this program, eligible providers can apply for up to \$1 million each to purchase telecommunications, information services, and connected devices to provide connected care services in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

**Eligibility:** The program is limited to nonprofit and public eligible health care providers that fall within the categories of health care providers in section 254(h)(7)(B) of the 1996 Act: (1) post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals, and medical schools; (2) community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants; (3) local health departments or agencies; (4) community mental health centers; (5) not-for-profit hospitals; (6) rural health clinics; (7) skilled nursing facilities; or (8) consortia of health care providers consisting of one or more entities falling into the first seven categories. Interested health care providers that do not already have an eligibility determination can obtain one by filing an FCC Form 460 with the Universal Service Administrative Company. Health care providers that are interested in the COVID-19 Telehealth Program, but do not yet have an eligibility determination from USAC, can still submit applications for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program while their FCC Form 460 is pending

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>

### **Title: Public Assistance Program: COVID-19 Response**

**Funder:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

**Award Amount:** Federal assistance is 75% of the eligible cost

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis

**Purpose:** Provides reimbursement to eligible state, territorial, tribal, and local government entities, and certain nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19 National Emergency Declarations. This includes:

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety
- Emergency medical care
- Medical sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs)

**Eligibility:** State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply

**Links to Additional Information:**

[https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/state\\_public\\_assistance.php](https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/state_public_assistance.php)

<https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/documents/dr-4490-presentation-slides.pdf>

### **Organizations: Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, and United Way of the Ozark\***

**Opportunity:** COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund

**Description:** Working together to convene nonprofit agency partners and coordinate the nonprofit community's response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Springfield and Greene County.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.cfozarks.org/covid19-response-recovery-fund>

### **Organizations: Lutheran Foundation\***

**Opportunity:** Stability & Response Grants

**Description:** Due to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the St. Louis metropolitan area, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis's Board of Directors has decided to change how they are

allocating funding for their June 2020 Grant Cycle. The changes include \$2.3 million in Partner Stability Grants to 73 key funding partners and \$500,000 for Crisis Response Grants.

**Link to Additional Information:**

<https://lutheranfoundation.org/2020/05/04/june2020grantcycleupdate/>

### **Organizations: Deaconess Foundation\***

**Opportunity:** Covid-19 Relief and Recovery Grants

**Description:** Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, up to a total of \$3.2 million, will be awarded to local black-led social service and social change organizations in the St. Louis region in support of COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://deaconess.org/funding-opportunities/covid-19-equitable-relief-recovery-fund-grant>

### **Organizations: St. Louis Community Foundation and Other Regional Funders\***

**Opportunity:** COVID-19 Regional Response Fund

**Description:** The fund will be used to direct resources to regional nonprofits that are working with local communities disproportionately affected by the coronavirus crisis and its economic fallout.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://stlgives.org/covid19/regional-response-fund/>

### **Organizations: Invest STL\***

**Opportunity:** Neighborhood Solidarity Fund

**Description:** The fund focuses on areas that are most vulnerable to economic, social and service delivery setbacks exacerbated by COVID-19. Neighborhoods and areas in St. Louis County, St. Louis City and East St. Louis are being prioritized for Neighborhood Solidarity funding based on socioeconomic indicators including race and household economics.

The Neighborhood Solidarity Fund seeks to expedite the recovery period in these areas by bolstering the human, organizational and economic infrastructure at the neighborhood level and includes three separate opportunities: the Neighborhood Innovations in Connectivity grant, the Community Development Corporations (CDC) Stability grant and the Neighborhood Small Business Lift grant.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://stlgives.org/community-impact/invest-stl-2/neighborhood-solidarity-fund/>

### **Organizations: St. Louis Community Foundation and Other Regional Funders\***

**Opportunity:** Gateway Resilience Fund, Update as of April 23, 2020-The Gateway Resilience Fund is no longer accepting applications. Fundraising continues and grants will continue to be distributed for several weeks.

**Description:** This fund will provide short term monetary relief to employees and owners of independent bars, restaurants, and shops in the St. Louis area affected by closures and other

circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak. The Gateway Resilience Fund makes grants to support employees, essential contractors, and owners of small businesses in the St. Louis region who are experiencing a financial burden due to a disaster or other extreme situation.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://stlgives.org/covid19/gateway-resilience-fund/>

**Organization: United Way of Central Missouri\***

**Opportunity:** COVID-19 Response Fund

**Description:** Funds will help community meet the crisis-related needs and support recovery throughout the United Way of Central Missouri service area; including Camden, Cole, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage and Phelps and southern Callaway Counties. There is currently not an open application process for the United Way of Central Missouri COVID-19 Response Fund given the situation is evolving rapidly. More information will be forthcoming about the application process; please check website for updates.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.unitedwaycemo.org/covid-19-response-fund>

**Organization: United Way of the Mark Twain Area\***

**Opportunity:** COVID-19 Response Fund

**Description:** Dollars from this fund will prioritize the needs of United Way agencies. However, organizations in Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, and Shelby Counties in Missouri that are not United Way agencies can apply for grant funding as well.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://unitedwaymta.org/special-initiatives>

**Organizations: Heart of Missouri United Way, City of Columbia, Boone County and Community Foundation of Central Missouri\***

**Opportunity:** CoMoHelps COVID-19 Fund

**Description:** Non-profit health and human service organizations and all other organizations adapting to health recommendations for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and/or serving emergent community needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to apply.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoMoHelpsCOVID-19GrantApplication>

**Organization: Foundation Directory Online by Candid**

**Description:** Provides an overview of philanthropic activity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes a list of funding related to COVID-19, an analysis of who is providing and receiving grants, and news regarding funding for the COVID-19 response. In addition to the COVID-19 funding opportunities listed in the Funding section of this newsletter, Candid has compiled a list of current COVID-19 Requests for Proposals, including state-by-state support and recovery funds.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://candid.org/explore-issues/coronavirus>

## **Organization: GivingCompass COVID-19 Funds Resource**

**Description:** A compendium of sites offering funds to address short and long-term needs related to coronavirus and COVID-19.

**Link to Additional Information:** <https://givingcompass.org/coronavirus-covid19>

## **Small Business Administration Nonprofit Loans**

The SBA resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications from participating lenders on Monday, April 27, 2020.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has several provisions that apply to nonprofits. For the first time, it includes several loan opportunities through the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Organizations can apply for both but cannot use proceeds for the same purpose. PPP should likely be the first and primary option for nonprofits to explore, because loans under PPP are forgivable if certain requirements are met. PPP loans can be used for operational costs, including:

- payroll expenses
- health benefits, paid, sick, medical/family leave and insurance premiums
- mortgage interest
- rent payments
- interest on debt incurred before the covered period

## **SBA Loans Resources and Tools**

- The Jewish Federation of St. Louis has developed several helpful resources for nonprofits to navigate the CARES Act and the PPP.
  - [CARES PPP Informational Webinar and Resources](#)
  - [Fact sheet with information about the CARES Act and what it means for nonprofits](#)
  - Use this [Loan Calculator](#) to crunch some numbers for PPP Eligibility
  - [Frequently Asked Questions about Paycheck Protection Program](#)
  - PPP Update: [Liquidity Rule and Forgiveness Calculation](#)
  - SBA loan forgiveness application webinar: A copy of the slides can be found [here](#) and a recording can be found [here](#).
- SBA has posted a sample application and instructions on the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. You can view the [sample application](#) and [loan directions](#). The SBA issued new guidance on the Paycheck Protection Program and [a loan forgiveness application](#).



- **Federal Relief Navigator**: Montana Nonprofit Association provides a decision-making navigator to help nonprofits understand what federal relief is available for organizations and employees.
- **COVID-19 Nonprofit Toolkit**: Florida Nonprofit Alliance, providing in one place a collection of insights, FAQs, and regulatory guidance to help nonprofits take advantage of various programs and benefits established through the CARES Act.
- **PPP Document Guide and FAQs**: IFF partnered with Fiscal Management Associates to publish this helpful Frequently Asked Questions document to guide you as you prepare to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program as well as Document Guide detailing information you need to collect.
- **Paycheck Protection Program Toolbox**: A variety of tools, forms, and webinars to help nonprofits navigate the process.
- Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program: The CARES act provided an initial \$10 billion through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans EIDL
  - Information on that program is available at this SBA [website](#).
  - U.S. Chamber of Commerce offers step-by-step advice [here](#) on how to apply for the EIDL loans

### ***Recommended Actions for Nonprofits to Take:***

- Review your payroll cost figures and consult with your financial advisors.
- Collect the recommended documents and information. See link above for PPP Document Guide.
- Consult with the bank that handles your financial activities to determine whether they will be able to help you apply. If you need help, you can find an SBA approved lender [here](#) (Eastern Missouri) or [here](#) (Western Missouri, see page 30). Or click [here](#) for an SBA tool to search for a local lender who will process a loan application.
- Review sample application and loan directions.
- Check governance bylaws to determine what approvals you need for borrowing. You may need to have your Board empower your Executive Committee to act in this situation.

## **COVID-19 General Information, Resources and Tools**

- **Grant Funding in a Crisis: A Task List to Project Your Grant Revenue**-includes tips for organizations to protect grant revenue in crisis situations
- Standing Partnership: **Crisis Communication Response Roadmap**
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- [National Council of Nonprofits CARES Summary](#)
- [National Council of Nonprofits Loans Available for Nonprofits in the CARES Act](#)
- [National Rural Health Association COVID-19 Stimulus Package Summary](#)
- Families First Act
  - [National Council of Nonprofits Families First Summary](#)
- Federal Agencies Resources
  - If you currently receive federal funding, most federal agencies are publishing resources and guidance on allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. Visit the specific agency's website and look for COVID-19 guidance and resources (typically linked on the home page) for more information.
  - USA.Gov: [Aggregated list of Government Response to COVID-19](#)
  - US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [TAGGS COVID-19 Awards](#): HHS has developed a feature that allows public viewing of all COVID-19 HHS grant and cooperative agreement awards.
  - United States Department of Agriculture: released a new [Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) that summarizes federal COVID-19 funding and partnership opportunities for rural hospitals, government entities, agriculture producers, and nonprofits.
- Nonprofits Support and Response
  - [National Council of Nonprofits COVID-19 Implications and Resources](#)
  - Nonprofit Connect-are updating this [list of considerations and resources](#) for local nonprofits to be prepared for COVID-19 (Includes both information specific to the Kansas City area as well as for nonprofits in general)
  - Network for Strong Communities-are providing information through their weekly conference calls as well as sharing tips and information on COVID-19 on their [website](#) and [Twitter](#)
  - The Branded Startup's [Nonprofit Survival Guide: COVID-19 Edition](#)- includes tips for leadership advice, budget adjustments, talking points for donors and funders, and opportunities for growth in the new normal
  - [The Rome Group Coping with COVID-19 Resources and Links](#)

- Recording from [Roundtable on Nonprofit Operations in the Age of COVID-19](#) (held on April 6, 2020)
  - Recording from [Roundtable on Managing Your Annual Fund and Events During a Crisis](#) (Access Password: f1=ri%P1) (held on April 14, 2020)
  - Recording from [Roundtable on Managing Capital Campaigns During a Crisis](#) (Access Password: z4\*T9\$\$4) (held on April 15, 2020)
- Commonfund: [Coronavirus: Five Key Questions for Nonprofits](#)
  - The Chronicle of Philanthropy: [Nonprofit Criss Management: A Checklist-](#) Steps to take to assess your organization's strengths and weaknesses and strategies to adopt to help it weather this or any crisis. You will need to sign up for a free account to access article.
  - Center for Community Investment: [Triage Tool-](#) offers a simple framework for evaluating our current and future strategies during the pandemic
  - Independent Sector: [CARES Act: How to Apply for Nonprofit Relief Funds](#)
  - Missouri Hospital Association: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
  - Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) [COVID-19 Resource Guide:](#) Resources to help guide nonprofits in fundraising, donor communications and stewardship, and engaging current and prospective donors during this time
  - [Preparing Your Business for a Post-Pandemic World:](#) includes a link to a chart to work out your own planning for the 5P's (position, plan, perspective, projects, preparedness)
  - St. Louis Public Libraries Grants & Foundation Center: Links and resources for non-profits. Some of the SLPL resources referenced require a Library card, which is available to those who live, work, or own property in St. Louis City or County or St. Charles County. Those that want to do grant research through the professional database (Foundation Directory Online) can fill out this [form](#), and the GFC librarian, Lisa Thorp, will run a search report for organizations as well as individual grants.
  - Missouri Telehealth Network, Show-Me ECHO Program: Through a partnership with MOREnet, they are making free Zoom licenses available to local public health agencies, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, critical access hospitals, and other rural health organizations in **Missouri only**. Licenses are encrypted and, with proper protocols, can be used for direct patient care, patient education, patient check-ins and more. Providers may use their licenses to provide telehealth services in patient homes. To verify eligibility and to apply

for a Zoom license, click [here](#).

- **Centene Provider Financial Support and Resources**: Includes webinars on the CARES act. Providers within the Centene network can request support in applying for SBA loans or grant funding.
- National Council for Behavioral Health Project ECHO Webinar Series: This series is open to all, however content in these sessions will be most applicable to leadership and financial management staff of community behavioral health organizations.
  - **Follow-up Materials From Project ECHO: COVID-19 Financial Response Strategy Session #1**: includes guidance and case studies on assessing today's cash situation and developing a plan and control/monitor short-term activities and navigate cash flow constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **The Giving Institute-COVID-19 Resources**: a collection of resources from national firms that work with nonprofits
- National Academy for State Health Policy **COVID-19 Federal Funds Earmarked for Hospitals, Providers, and States**: Provides an overview of federal funds allocated to hospitals, providers and states in response to COVID-19. Details the legislative source, amounts, and oversight required for each funding program.
- **COVID-19 Regional Response Team**: Seeks to create a centralized system of response to meet social needs of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic in the St. Louis region.
- **One for All MO**: The goal of these efforts are to lessen the impact of the coronavirus and COVID-19 in Missouri and surrounding areas by empowering Missourians with clear, accurate and actionable information and direction that they can use themselves and share with others.
- County Health Rankings and Roadmaps' **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Webinar Series** This series will highlight the challenges communities are facing as they respond to COVID-19 and its impacts, and serve as an opportunity for community leaders across the nation to learn from lead researchers, policymakers and each other.