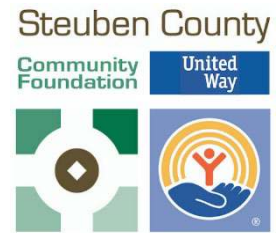


Steuben County Disaster Response Fund

Grant Guidelines and FAQ



How do I apply?

NEW - Applications are open now on the SCCF website at steubenfoundation.org/COVID19. Applicants submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) through Steuben County Community Foundation's online grant system. The LOI will be reviewed by a staff member to ensure it fits within the guidelines. Then, nonprofits may be invited to submit a full grant application.

Who is eligible to apply?

Nonprofit organizations that provide services related to basic human needs are eligible. Applicants must demonstrate how the need for funding was affected by COVID-19. Grantee projects must relate to the CDC's [5 Social Determinants of Health](#). These include Economic Stability, Education Access and Quality, Healthcare Access and Quality, Neighborhood and Built Environment, and Social and Community Context.

For example, grants might focus on:

- Food assistance
- Access to healthcare or higher quality healthcare (including mental health and substance use intervention)
- Access to necessary education or care experiences
- Access to gainful, stable employment
- Access to safe living/housing or safety concerns

How much funding is available?

As of July 1, 2021, there is approximately \$150,000 available through the end of the year. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply for expenses related to basic needs which are directly impacted by COVID-19.

What type of grants will not be approved?

This grant funding, awarded from Indiana United Ways, has specific stipulations about ineligible expenditures. If your organization is seeking funds for a project in this list, please apply through a different grant cycle at SCCF or SCUW. Ineligible grant requests include:

- Arts, athletics, recreation projects
- Requests for long-term rebuilding post-COVID
- Replenishing or shoring up funding reserves
- Entertainment managing partners
- Projects or partners that require political/religious action
- Requests for seed grants
- Market research or feasibility studies
- Requests from businesses or government entities
- Projects with restricted audiences where opportunities for wider-based support exist (e.g.: Quid Pro Quo support for Workplace Campaign Company and its employees)
- Grants that would redistribute funds directly to individuals
- Requests for marketing/educational materials or campaigns
- Grants that would supplant allocations/community investment dollars

How are requests reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed by board members from Steuben County Community Foundation and Steuben County United Way.

Funding recommendations are made based on the level and urgency of need, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on the nonprofit. If you have questions, please contact SCCF or SCUW.

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