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SW Washington COVID Response Fund Impact Report
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We will never forget the point when a pandemic stopped the world and forced us to shift our lives faster than ever before. Together, we came to face new routines, realities, truths and tribulations.

The economic fallout left tens of thousands of workers without jobs within a few months. Schools, restaurants and offices closed, while hospitals and government agencies were overrun with emergency needs. A year-and-a-half in, our three-county region had confirmed nearly 50,000 cases and government assistance remained unavailable to the undocumented, unbanked and others who were invisible to official systems.
Equally unforgettable are the ways the crisis compelled us to respond. With the toll on underserved communities mounting, many in our network echoed national calls for social justice. Neighbors took action in their own ways by sewing masks, supporting local businesses, delivering meals and assisting with vaccine outreach. As a region, we tapped into our unique strengths and met the moment.

For the Community Foundation that meant mobilizing philanthropy. In March 2020 — just weeks after the first coronavirus death reported in the U.S. — our team established the SW Washington COVID Response Fund to serve as a hub for local relief efforts.

Donors and funders sensed the urgency. An outpouring of generosity seeded the fund with $1 million and grew it seven times over before capping off a historic year of giving. This unrestrained giving allowed relief grants to keep pace with the growing and wide-ranging needs of our nonprofits and communities.

We streamlined our application process and offered unrestricted funding that gave nonprofits the power and flexibility to effectively manage the emergency. Analyzing public data and gathering feedback from our grantees enabled us to tailor grantmaking to community needs, ultimately delivering the right aid in a timely manner to those hardest hit.

We also kept equity front and center to address widening health and economic disparities. By focusing our support on communities of color, elders, people living in poverty, youth and families, immigrants and the undocumented, we were able to maximize community impact. In concert with our partners, these grants provided support for childcare, education, housing, hunger and health. More importantly, this critical relief delivered hope in a time of despair.

Our collective response softened the pandemic’s blow and lifted the trajectory of our region’s recovery. This pivotal point forever changed how we approach community philanthropy and reminded us that our region has what it takes to overcome great challenges, especially when we are moving in unison.
Grantmaking Summary

We knew our support had to grow quickly in order to address rapidly rising community needs. Compared to our typical grant cycles, relief awards were delivered in weeks as opposed to months and were nearly twice as substantial on average.

**Relief Grant Data**

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**Leading Cause Areas**

We relied on the diverse experience of our grantmaking committee and grantees to understand and respond to emerging needs. With their guidance, we were able to tailor relief grants to the acute needs of our region’s hardest hit communities.

- **Immigrant/Refugee**: $550K
- **Homelessness**: $808K
- **Affordable Housing**: $1.41M
- **Food Insecurity**: $638K
- **Economic Development**: $1.18M
- **Wraparound Services**: $1.83M
Funding Where Needs Arose

Our relief flowed toward the areas of greatest need. This meant providing support for rural areas and fledgling business districts, low-income neighborhoods and unhoused communities.

Specific Communities Served

The bulk of relief aided anyone in southwest Washington that was negatively affected by the pandemic. In other cases, we strategically channeled funding to communities that were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Addressing Systemic Racism

Because the virus proved more deadly to communities of color, we stood with our partners in naming racism as a public health crisis. We also directed 20 percent of relief funding to organizations led by and serving marginalized communities, especially Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) residents.
## Covid Response Fund Grantees

**A**
- ALS Association of Oregon SWWA
- Assistance League of Southwest Washington

**B**
- Battle Ground Adventist Community Services
- Battle Ground HealthCare Clinic
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington
- Bridgeview Housing

**C**
- Cascade AIDS Project
- Catholic Community Services
- CDM Caregiving Services
- CFSWW Early Childhood Education Fund
- Children’s Center
- Children’s Home Society of Washington
- Children’s Justice and Advocacy Center (CJAC)
- Clark College Foundation
- Clark County Food Bank
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center
- Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Columbia River Mental Health Foundation
- Community Health Partners
- Community Home Health & Hospice
- Community House on Broadway
- Community Mediation Services
- Community Voices are Born (CVAB)
- CORE Health
- Council for the Homeless
- Cowlitz County Child Advocates
- Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity
- Cowlitz Economic Development Council
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid
- Craft3
- CultureSeed

**D**
- Daybreak Youth Services

**E**
- Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF)
- Educational Service District 112
- Emergency Support Shelter
- Ethnic Support Council
- Evergreen Habitat for Humanity
- Evergreen School District Foundation

**F**
- Family Promise of Clark County
- Family Promise of Cowlitz County
- Family Solutions
- FISH of Cowlitz County
- FISH of Vancouver
- Food Lifeline
- Fourth Plain Forward
- Free Clinic of Southwest Washington
- Friends of Hospice Southwest Washington
- Friends of the Children - SW Washington

**G**
- Giving Closet
- Goodwill Work Opportunity Center of Cowlitz County

**H**
- Hispanic Disability Support SWWA (Pasitos Gigantes)
- Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber

**I**
- Impact NW

**J**
- Janus Youth Programs

**L**
- Latino Community Resource Group
- Latino Leadership Northwest
- League of United Latin American Citizens SW WA
- Lifeline Connections

- Lighthouse Financial Foundation
- Living for Christ Church
- Longview Downtowners
- Longview School District
- Love Overwhelming
- Lower Columbia CAP
- Lower Columbia College Foundation
- Lower Columbia School Gardens
- Martha’s Pantry
- Meals on Wheels People
- Medical Teams International
- Mercy Corps Northwest
- NAACP Vancouver
- NAMI Southwest Washington
- Neighborhood Resource Coordination Council
- Northwest Cooperative Development Center
Nurse-Family Partnership
NW Furniture Bank
Office Moms & Dads
One Life Food Pantry
Open House Ministries
Operation Homefront
Outsiders Inn
Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington
Parkinson’s Resources of Oregon
Partners in Careers
Pathways 2020
PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Foundation
PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center Foundation
Pink Lemonade Project
Rainbow Advocacy Inclusion Networking Services (RAINS)
REACH Community Development
Salmon Creek Hospital Foundation
Salvation Army Longview
Scholar Fund
Share
Social Justice and Resiliency Fund
St. Vincent de Paul - St. John the Evangelist Vancouver
St. Vincent de Paul - Vancouver
Stephen’s Place
Stevenson-Carson Educational Foundation
Stevenson-Carson School District
Support for Early Learning and Families (SELF)
The Noble Foundation
The Salvation Army
The Unity Center
Unite! Washougal
Vancouver Farmer’s Market Foundation
Vancouver’s Downtown Association
Vietnamese Community of Clark County
Washington Advocates of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP)
Washington State University Foundation
Woodland School District
Workforce Southwest Washington
XChange Recovery
YMCA of Columbia-Willamette
Youth and Family Link
YWCA Clark County
Giving Data

Giving Summary
COVID-19 created challenges on a scale we had never seen, and our fundholders, donors and partners responded in historic proportion. We acted quickly and became the primary hub for philanthropic relief in southwest Washington.

Urgent Call, Urgent Response
Donors quickly answered the call to help, and our staff streamlined processes to ensure an equally swift turnaround of relief funds.

Contributions surpassed $4 million in just four weeks, and a month later, $3.6 million in relief had been awarded to nonprofits across the region.

Fundraising Breakdown
Leveraging the relationships and reputation we have built as a trusted, place-based funder, we were able to bring together a cross-section of philanthropic support.

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Partnering for Greater Impact
We created and joined partnerships in order to leverage additional resources for the greatest impact. Matching funds provided through All In Washington and the Ed and Dollie Lynch Fund spurred additional giving and cultivated new partnerships.

$2.79M CFSWW Fundholders
$500K CFSWW Discretionary Funds
$1.4M Institutional Funders
$166K Businesses and Corporations
$217K Individuals
$3.99M Matching Funds
Covid Response Fund Donors

A
Anonymous (5)
Derrick Abbey
Brad and Lori Abeson
Rod Allen
American Endowment Foundation
Richard and Darlyne Anderson
Donald Anglin
Apex Foundation
Artenstein Family Fund
Jean M. Avery
John Ayers

B
Greg Babonis
Greg Baker
Dr. Twila G. Barnes
Barry Endowment Fund for Children and Families
Elizabeth Barton
Mark and Ann Bates
Anne Battson
Larry Beaman
Alfred Beattie
Edwin Beck
Rachel Beck
Bell Family Fund
Benevity Community Impact Fund
Dr. William and Mrs. Sandra Bennett
Lori Benton
Kara Berglund
Logan Bernazzani
Bill Swigert Fund
BNSF Railway Company
Nancy Bonner
Laura Bourcier
Dean Browning
Sharif Burdzik
Michael R. Burgoyne
Brian Byrd
Pamela S. Cabanatuan
Alexander Call
John Caton
Chris Chapin
Dr. Ned Chasteney and Maureen Sullivan
Children’s Trust Endowment Fund
Cliff and Kelley Miller Fund
Columbia Bank
Columbia Credit Union
Lori Comstock
Continental Investors Services
David and Ann Cordero
Laurie L. Cornelius
Corwin Family Fund
Cowlitz Tribe – Education and Arts Fund
Craig Shambaugh Charitable Fund
David and Patricia Page Family Fund

D
George Dawson
James Dawson
John Deeder
Dennis & Elizabeth Lane Family Fund
Richard and Carol Dickey
Dr. Robert Djergaian
Louis Doctor
Donald & Margaret Fuesler Foundation Fund
Gregory Doran
Doug and Lisa Ruecker Family Charitable Fund
Laura Duerr
Leslie Durst
Ed and Dollie Lynch Fund
Michael Ellison
Laura Ellsworth
Glenn Esler
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
Thuymai Fee
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Firstenburg Family Foundation
Karin E. Ford
Steve Foster
Sarah Fox
Stanton and Colleen Freidberg
Beth Froman
Stephen Fuller CFP, ChFC
Gayle’s Gifts Charitable Fund
Jay and Linda Glover
Goodwin Family Charitable Fund
David D. Granger
Deanna Green
Colleen Greenen
Gregory S. Cermak and Melody L. Oakley Fund for Disabilities, Education and the Environment
Douglas and Susan Hamilton Hansen Fund
Barbara Hansen and Dann Parks
Rachon Hanson
Steven Harmon
Harris Dusenbery Fund for the Homeless
Maury and Mollie Harris
Bobbi Hartwell
Harold and Ann Hassold
Greg and Betsy Hatton
Hazel Defenbaugh for Seniors Fund
Linda Heglin
Billy Henry
Greg Herrington
Hinds Charitable Fund
Charles and Karen Hoff
Home Heating Assistance Fund
Homestreet Foundation
Hugh & Mair Lewis Advised Fund
Kyle Humphrey
Diane Hunsaker
Margret Ingimarsdottir
Liz Irey
Philipp Isensee
Dr. Paul Jacobsen
James & Judith Youde Family Fund
Jean Lewis Endowment Fund for Clark County
Scott Johnson
Julian and Lorna Levi Family Fund
Barbara Jutila
K.T. and Luella Henderson Charitable Fund
Lee and Connie Kearney
Jean Kent
Gerald Kessel
Esra Khalil
James Kimura
Robert and Pauline Kirchner
KLA Foundation
Carl Klinge and Susan Meyer-Klinge
Madeline Knapp
Trista Kobluskie
David and Marla Koch
Hillery Krebs
M. Alejandra Krogh-Winkler
Dolores Kuefler
Kuni Austin Family Fund
Karen Kusmirek
L
Dennis and Liz Lane
Linda Langsdorf-Johnson
and Dale C. Johnson
Laspa Family Fund
Chris Lockwood
Janis Lord
Kathleen Lovgren
Lisa Lowe and Ernie Nicholson
Lower Columbia CAP
LPL Financial Foundation
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M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust
Charles and Carol Mackey
Sue Marshall
Marty Forsmann
Charitable Fund
Mary Louise Willis
Charitable Fund
Mason E. Nolan
Charitable Fund
Kathryn McDonald
Greg McGreevey
Julee McTaggart
Melissa Meacham Stewart
Richard Melching
Emily Meyer
Margaret Milem
Jon and Macie Miller
Laura Mitchner
Morgan Stanley Global Impact
Funding Trust
Kenneth and Patricia Moyle
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Debbie Murphy
Laurel Murphy
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Marlene Nau
Sue Neal
Network for Good
Dennis Niedermeyer
Gerald Nies
Barbara Nitskowski
Katherine Nitsch
Kelly Nolen
Norman C. Danielson
Charitable Fund
NW Natural
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Terrence and Diane O’Connor
On Line Support
John and Sandra O’Rourke
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Joseph and Viola Palena
Sally Palena
Joe Pauletto
Perigee Fund
Sharon Pesut
Rosanne Petersen
Darlene Peterson
Peterson Family Foundation
Mark Pinkerton
R
Leigh Radford
Realvest Corporation
Community Fund
Jennifer Rhoads
Clay Roberts
Susan Robinson
Jack L. Robson
Joel and Patricia Romines
Carol Rose
Cheryl Russell
John Ryan
Carin Schienberg
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Randall and Jayne Salisbury
Greg and Janette Schmitt
Russ Schramm
Henry Schuck
Maureen Schuette
Schwab Charitable Fund
Karen Schwartz
Lisa Scribner
Seattle Foundation
Betty Selby
Amelia Shelley
Shirley and Jim Johnson
Charitable Fund
Stephen and Janet Sims
Natasha Siore
Bob and Mary Siison
Cheryl Smith
Gail Smith
Social Venture Partners
Southwest Washington
Accountable Community
of Health
Stephen and Janie Spurgeon
Standiford Family Fund
Stephen & Susan George
Advised Fund
Christa Stratton
Katherine Sturdyvin-Scobba
Dr. John Swan and
Martha Dover
SWIFT for Kids
Endowment Fund
T
Team Construction
John and Lois Tennant
Teresa Pauletto Family Fund
Term Nylund Fund for Children
Carl Thor
Tochen Family Advised
Endowment
Drs. Mark and Helen Tochen
Alishia and Ryan Topper
Carl Torgerson
May Towne
John Treosti
Glenn and Betty Tribe
U
Umpqua Bank
V
Vancouver Housing Authority
Andrea Von Rotz
Thank You

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is incredibly grateful for the donors, volunteers and nonprofits who made the SW Washington COVID Response Fund our largest and fastest relief effort to date. Together, we responded with compassion and trust during an unprecedented crisis.

At the same time, we watched racial disparities intensify across health outcomes, economic security, educational attainment and more. These statistics represent needs rising in our communities. Our relief efforts alleviated some of these symptoms, but the underlying cause remains. To address the deep-seated issue of inequity, we need a new approach.

Because, while it is critical to get vaccines and rental assistance to those disproportionately harmed, these lopsided outcomes won’t change unless we begin addressing the larger, systemic issues that continue to put communities of color in such dire situations.

This is the pivotal shift philanthropy must make. One that moves from generosity to justice; from treating symptoms in isolation to addressing root causes, not just in healthcare but across the many interconnected systems that shape our lives.

To set this work into motion, we created the Social Justice and Resiliency Fund. This fund builds on lessons we learned during the pandemic and channels funding to those facing and fighting systemic barriers. Grants provide nonprofits — primarily those led by and serving communities of color — with flexible funding to pursue community-driven solutions and systems change efforts.

With this approach, we hope to accelerate work stalled by decades of underfunding and exclusion. We hope to build resilience through a robust coalition of organizations that are rooted in the communities they serve. We hope to create a southwest Washington where everyone has access to the agency, tools and support that people need to thrive.

This is how we can better prepare for the next emergency. Because true recovery requires us to repair and reimagine the systems we depend on, so that they work for everyone.

We have shown that continued, collective efforts can solve big problems. Now it is time to tackle the next one. We hope you’ll join us in the shared work of creating a more just and resilient southwest Washington.