

# A Pivotal Point

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**SW Washington  
COVID Response Fund  
Impact Report**



**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
SOUTHWEST  
WASHINGTON





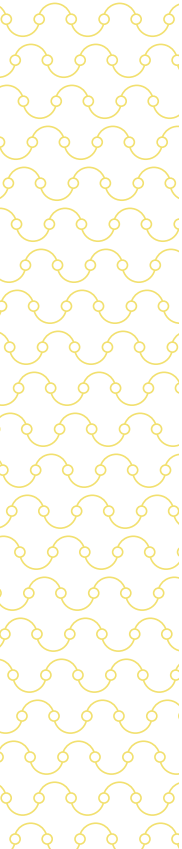
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**We will never forget the point when a pandemic stopped the world and forced us to shift our lives faster than ever before. Together, we came to face new routines, realities, truths and tribulations.**

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.**

# Relief Grant Data

## 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.

TOTAL GRANTS  
**\$9.05M**

NUMBER OF GRANTS **194**

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS **119**

AVERAGE GRANT SIZE **\$46.6K**

LARGEST NONPROFIT GRANT **\$260K**

SMALLEST NONPROFIT GRANT **\$1.5K**



## 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.



**\$550K**  
Immigrant/Refugee



**\$638K**  
Food Insecurity



**\$808K**  
Homelessness



**\$1.18M**  
Economic Development



**\$1.41M**  
Affordable Housing

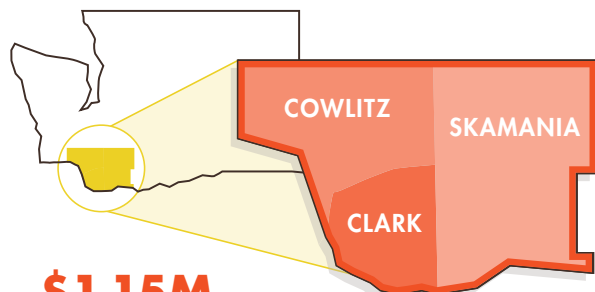


**\$1.83M**  
Wraparound Services



## 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.



**\$1.15M**

All three counties

**\$5.69M**

Clark Co.

**\$2.09M**

Cowlitz Co.

**\$117K**

Skamania Co.

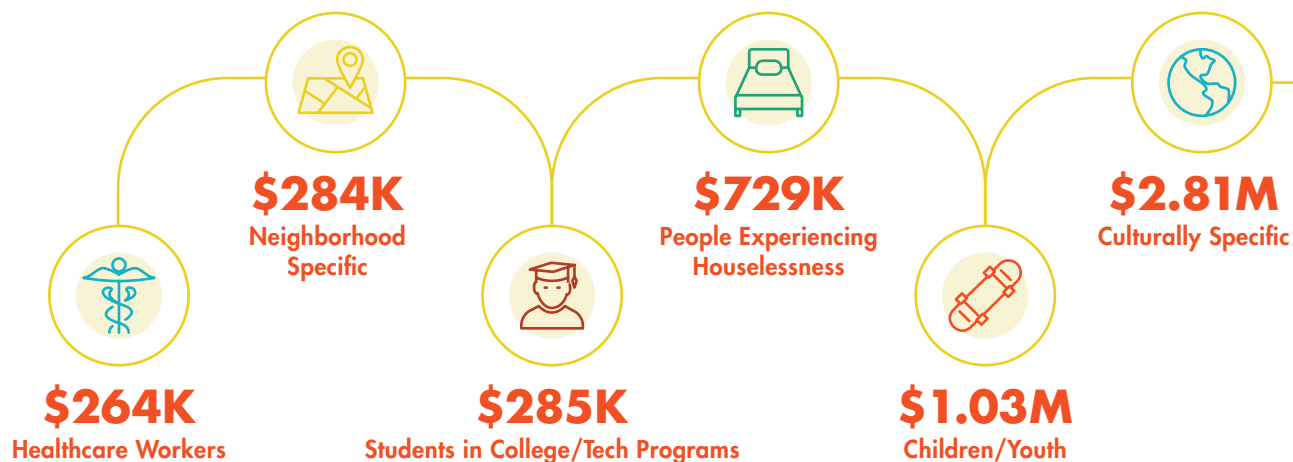


## Addressing Systemic Racism

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.

## 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.



# 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  
Innovative Services

## 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

## M

Martha's Pantry  
Meals on Wheels People  
Medical Teams International  
Mercy Corps Northwest

## N

NAACP Vancouver  
NAMI Southwest Washington  
Neighborhood Resource Coordination Council  
Northwest Cooperative Development Center



Nurse-Family Partnership

NW Furniture Bank

**O**

Office Moms & Dads

One Life Food Pantry

Open House Ministries

Operation Homefront

Outsiders Inn

**P**

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

**R**

Rainbow Advocacy Inclusion Networking  
Services (RAINS)

REACH Community Development

**S**

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)

**T**

The Noble Foundation

The Salvation Army

The Unity Center

**U**

Unite! Washougal

**V**

Vancouver Farmer's Market Foundation

Vancouver's Downtown Association

Vietnamese Community of Clark County

**W**

Washington Advocates of Deaf and Hard  
of Hearing

Washington Gorge Action Programs  
(WAGAP)

Washington State University Foundation

Woodland School District

Workforce Southwest Washington

**X**

XChange Recovery

YMCA of Columbia-Willamette

**Y**

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.



|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| NUMBER OF GIFTS   | 400     |
| NUMBER OF DONORS  | 243     |
| AVERAGE GIFT SIZE | \$22.6K |
| LARGEST GIFT      | \$1.5M  |
| SMALLEST GIFT     | \$10    |

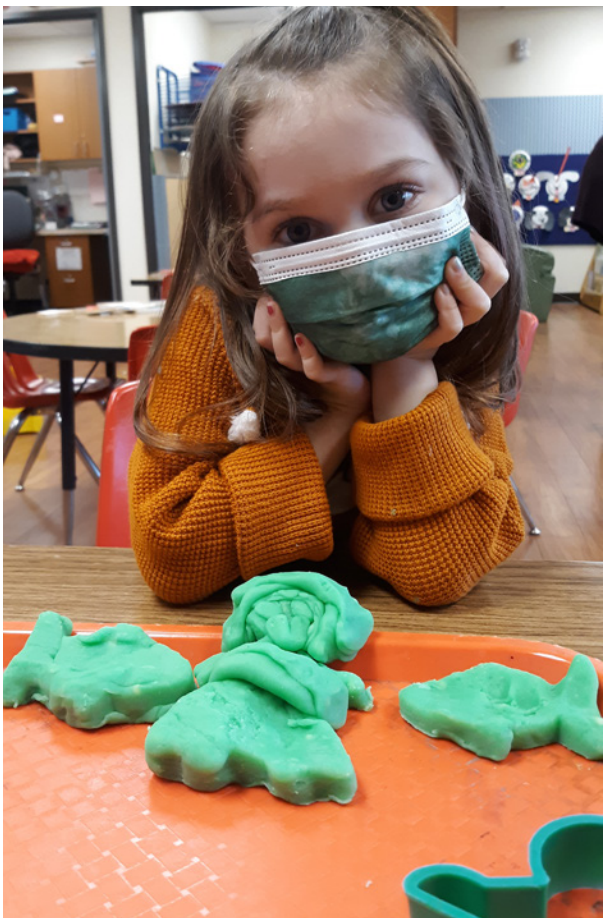
## Urgent Call, Urgent Response

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.



## 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 Dolie Lynch Fund spurred additional giving and cultivated new partnerships.



**\$2.79M**  
CFSWW  
Fundholders



**\$500K**  
CFSWW  
Discretionary Funds



**\$1.4M**  
Institutional  
Fundholders



**\$166K**  
Businesses and  
Corporations



**\$217K**  
Individuals



**\$3.99M**  
Matching  
Funds



# Covid Response Fund Donors

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## 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  
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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

## C

Pamela S. Cabanatuan  
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Dr. Ned Chastaney 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

## E

Ed and Dollie Lynch Fund  
Michael Ellison  
Laura Ellsworth  
Glenn Esler  
Evergreen Mountain Bike  
Alliance  
Thuymai Fee  
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund  
Firstenburg Family Foundation  
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Sarah Fox  
Stanton and Colleen Freidberg  
Beth Froman  
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## G

Gayle's Gifts Charitable Fund  
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Goodwin Family  
Charitable Fund  
David D. Granger  
Deanna Green  
Colleen Greenen  
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Melody L. Oakley Fund for  
Disabilities, Education and  
the Environment

## H

Douglas and Susan Hamilton  
Hansen Fund  
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Dann Parks  
Rachon Hanson  
Steven Harmon  
Harris Dusenbery Fund for  
the Homeless  
Maury and Mollie Harris  
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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

## I

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Liz Irey  
Phliip Isensee

## J

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James & Judith Youde Family  
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for Clark County  
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 Lower Columbia CAP  
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 Emily Meyer  
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 Morgan Stanley Global Impact  
 Funding Trust  
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 Jim Mullen  
 Debbie Murphy  
 Laurel Murphy

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 Marlene Nau  
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 Network for Good  
 Dennis Niedermeyer  
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 NW Natural  
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 On Line Support  
 John and Sandra O'Rourke

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 Sally Palena  
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 Sharon Pesut  
 Rosanne Petersen  
 Darlene Peterson  
 Peterson Family Foundation  
 Mark Pinkerton

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 Tochen Family Advised  
 Endowment  
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**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.**

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