



November 5th, 2020 Pre Meeting Survey Results

Q2. Please briefly describe how your organization has and/or is planning on responding to COVID19 (include any links announcements or efforts that you would like to share with other funders and peers)

- The Good Food Access Program has included COVID-19 response as a priority area for this current round (information in the next text box as well).
- We are a healthcare system so our response is pretty thorough.
- I (Alicia Smith) am the American Indian Advisor with the Economic Opportunity and Nutrition Assistance programs at DHS. Our area has responded to COVID-19 with SNAP/Public Assistance Benefits, Emergency Food Support and Tribal funding.
- DHS has invested millions of state and federal funds into SNAP, the emergency food system (food shelves, food banks, etc), and Tribal Nations food security. No current funding opportunities to announce.
- Provided several grants to combined funds as well as direct support to local food banks and food shelves.
- <https://newsroom.uhc.com/community/empowering-health-grants.html> We recently announced our 2020 Empowering Health grants, many of which are investments in decreasing food insecurity.
- Provided Covid Rapid Response grants Allowed currently funded projects to pivot project activities and expenses to respond to community needs.
- The Schulze Foundation provides support for health, education and human services. This year we provided an extra \$8.5 million in COVID-19 relief and just made \$1 million available to address food insecurity in the form of challenge grants.
- <http://www.foundation.medtronic.com/us-en/index/about-us/covid19-medtronic-foundation-match.html>
- By the end of December, we will have distributed nearly \$1M in Resiliency Fund grants. We've also distributed or will distribute around \$6M in CARES Act funding.
- For businesses we have been involved in MN DEED SBEL (Small Business Emergency Loan) and MN DEED SBRG (Small Business Relief Grant). For Child Care we had The Early Care and Education Wrap Around Grant program to help fund early care and education wrap around services for children birth to age eight from underserved populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have done trainings virtually in order to continue to serve those needs.
- We've provided additional grants to nonprofits locally, nationally and globally that are doing frontline and resourcing work to ensure food/meal access for vulnerable populations during the pandemic.

- Reallocated all discretionary funds to respond to urgent needs -- food and shelter security and access to medical services. Also, we are administering \$8M in CARES Act Funds for small business and nonprofit relief
- Lending - millions of dollars <https://northcentraleda.org/business/business-financing/>
- **\$4.8m** raised for [covid-19](#) relief efforts. **\$3.2m** raised for bipoc [small businesses](#) in the wake of civil unrest. through the [211 helpline](#), we identified and addressed a **300%** increase in the need for human services in 2020. \$250,000 in Grants to Support [North Minneapolis Food System](#)

Q3. Please list any active grant programs, RFPs, funding opportunities etc. that you are leading or apart of that you would like to make the group aware of. (this list of opportunities will be compiled into a list and shared with attendees on the call).

- The Good Food Access Program is accepting applications from retailers for equipment/physical improvement needs until November 19, 4:00. More information is <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/gfapequipmentgrant> We're also accepting applications from winter farmers markets and direct marketing farmers (e.g., apple orchards and CSA) to assist with costs to keep customers/staff safe. More information is at <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/safe-winter-farmers-market-cost-share>
- Many to list. Laura Kramer will speak to the statewide picture in her planned remarks.
- We awarded \$1 million in challenge grants to address food insecurity in November. We are open to hearing about other needs to address hunger and food insecurity in early 2021.
- We're experimenting with participatory grant making in two categories: DEI and SDGs. Those grant programs are active now.
- Our usual investment programs, including the Small Enterprise Loan Program, Business Loan Program, SEED Fund, Equity Fund, Grow A Farmer Loan Program.
- The Good Acre is seeking to replenish their Farmer Relief Fund for MN/TC growers, most of whom are BIPOC. Their goal is \$15,000 raised around Give to the Max Day.
- Partnership with Greater Minneapolis Community Connections helped leverage funds for the Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club for food insecure Ojibwe youth. Currently working in three meat processing communities to improve access to culturally appropriate food for displaced workers (nearly entirely LatinX and Somali)
- <https://northcentraleda.org/business/business-financing/> This lending is beyond favorable with loan amounts up to \$250k (\$50k per job created or retained) 0% interest for 15 years, 6 months of payment deferment, little collateral or owner equity required. Must show how favorable lending terms will benefit employee salaries, benefits or ownership opportunities. Targeted to minority, low-income, veteran, BIPOC, LGBTQ+ owned businesses and the following industries: retail, agriculture, restaurants, child care and senior care facilities.