

# FAQs

## Funding

### Who is eligible for funding?

Grants are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofits organizations, groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or other charitable organizations able to receive a tax-deductible contribution such as schools, faith-based organizations, and other public entities. The GAF Community Response Fund is not able to offer direct support to individuals or businesses, though nonprofits providing that direct support are welcome to share their needs.

### What are the funding priorities of the Community Response Fund?

The Community Response Fund priorities may evolve as our community adapts to the COVID-19 outbreak and raises more money. Throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis, our current funding priorities are supporting the basic needs for the health and safety of our most vulnerable populations during this health crisis. At this time, this fund is not able to prioritize larger public institutions that are strained by increased demand for services. Consideration will be given to the following:

- Assistance to homebound seniors
- Pandemic childcare for frontline
- Mental health services
- Shelter services and food sourcing
- Medical care and medical testing
- Other documented emerging needs

### What is the timeline for awarding grant dollars?

The Community Response Fund will begin making grant awards over the coming weeks. We will do our best to respond to all funding request as soon as possible, given the volume of requests. Due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fund will not operate on a definite timeline and will be rolling.

### When will you share who will receive funding?

The list of grantees will be shared on GAF's [Learn More](#) webpage.

### My nonprofit has lost revenue due to a canceled event. Do you want to know about my need?

Grant awards will be based on funding priorities supporting the basic needs for the health and safety of our most vulnerable populations during this health crisis. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot help with current or future lost revenue due to a canceled event. Please feel free to share your current story and struggle

with us at [info@greateralliancefoundation.org](mailto:info@greateralliancefoundation.org). We would be grateful to learn more about your charity to help us stay aware of your needs in the community.

### **I am an individual who has been affected by COVID-19. Can this fund help me?**

We understand people in our community have been affected by COVID-19, and unfortunately, more will continue to be affected. This Community Response Fund is awarding resources to only nonprofit organizations that directly support and help basic needs for the health and safety of our most vulnerable population during this health crisis.

### **How does my nonprofit apply for funding?**

Please go to the Greater Alliance Foundation website for the Community Response Fund at [www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org](http://www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org) and submit your application online to us.

## **Donations**

### **How can I donate to our community's needs through the Community Response Fund?**

Please go to our website at [www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org](http://www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org) to donate online with a credit card (3% fee waived) or you can make your check payable to the Greater Alliance Foundation and mark the memo of the check "Community Response Fund" and mail it to 960 West State Street, Suite 130, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

### **Who can contribute?**

We encourage individual donors, companies, additional funders and other organizations to contribute to the Community Response Fund. Donations of any amount are welcome and all contributions are eligible for a charitable donation.

### **What fees are associated with the Community Response Fund?**

We have decided to waive or absorb all fees associated with this Fund. The 3% fee to donate online will be covered by the Foundation. The administrative costs of the fund will be waived. This way 100% of your donation will go toward meeting the needs of this community in its time of need during this health crisis.

### **I'd like to give stock or make a wire transfer. How can I do that?**

Please contact the Greater Alliance Foundation directly at 330-823-8560 and we will work with you and our financial advisors to transfer your gift into the Community Response Fund.

### **Can I designate my gift within the Fund?**

Currently, not at this time. To ensure that this fund moves resources as efficiently as possible and responds to the needs of the community most impacted, we are not considering donations restricted to specific

agencies or causes at this time. We want to pool resources that can be quickly deployed to meet the changing needs of our community. If you would like to set up your own fund to support a specific field of interest or various charities, please contact us at 330-823-8560 and we would be happy to walk you through that process.

### **May I give to this response fund through my Donor Advised Fund?**

If you have a Donor Advised Fund or a Corporate Advised Fund with GAF, it is easy to support this Community Response Fund and we encourage you to do so. Please complete a Recommendation Form and e-mail to [info@GreaterAllianceFoundation.org](mailto:info@GreaterAllianceFoundation.org) and we will make a transfer from your fund.

### **How will we share with the community who donated to the Fund?**

The list of donors will be shared on our Community Response Fund webpage and in our Annual Report. If you would like to remain anonymous, please let us know.