

About the Fund

The Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund targets emerging and evolving needs of the state's most-impacted communities, for the longer term needs of our community.

The **Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund** is part of the Delaware COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative, a nonprofit collaborative response to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement (DANA), Delaware Community Foundation (DCF), Philanthropy Delaware (PD) and United Way of Delaware (UWDE) are partnering to coordinate charitable resources to maximize impact statewide during this crisis.

Grants from the Strategic Response Fund, housed at the DCF, will be coordinated with grants from UWDE's Delaware Does More: COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund, which focuses on more immediate needs.

Eligibility

The Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund is structured to help Delaware-serving 501(c)3 organizations address a broad range of community needs. An organization is eligible only if it is a 501(c)3 organization that is a public charity, church or government agency directly servicing the public.

Target applicants are nonprofit organizations with deep roots in the community and a strong track record of serving people who are immediately and disproportionately suffering from the crisis.

The maximum award will be \$50,000.

At this time, we are only accepting applications for organizations:

- Addressing critical basic needs.
- Seeking funding to be expended within the next six weeks.
- Actively providing services to the public. (Organizations not providing service are not eligible at this time).

Over time, we envision making grants in more structural and long-term needs in three funding areas related to the effects of COVID-19:

- **Front-Line Grants** fund nonprofits encountering increased demand for services due to COVID-19. This includes services to people who are financially vulnerable, homeless, and facing health challenges.
- **Service-Challenged Grants** fund nonprofits that need assistance modifying their service delivery models extremely rapidly due to COVID-19.
- **Collateral Damage Grants** fund nonprofits facing extreme difficulty because of lost revenue due to closures, cancellations and other challenges related to COVID-19.

It is NOT necessary at this time to define how your request fits into one of these categories.

The Strategic Response Fund will generally not consider proposals to fund:

- Grants directly to individuals.
- Political campaigns or lobbying activities.
- Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes, although religious organizations providing non-religious community services will be considered.
- Endowments.

[Scoring Rubric](#)

[Grants FAQ](#)

Agencies must serve the state of Delaware and its residents without discrimination based on race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin or sexual orientation.

Process

- Grants will be awarded each week. The intent is to fund grants weekly for as long as funding is available and community needs exist related to COVID-19.
- Applications will be accepted online only at delcf.org/covid-grants.
- **Applications will be due at noon each Monday.** Applications received after noon on Monday will be included in the following week's pool.
- An organization may submit only one grant request at a time.
- On Friday of each week, all applicants will be notified of status and funds will be transferred to grantees by 5 pm.
- Whether funded or declined, each organization must wait one week before submitting again. I.e., an organization that submitted an application on April 20 may not submit again until May 4. This applies whether the application was funded or not.

Contact

Please email questions to [Allison Taylor Levine](#).

Applicants must not contact reviewers about their applications unless directly asked for additional information. This is critical because of the large quantity of applications expected and the focus required to make decisions quickly.