

The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, in response to unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, will offer **Rapid Response Grants** to immediately support Monroe County nonprofits carry out their work for the benefit of those who call our community home.

**Grant amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,500** will be awarded through a streamlined application process that will allow the Foundation to evaluate and award grants in a 24-hour time period. Funding will be available beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. An eligible nonprofit may apply for one rapid response grant in this granting phase.

**Rapid Response grants are intended to support Monroe County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to address any of the following areas:**

- Analyzing and planning for financial challenges resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. This might include costs associated with professional financial or legal consultation.
- Adjusting to alternative work strategies resulting from social distancing and work-from-home necessities. This might include video conferencing software or platforms, laptops, hotspots, or other technology that enables remote work and communications.
- Scaling up capacity to meet increased demand for services resulting from COVID-19.
- Overcoming lost income and sunk costs from fundraisers scheduled in March, April, or May that have been cancelled.
- Purchasing services or supplies necessitated by COVID-19.

### **To apply**

Organizations should apply by sending an email to Program Director Marcus Whited at [marcus@cfbmc.org](mailto:marcus@cfbmc.org) and President and CEO Tina Peterson at [tinapeterson@cfbmc.org](mailto:tinapeterson@cfbmc.org). You should also copy your board chair. Please use the subject line "RAPID RESPONSE grant application" and address the following questions in the email:

1. How will a Rapid Response Grant allow your organization to address a need triggered by COVID-19? Please specify the amount requested and specifically how the grant funds would be used. A brief grant budget listing would be helpful if multiple items are requested.
2. What result do you expect to achieve with Rapid Response grant funding? How will it make a difference for your organization and, ultimately, the population that you serve?
3. How should we contact you about this grant? Please provide a cell phone number for the person who can answer any questions about the grant request or payment instructions.

Questions? Please contact Marcus Whited, [marcus@cfbmc.org](mailto:marcus@cfbmc.org) or Meagan Niese, [meaganniese@cfbmc.org](mailto:meaganniese@cfbmc.org).

### **Equal Opportunity in Grantmaking**

*No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, marital or parental status, political affiliation, military service, physical or mental ability, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the community foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the community foundation.*