

2020

COVID-19 GIVING REPORT



Connecticut Health
FOUNDATION

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COVID-19 EFFORTS

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the foundation quickly recognized the need for flexibility to shift our work and funding to meet the needs of the community. This led to a multipronged approach that both reflected the foundation's longstanding priorities and adapted to the demands of the crisis:

- Recognizing the tremendous demand for assistance to meet basic needs, the foundation **created an emergency fund** (in two rounds) that provided grants of up to \$25,000 to community-based organizations serving people of color that could quickly provide support to individuals.
- To assure that communities of color receive messages about COVID-19 from trusted sources, the foundation **created a messaging grant opportunity** that awarded grants to community-based organizations of up to \$10,000 to deliver messages, guidance, resources, and answer questions from community members.
- Because community health workers are so effective in meeting the needs of their communities, the foundation **provided grants to local health departments so they could hire community health workers** to assist with their COVID-19 response, particularly in communities of color.
- The foundation **convened a group of community-based organizations to meet regularly** to discuss the COVID-19 response, and received commitments from state agency leaders to join the group and hear their concerns and recommendations to better address the communities' needs during the pandemic.
- The foundation supported some of our partners in **statewide efforts to meet a variety of needs** of residents in communities across Connecticut.



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**TOTAL COVID GRANTS
AWARDED**

\$2,817,743.44

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF COVID
GRANTS AWARDED**

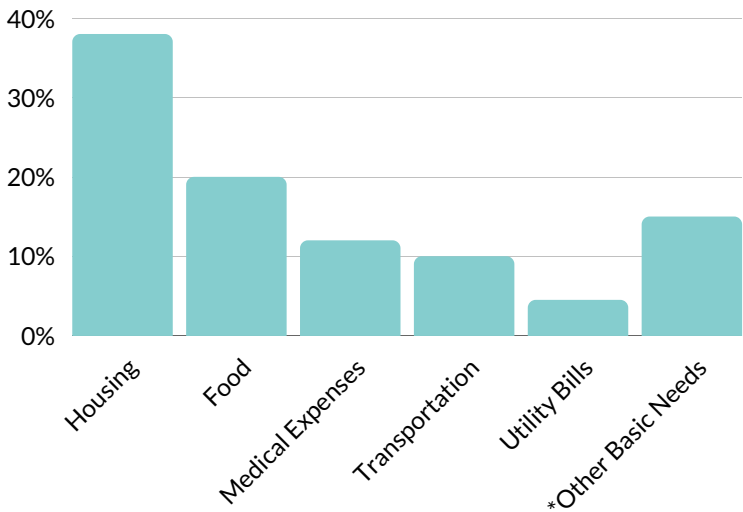
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GRANT FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Emergency Relief Grants (2 rounds of funding)

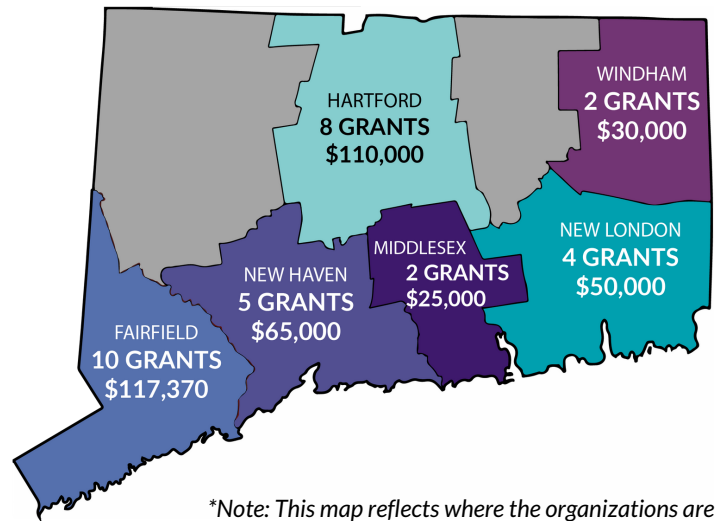
- TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$397,370.00**
- TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: **31**
- TOTAL POPULATION SERVED: **10,600 individuals/families**
- TOWNS SERVED: **Hartford, New London, Middletown, Bridgeport, West Hartford, Darien, New Haven, Willimantic, New Britain, Danbury, Weston, Greenwich, Stamford**

Breakdown by relief area



*includes: school supplies, household essentials, etc

Breakdown by county



*Note: This map reflects where the organizations are based. Populations reached by the grant often go beyond the county.

Messaging Grants

- TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$126,000.00**
- TOTAL GRANTS: **13**
- TOWNS REACHED: **Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Windsor, West Hartford, Darien, Middletown, New London and Fairfield**

Health Department Community Health Worker Grants

This initiative was in partnership with a grant from 4-CT that allowed the foundation to support health departments across the state in hiring CHWs.

- TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$1,743,373.44**
- HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SUPPORTED: **9; Hartford, East Hartford, West Hartford-Bloomfield, Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford, and Ledge Light.**
- EXPECTED TOTAL NUMBER OF CHWS HIRED: **59**

Statewide Grants

United Way - \$150,000

This grant supported the distribution of money to address basic needs for state residents affected by the COVID-19 crisis, particularly those in the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population.

- 750 households received \$200 digital cards to pay for food, utilities, gas, and other necessities to address urgent household needs.

Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHCACT) - \$165,000

This funding helped enhance telehealth capacity at 16 federally qualified health centers and the engagement of vulnerable patients in telehealth services.

- Health centers provided over 3,800 patient care kits and over 680 phone cards to patients to support access to telehealth services.

The Connecticut COVID-19 Charity Connection (4-CT) - \$150,000

This grant provided financial assistance with basic needs to undocumented residents who are ineligible for federal and state COVID-19 relief because of their immigration status.

- More than 3,300 cash cards were distributed throughout the state to eligible recipients. 4-CT partnered with 19 community-based organizations and federally qualified health centers that work directly with the target population daily.

Office of Early Childhood/EdAdvance - \$51,000

This grant funded support for licensed family child care providers to address health and safety concerns related to continuing to provide care during the pandemic. With the assistance of the Connecticut Nurses Association, this support included on-demand assistance and a phone line to address topics including health, safety, sanitation, and preventive measures.

- Four webinars were held in both English and Spanish by the CT Nurses' Association to provide childcare centers with tips and best practices for safe and sanitary operation during the pandemic
- The advice hotline received calls from over 30 childcare centers