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DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund (DCCRF) Guidelines and Application Procedures Final Round

PURPOSE

The DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund (DCCRF), a component Pass Through Fund within the DeKalb County Community Foundation, was created in collaboration with various local funding partners. The Fund's purpose is to be a depository for contributions intended to respond to the effects of COVID-19 in DeKalb County by distributing grants in the areas of preparedness, response, recovery, and/or rebuilding efforts.

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDING PARTNERS

Organizational funders who have endorsed the creation of the DCCRF to date and are committed to use their resources either independently or in partnership with the DCCRF to respond to needs in DeKalb County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic include the DeKalb County Community Foundation; DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership; Kishwaukee United Way; Douglas C. and Lynn M. Roberts Family Foundation; IDEAL Foundation, Horizons Unlimited Foundation, the State of Illinois, and the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board. Additional organizational funders are welcome at any time.

The **DeKalb County COVID-19 Respond Fund** will provide grants to nonprofit organizations. This will be the final grant round for the DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund, so all remaining funds will be dispersed during this round. The committee would like to be supportive of as many organizations as possible to help in the recovery from the pandemic. Proposals should demonstrate a plan to utilize grant resources to promote sustainability and long-term recovery. Most grants will range from \$5,000-\$15,000. **Applications will be due on July 16, 2021 by 11:59 pm.**

GRANT GUIDELINES

When applying for a grant, please note the following:

- The DeKalb County COVID-19 Response Fund shall respond to the needs of nonprofits that have been impacted by COVID-19 and are seeking funds to promote organizational sustainability. Grants shall be made to nonprofit agencies located in or serving DeKalb County. For-profit and government entities are not eligible to apply.
- Organizations must have local leadership in the form of a board of directors or advisory committee, local financial support, and local program management and accountability. In the case of nationally or regionally sponsored organizations, no portion of the grant can be used to support the national, state, or regional entity.
- Based upon the charitable structure of the DCCRF COVID-19 Response Fund, grants are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. **We are not able to fund individuals or businesses directly, labor unions, or other 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5) and 501(c)(6) organizations.**
- Funds will be distributed to nonprofit organizations serving DeKalb County's most vulnerable populations with a focus on providing funding toward basic human needs of residents in the county, including but not limited to emergency food and basic supplies, interim housing and shelter, primary health care services, utility and financial assistance, supports for children and other vulnerable populations, and nonprofit organizations that may be at financial risk and need operating assistance.
- Agencies are encouraged to maximize these dollars through matching grants with other donors.

Grants from the DCCRF shall **not** be used for the following:

- To fund endowments, **contingency funds, reserves, interest, or taxes.**
- Capital campaigns
- For sectarian or religious purposes or for organizations operated primarily for the benefit of their own membership.
- For the payment of political organizations or campaigns.
- To purchase benefit tickets, respond to telephone solicitations, or national fund-raising efforts.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Nonprofit organizations wishing to submit a grant application must submit a brief online proposal through the online grants portal of the DeKalb County Community Foundation accessible at www.dekalbccf.org.
- The grant deadline will be July 16th at 11:59 pm.
- The DCCRF Advisory Committee (or a subset of this committee) shall decide on the approval or denial of all requests.
- The DeKalb County Community Foundation shall represent the decisions of the Advisory Committee and respond accordingly to all nonprofit agencies' requests for funding via the online portal.
- A brief final report on all funded projects shall be required within three months of the grant award.
- For-profit and governmental entities are not eligible to apply at this time.

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.