

COVID-19 Response Fund



Our Community is Facing an Unprecedented Crisis. You Can Help.

The COVID-19 pandemic is unfolding with devastating impact on vulnerable populations and our Jewish ecosystem.

The most pressing concerns include:

- ▶ staggering revenue losses projected at over \$43 million due to shelter-in-place business disruption
- ▶ increased demand to meet basic needs for economically and isolated at-risk populations
- ▶ need to pivot mission-centric programs to create connection during social isolation
- ▶ ability to maintain basic operations while planning for a future marked by financial instability

THE FEDERATION'S RESPONSE

The Federation established the **COVID-19 Response Fund** as a critical element of a multifaceted effort to mobilize the Jewish philanthropic community to take action.

TWO PRIORITY GOALS

Address urgent needs of populations most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis

Funding will expand capacity of front-line organizations to provide essential safety-net services for seniors, economically disadvantaged, recently unemployed, and at-risk due to social isolation or COVID-19 illness.

Grants will provide:

- **Direct financial assistance** to individuals for basic needs including food, shelter, and healthcare
- **Food delivery** to seniors or immune-compromised individuals sheltering-in-place
- **Mental health, end of life, or domestic violence support**
- **Job resources** for those recently unemployed
- **Care for seniors** at home and in residential facilities

Address short-term needs to stabilize the Jewish ecosystem

Funding will mitigate the immediate impact of revenue loss from business disruption on Jewish organizations including JCCs, Jewish Day Schools, Preschools, Overnight Camps, Jewish Engagement and Cultural Organizations.

Grants will provide:

- **Operating support for essential infrastructure** including core staff, facility maintenance, and security
- **Health benefits** for furloughed teachers and staff
- **Virtual programming and distance learning** to foster belonging, education, and Jewish engagement
- **Bridge funding** to address cash-flow challenges until revenue streams resume

GIVE NOW

100% of the funds raised will go to COVID-19 response. Our goal is to raise \$4 million for a first phase of response. Gifts are welcome at all levels — from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

- ▶ **Give online** to the COVID-19 Response Fund
- ▶ **Send a text message to 56512** with the following info: JEWISH [space] your pledge amount [space] your name (for instance, JEWISH 118 Matt Youngner). *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- ▶ **Recommend a grant from your Federation Donor-Advised Fund**
- ▶ **Donate gifts of stock or by check** to Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund, indicating the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Grants will be made on a rolling basis as fundraising continues, ensuring resources are deployed quickly and nimbly to meet evolving needs in real-time. Details on grants to date may be found on the Federation's [COVID-19 Resource Page](#).

QUESTIONS?

Contact [Matt Youngner](#), Managing Director of Philanthropy.

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