COVID 19 Relief Fund

Housing & Homeless Services Request for Supplies & Support

United Way of Greater LA (UWGLA) is working closely with government partners as part of the COVID 19 homelessness emergency response to support our system, service providers, and those experiencing homelessness at this critical time. We are pulling in everything we are hearing as unmet needs from providers and advocates and working as quickly as we can to expand access to safety, shelter, and supplies across our community.

Through this application, UWGLA plans to collect information and provide direct support to nonprofits and community groups located and serving in LA County, in order to expand access to vital supplies for the homeless service response to COVID 19. Knowing that access to resources to meet service demands varies, we plan to provide support in the following two ways depending on agency size:

- For nonprofits with an annual operating budget over $1M housing/homeless services budget, support will take the form of a request for emergency response supplies, including face masks, hand sanitizer, and infrared thermometers. Additionally, a type of serological testing kit that will considered for clinics and homeless service providers with onsite medical services only.
- For nonprofits with operating budgets under $1M housing/homeless services budget and other community groups, support will take the form of small grants to support the purchase of food and supplies from local stores.

This application will only support nonprofits and community groups actively working in the homeless service sector in LA County. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Only ONE (1) application will be accepted per organization.

Understanding that time matters in an emergency, this short application will close by Friday, April 3, 2020 at 3pm PDT. No applications will be accepted after this date or through any other submission method.

Awards will be announced early next week. Awarded supplies are anticipated to be available for pick up by end the week of April 6. For small grants, contracting will begin after award notification and payment will be processed upon contract execution, both of which are anticipated to take place the week of April 6.

Please complete the following application to share more about your organization and its current needs. For reference only, a full copy of the application has been posted on the Home For Good website - www.homeforgoodla.org/grantseekers. Additional supporting documents will also be posted to that site.

If you have any questions related to this application, please contact our team at PandemicFund@unitedwayla.org (UPDATED – 04.01.20) using the subject line “Relief Fund – Housing” when reaching out.

Future funding opportunities through the United Way Pandemic Relief Fund related to Education, Economic Mobility, and Housing/Homelessness will be shared with current partners and posted to our website at pandemicrelief.unitedwayla.org.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

The following organizational questions are meant to help us understand your organization and its needs. Your answers are not meant to determine eligibility, but to give UWGLA and its funding partners information to both prioritize limited supports through this application and to advocate with systems partners to expand access to vital supplies for the homeless emergency response.

Application Contact Information
Application Contact Name:
Organization:
Contact Email:
Contact Cell Phone:

Tax ID Number (if applicable):

Overall Annual Operating Budget:
If your organization works on multiple issues, what is your annual housing and homeless services budget:

Approximately, how many households experiencing homelessness does your organization serve annually?

What is the approximate breakdown of the population(s) you serve:
% unsheltered
% sheltered
% housed

Which of the following population(s) experiencing homelessness do you PRIMARILY serve? (Select no more than 2)
  - Individual Adults
  - TAY (Transition Age Youth)
  - Families
  - Chronic/High Acuity

Do you run any of the following programs in any official capacity? This may include a LAHSA or County contract, but may also just be privately supported efforts that are aligned with countywide efforts (i.e., not for individual agency purpose only)
  - Emergency shelter
  - Street outreach
  - Tenant-based supportive housing
  - Project-based supportive housing

Which region(s) of LA County do you PRIMARILY serve? (Select no more than 3, or countywide)
- SPA 1: Antelope Valley
- SPA 2: San Fernando Valley
- SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley
- SPA 4: Metro LA (includes Hollywood, Koreatown, Downtown LA)
- SPA 5: West LA
- SPA 6: South LA
- SPA 7: East & Southeast LA
- SPA 8: South Bay (includes Long Beach)
- Countywide (if selected, should be your only answer)
Does your organization provide direct medical care to people experiencing homelessness? Y/N

Do you partner with an organization that provides medical services to your clients? Y/N

If responded YES to the above, please provide name of medical partner.

Has your organization requested any supplies through a centralized procurement process for homelessness emergency response to COVID 19? Y/N

Which of the following best describes your organization?
- We are a nonprofit 501c3 nonprofit organization with OVER $1M housing/homeless services budget. ---Directs to Nonprofit Request for Supplies Page
- We are a nonprofit 501c3 nonprofit organization with UNDER $1M housing/homeless services budget. ---Directs to Small Nonprofit & Community Group Request for Support Page
- We are a community based or faith-based group without nonprofit status. --- Directs to Small Nonprofit & Community Group Request for Support Page
Nonprofit Request for Supplies *(For nonprofit 501c3 nonprofit organizations with OVER $1M housing/homeless services budget)*

UWGLA is working closely with government partners as part of the COVID 19 homelessness emergency response to support our system, service providers, and those experiencing homelessness at this critical time. One of the key roles we have worked to play is drawing on our private sector relationships to expand access to critical supplies.

To that end, we have identified a set of essential protective supplies, including face masks, hand sanitizer, infrared thermometers, and a type of serological testing kit that will be considered for clinics and homeless service providers with onsite medical services only. While the homeless emergency response system including many nonprofit partners will have some level of access to centrally procured supplies, we recognize that there is currently a gap in access and a growing need that central supplies may not be able to satisfy. To support our broader emergency response, access to these supplies was first offered and coordinated on behalf of the system-level emergency response.

Predetermined amounts of the following supplies will be available for pick up only by organizations selected through this application.

- **Face masks** (intended for individuals with direct contact with symptomatic and suspected cases of COVID 19)
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Infrared thermometers**
- **Serological testing kit** (considered for clinics and homeless service providers with onsite medical services only)


1. While UWGLA currently has access to a limited supply of these types of supplies, our goal is to help connect and advocate for expanded access to resources. Please share your organization's actual/estimated full need of the following products. Do not list the full population you serve or the amount you are specifically requesting through this application – this should reflect the estimated number/amount needed based on the parameters listed for each item. Before responding please review the Supply Specifications List linked to here - [bit.ly/SpecsList](http://bit.ly/SpecsList).
   - # of face masks for frontline workers in direct contact with at risk, suspected, or symptomatic individuals experiencing homelessness
   - # of travel size (2oz) hand sanitizers needed for frontline workers in direct contact and for unsheltered/sheltered clients with increased risk of exposure
   - # of non-contact infrared thermometers – keep in mind that these are reusable
2. For our understanding, how did you estimate need (e.g., current service levels in HMIS, staffing sizes, etc.)?
3. Given our limited supplies we know we will not be able to support all requests. Would your organization consider passing on any of the three items listed below to support other organizations in having access to these vital resources? This will not impact any future consideration related to needs outlined above.
4. CHECK BOX: My organization understands that, if selected, my organization will be provided a predetermined quantity of available supplies that may be less than we noted as our total need.
5. CHECK BOX: My organization recognizes that, if selected, we will be required to PICK UP the supplies awarded in coordination with UWGLA staff.
Small Nonprofit & Community Group Request for Support *(For nonprofit 501c3 nonprofit organizations with UNDER $1M housing/homeless services budget & community or faith-based groups without nonprofit status)*

Nonprofits under $1M annual housing/homeless services budget and community groups will be considered for mini grants ($2,500-$10,000) to support purchase of food and supplies from local stores to support people experiencing homelessness in your programs during this time. Amount of award will be based on a set of criteria including size of organization and scale of services.

1. What types of services and supports does your organization offer in support of individual experiencing homelessness?
2. How have your operations/services changed to adapt in response to the coronavirus?
3. What are the top 3 need supply gaps that your organization is experiencing that you would utilize these funds to purchase?
4. As demand on local stores has grown, access to supplies, such as food, for all local nonprofits has become more challenging. If funded, how will you work to access supplies locally to support your organizations with the funds received?
5. If you are a community group (without nonprofit status), you will be required to identify an individual or entity that can receive funding on your behalf. This person/entity would absorb all fiscal and reporting responsibility for the funds received. If selected, who would this be (name, affiliation with organization, email address)?
6. If you are a 501c3, please upload your IRS Determination letter.
7. CHECK BOX: Your organization recognizes that, if selected, UWGLA will NOT be supplying any goods or services to my organization directly, and that I must source and purchase products on my own.