

Central Susquehanna Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund

GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund is to support nonprofit organizations affected by a disaster in Lower-Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union and Snyder Counties.

Disaster relief refers to the process of responding to a catastrophic situation and providing humanitarian aid to persons and communities who have suffered from some form of disaster.

Eligibility and Restrictions

- Any IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit, or government agency may apply
- Grants are not made to individuals
- Applicant's proposal must address the needs of nonprofit organizations and/or individuals who are victims of disaster
- The applicant's proposal must serve residents within the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation service area; Lower-Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties

Evaluation Criteria

The 2020 Disaster Relief grantround is designed as a flexible response to provide relief for a variety of unexpected costs. We expect to award two rounds of grants over the coming months to account for immediate and long-term needs. We envision three funding priority areas:

- Provide human services and emergency assistance (for example, food, shelter, transportation, living expenses, rent/utility assistance, etc.)
- Primarily serve vulnerable populations, including children who are out of school/families without childcare, people who have lost a source of income due to the pandemic, people who are at high risk medically, people who are homeless or incarcerated, individuals who lack paid sick leave or health insurance, etc.
- Nonprofits facing extreme difficulty because of lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges.

This is not an exhaustive list, and other needs will be considered. The Disaster Relief Fund Committee reviews grants based on their perception of the issues most important to the residents of the CSCF service area.

Follow-Up Requirements

A follow-up grant report documenting how grant funds were expended, is due online following your grant period. Grant report forms must be accessed and completed online through the Foundation's grant website.

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation requires that recipients include the following statement in all publicity materials related to their grant-funded program:

“Support was provided by the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation’s Disaster Relief Fund.”

Our logo is available at <https://csgiving.org/logos/> and should be used where appropriate.

Recipients are also asked to document their program with photographs, which should be submitted with the grant report form along with copies of any press releases, media coverage, or newsletter articles. CSCF staff may contact grantees to schedule follow-up visits to highlight the outcomes of the grant funded program/project as needed.

Contact Information:

For grant-related questions, please contact Christine Orlando, CSCF Senior Program Officer at corlando@csgiving.org or 570-752-3930 ext. 2.