

## Georgetown Health Foundation's (GHF) COVID-19 Relief Fund - September 2020

### Introduction

Georgetown Health Foundation's mission is "...to generate and accelerate positive change in our community's health," and is privileged to have supported critical resources for healthcare, basic needs, mental health, education, transportation and other services for more than a decade. COVID-19 presents challenges to our community's health that are unprecedented, and call for unprecedented interventions. The pandemic also calls us to recognize that hardest hit are our most vulnerable neighbors. At this moment, individuals and families that GHF has historically sought to support and empower are faced with even greater difficulties in meeting their most immediate, basic needs.

Thus, in addition to continuing to support organizations served by GHF funding through our existing processes, we invite eligible organizations serving Georgetown/Georgetown ETJ to submit applications to the **GHF COVID-19 Relief Fund**, which will assist in relief efforts to Georgetown/Georgetown ETJ individuals, families, and organizations impacted by the coronavirus.

In May, we completed our first of two COVID-19 Relief funding cycles. ***The following information pertains to the second and final GHF COVID-19 funding cycle.*** Through this funding cycle, we will continue to support relief efforts assisting Georgetown individuals' and families' most immediate, basic needs, as well as to support safety net and health/human service organizations to sustain their operations provided that applying organizations target the following issue areas:

- Food
- Shelter/Housing
- Financial assistance
- Childcare
- Care for adults who are homebound due to age or disability
- Technology for remote curriculum-based education

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### Timeline for September 2020 Process

Monday, August 3	Process opens. Applications available through <a href="https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=georgetownhealth">https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=georgetownhealth</a>
Friday, September 4, 5pm CST	Application deadline
September 5-18	GHF Committee review of applications
Wednesday, September 23	GHF Board considers committee recommendations
September 24-30	Award notifications

## **GHF COVID-19 RELIEF FUND DESCRIPTION & ELIGIBILITY DETAILS**

### **DESCRIPTION**

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- Food
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The primary goal of this funding cycle is to support organizations and programs that assist our most vulnerable neighbors in Georgetown/Georgetown ETJ. If COVID-19 has had a substantive impact on eligible applicants' operating budgets and ability to deliver services, they may be considered for operational funding as well.

**Total Distribution Amount:** \$300,000

**Award Threshold:** \$25,000 maximum per application

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

**GHF's Target Population & Geographic Area.** In order to be considered for funding, organizations must serve GHF's target population: Georgetown children, youth, elders, and families who are low-income and/or have significant need. GHF considers "Georgetown residents" as residents living within the ETJ in the following zip codes: 78626, 78628, 78633, 78673, 78674, and 78634. "Low-income families" as defined by GHF are families whose total annual income is no more than 200% of federal poverty guidelines in any given year.

Applying organizations must be 501c3 nonprofit organizations or churches and proposals must be related to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to our focus on immediate, basic needs, we will consider proposals that would allow an organization to adapt its existing programs in the face of the ever-evolving COVID-19 landscape (e.g., modifications to financial assistance or food programs impacted by social/physical distancing).

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Churches and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for projects assisting the wider community (i.e., not just members of their own faith or congregation), provided that outreach does not include the promotion of religious beliefs and participants are not excluded based on religious beliefs that differ from that church or faith-based organization.