



A REPORT ON THE

Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund

FIRST EIGHT WEEKS

OUR FRIENDS,

There are moments of tragedy seared on the American consciousness.

Pearl Harbor. The Kennedy Assassination. The Challenger Explosion. 9/11. Moments that brought us together in mourning. Moments that tested our resolve as a nation.

These are also the moments when our community shines.

We are living inside one of those moments – a national emergency, a generational tragedy, unfolding day-to-day as if in slow motion. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken more than 110,000 American lives – 410 in Delaware alone as of June 9 – and radically altered our way of life, resulting in record unemployment, families living in isolation, schools closed, business shuttered, support systems inaccessible.

Our resolve is once again tested. And our community is responding.

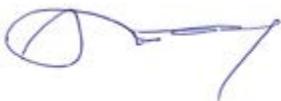
In partnership with generous people throughout our state, the philanthropic community of Delaware has united to direct resources to where they are needed most.

Just two weeks after Governor Carney declared a state of emergency, the first grants of the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund were feeding hungry children and seniors, providing childcare for essential workers, housing the most vulnerable members of our community, and delivering counseling and telehealth services for families in need.

And that was only the beginning.

In the next few pages, we will offer a glimpse of the multi-faceted ways you have helped Delawareans in every corner of the state over the first eight weeks of this emergency, between March 27 and May 22. This pandemic has touched every aspect of our lives. Our response has been and must continue to be just as diverse.

Thanks to your continued support, our community will continue to create new opportunities to grow, to thrive, and to be with each other once again when this crisis has lifted. We look forward to seeing you then.



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Delaware Community Foundation



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Philanthropy Delaware

The Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund, a partnership of the DCF and Philanthropy Delaware, was established to address the emerging and evolving needs of the community during the crisis. Between March 27 and May 22, the fund awarded weekly grants totaling more than \$2.3 million to 94 nonprofit organizations.

343,738

meals served

6,515

people receiving direct healthcare services

23,190

families receiving aid

7,691

children assisted

14,945

people receiving housing assistance

685

homeless individuals given emergency shelter

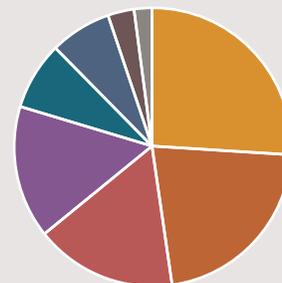
18,052

people receiving counseling services

81

nonprofits supported with operational funding

FUNDING TARGETS



26%
Housing

21%
Food & Supplies

17%
Case Management

15%
Health Services

8%
Mental Health

7%
Arts & Humanities

3%
Community Outreach

2%
Education

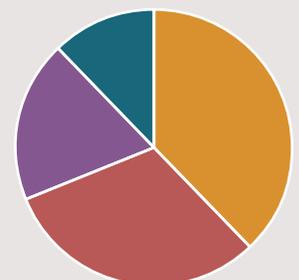
BY COUNTY

38%
New Castle County

31%
Statewide

19%
Sussex County

12%
Kent County



Housing and Food



YMCA

GRANT: \$50,000

PURPOSE: Feed families in need

One of dozens of agencies to receive Strategic Response Fund grants for emergency food distribution, the YMCA handed out food from the Central YMCA, Bear-Glasgow YMCA, Sussex YMCA, Middletown YMCA, Western Family YMCA, Brandywine YMCA and Dover YMCA. "One family has come to every one of our distribution events, both for non-perishable food boxes and the child backpack program," said Angie Riley, YMCA business manager. "They are a family of six. The father is the caregiver of his wife, who has been battling breast cancer for several years. They are truly grateful."

Love INC of Mid-Delmarva

GRANT: \$50,000

PURPOSE: Provide emergency shelter for the at-risk homeless population

Love INC of Mid-Delmarva, one of several organizations funded to provide housing during the pandemic, reactivated Code Purple Sussex County to provide emergency shelter for homeless men and women with underlying health issues during the pandemic. Case managers visit residents every day, bringing meals, performing health check-ups, and providing some socially distanced company. They've also helped find temporary housing for poultry workers who tested positive but were unable to safely isolate at home.



Modern Maturity

GRANT: \$100,000

PURPOSE: Deliver meals to seniors

Strategic Response Fund grants are helping the Modern Maturity Center and numerous other senior centers ensure that older Delawareans have healthy meals. Modern Maturity volunteers received a timely assist from Delaware National Guard soldiers during an emergency food distribution event on May 13, when 20 active duty soldiers delivered hundreds of food boxes to Meals on Wheels clients, in addition to the 1,500 meals volunteers deliver around Kent County every day.

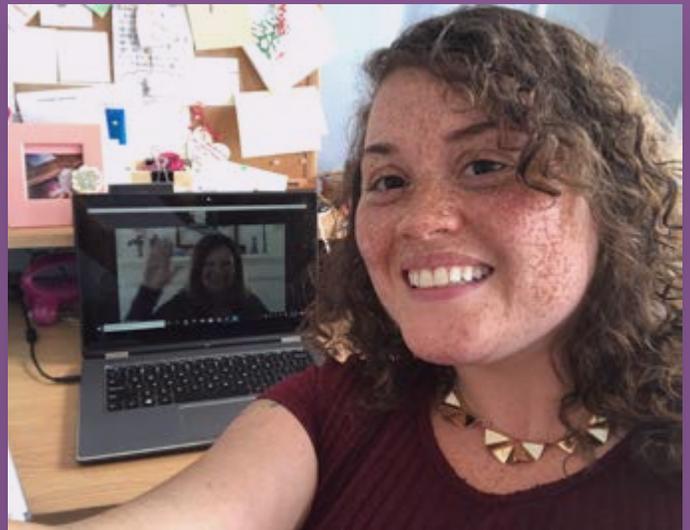
Health Care and Emergency Aid —

Survivors of Abuse in Recovery, Inc. (SOAR)

GRANT: \$33,325

PURPOSE: Support victims of sexual trauma

Shifting to telehealth created significant challenges and expenses for nonprofit healthcare providers. Many survivors of sexual abuse and assault found therapy programs halted or postponed at the start of the pandemic. With a grant from the Strategic Response Fund, SOAR acquired computers and software for staff members and clients statewide, and their work continues.



Westside Family Healthcare

PURPOSE: \$50,000

MISSION: Care for prenatal and chronically ill patients

Westside Family Healthcare in Wilmington made immediate improvements to its newly launched telehealth program, helping to handle what could be hundreds of calls a day. "We must continue keeping vulnerable populations healthy, and we have to keep those people with non-life-threatening illnesses out of hospitals," said President/CEO Lolita A. Lopez. "This all has to be done while making sure our health care professionals, those on the front lines of this outbreak, can do their life-saving work safely and return home to their families."

Stop the Violence Prayer Chain

PURPOSE: \$2,500

MISSION: Provide children in Wilmington with food and supplies

"I just left New Castle, and dropped food off for three families out there. We dropped off diapers and milk and sandwiches," said founder Margaret Guy. "They're in need, because schools are closed. They have a hard time finding food. So we just do this every day, to try to help these families that we can."



Nonprofits and Veterans



Delaware Shakespeare

GRANT: \$7,500

PURPOSE: Keep the arts performing online

Many theaters closed in the first days of the emergency shut down, but Delaware Shakespeare was one that continued finding ways to perform online, paying professional actors to perform sonnets from their living rooms and organizing dozens of state leaders, community members and essential workers to participate in a virtual Shakespeare Day, streamed free online. The Strategic Response Fund supports several arts and cultural organizations that add to quality of life and play a critical role in our economy.

Blood Bank of Delmarva

GRANT: \$20,000

PURPOSE: Learn more about the asymptomatic spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in Delaware

The Blood Bank of Delmarva collects convalescent plasma units from people who have recovered from COVID-19, and provides them to hospital customers for transfusion to critically ill COVID-19 patients and to clinical trials. With support from the Strategic Response Fund, pre-clinical trials began on May 15 and will continue through the summer.



Warriors Helping Warriors

GRANT: \$10,00

PURPOSE: Provide case management to veterans

The Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center in Middletown celebrated its first anniversary in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. In that year, 32 homeless veterans found shelter at the center. As other funding streams dried up, the Strategic Response Fund helped Warriors Helping Warriors continue to serve Delaware veterans in need.

Children and Seniors

Choir School of Delaware

GRANT: \$37,500

PURPOSE: Go virtual with after-school tutoring and summer programs

Volunteer tutors and mentors are now using virtual tools to ensure choristers in Wilmington have access to academic support and music education, while the school's intergenerational choir is able to keep singing together every week. With support from the Strategic Response Fund, the Choir School will continue serving at-risk students with STEAM-focused programming through the summer.



Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore

GRANT: \$59,000

PURPOSE: Provide therapy remotely and purchase thermal scanners for locations statewide

As the pandemic keeps people home, therapists at Easterseals turned to teletherapy while working with their young patients statewide. "I can't speak highly enough about the Easterseals team," said one mom. "I like teletherapy because I feel like the therapist is instructing me. It helps me understand more about what they are working on together."

Ingleside Homes

GRANT: \$79,000

PURPOSE: Protect seniors in long-term care

All facilities are closed to visitors. Costly single-serving meals are delivered to residents in their apartments. Through rigorous sanitizing, temperature monitoring, the use of protective personal equipment, and a totally revamped cafeteria operation, Ingleside is protecting its 350 seniors and 151 employees from COVID-19.



COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund Grantees

During its initial eight weeks, the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund awarded \$2.3 million to 94 nonprofit organizations providing services to communities throughout the state.

WEEK 1

Modern Maturity - \$50,000 to deliver additional meals to seniors at their homes.

Brandywine Counseling - \$25,000 to meet increased demand for recovery services.

Family Counseling of St. Paul - \$22,000 to meet increased demand for family counseling services.

Westside Family Healthcare - \$50,000 for telehealth equipment to provide care for prenatal and chronically ill patients.

Easterseals of Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore - \$29,000 for telehealth equipment to provide child intervention services.

YMCA - \$50,000 for childcare for essential workers statewide.

CHILD, Inc - \$36,000 to provide housing for battered women and their children, meeting increased demand because of social distancing requirements.

CHEER - \$38,000 delivering additional meals to seniors at their homes.

Housing vouchers for the homeless - \$50,000

- **Friendship House for New Castle County** - \$30,000
- **Community Resource Center for Sussex County** - \$10,000
- **Code Purple for Kent County** - \$10,000

WEEK 2

First State Community Action Agency - \$40,000 to provide for basic needs of low-income families statewide.

Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America - \$5,000 to provide supplies for veterans with spinal cord injuries statewide.

Green Beret Project - \$10,000 to support at-risk youth and their families in Kent County.

Ingleside Homes - \$49,000 to pay for personal protective equipment, as well as staff and supplies for additional cleaning and individual meal delivery to residents.

Jewish Family Services - \$30,000 to provide remote counseling and support services statewide.

La Esperanza - \$18,000 for technology upgrades to better provide emergency services to the Latino community in Sussex County.

Little Sisters of the Poor - \$40,000 to fund personal protective equipment, cleaning and additional staff to control the virus and care for residents of the Newark facility.

Milton Community Food Pantry - \$1,000 to provide emergency food to families in Milton and surrounding communities.

Nanticoke Senior Center - \$32,000 to purchase, package and deliver food to seniors in the Seaford area.

Project New Start - \$25,000 to provide remote case management to individual reentering the community after incarceration statewide.

Planned Parenthood of Delaware - \$40,000 to fund personal protective equipment and staffing to provide reproductive health services statewide.

TRIAD Addiction Recovery Services - \$25,000 to provide remote counseling to individuals in recovery in greater Wilmington.

YWCA - \$35,000 to provide isolation for infected families at its Home-Life Management Center in Wilmington and provide remote counseling for survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

WEEK 3

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Wilmington - \$25,000 to provide case management for families affected by COVID-19 statewide.

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. - \$10,000 for secure technology to continue serving clients statewide while working remotely.

Delaware First Media/Delaware Public Media - \$12,500 to address increased demand for statewide news coverage of the pandemic.

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County - \$50,000 to complete two homes currently under construction and provide additional case management.

House of Pride - \$9,000 to operate low-income housing in Dover.

Love INC of Mid-Delmarva - \$50,000 to provide shelter for the homeless in Western Sussex County.

Modern Maturity Center - \$50,000 to deliver meals and grocery shop for seniors in Kent County who can no longer participate in congregate meals because of COVID-19.

Rosa Health Center, Inc. - \$3,000 for technology and personal protective equipment to provide medical care for people in Sussex County.

Stop the Violence Prayer Chain - \$2,500 to help volunteers provide children in Wilmington with food and supplies.

Sussex Community Housing Services, Inc. - \$15,000 to provide shelter for the homeless in Sussex County.

Warriors Helping Warriors - \$10,000 to provide case management to veterans in greater Middletown.

West End Neighborhood House, Inc. - \$50,000 to provide food and housing assistance to families in Wilmington.

WEEK 4

A Wave of Healthy Meals - \$2,000 to provide meals for medically fragile individuals in Sussex County.

Choir School of Delaware - \$17,500 to provide virtual after-school tutoring to students in Wilmington.

Children & Families First - \$20,000 for technology to continue providing telehealth and state-mandated monitoring.

ContactLifeline - \$7,000 to increase staffing to meet increasing demand for the statewide crisis intervention hotline.

Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition - \$15,000 to support social platforms and communications tools to provide survivors with mental health services.

Delaware Center for Justice - \$25,000 to serve individuals statewide re-entering the community after incarceration.

Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge Home of Hope - \$25,000 to provide housing and services for individuals recovering from addiction in Sussex County.

Frederica Senior Center - \$10,500 to purchase food and personal hygiene items for seniors and veterans in Kent and Sussex County.

Friendship House - \$30,000 to provide housing for homeless individuals in New Castle County.

Latin American Community Center - \$25,000 to provide emergency support for low-income immigrant families in Wilmington.

St. Patrick's Center - \$20,000 to set up outdoor distribution of food and hygiene kits for vulnerable populations in Wilmington.

What is Your Voice - \$8,000 for technology to serve victims of violence in Sussex County.

YMCA of Delaware - \$50,000 for food for the community statewide and the residents of the Central Y.



Little Sisters of the Poor

WEEK 5

Arise Delaware - \$4,300 to purchase sensory equipment to lend to families with special needs children in Kent County.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware - \$30,000 to provide food to families in Wilmington.

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Wilmington - \$12,500 to provide case management for families in need statewide.

Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity - \$35,000 to complete construction of houses and provide mortgage relief for families in Kent County.

Christina Cultural Arts Center - \$15,000 to provide distance learning support for underserved families in Wilmington.

Communities in Schools Delaware - \$12,500 to provide technology for staff supporting underserved students statewide.

Community Education Building - \$5,000 to provide laundry services for low-income families in Wilmington.

Delmarva Community Services - \$5,700 for technology to serve residents of group homes for developmentally delayed individuals in Sussex County.

Family Promise of Northern New Castle County - \$25,000 for housing for homeless families.

Ingleside Homes - \$30,000 to pay for staff and supplies for additional cleaning and individual meal delivery to residents.

Rehoboth Art League - \$15,000 to help pay for staff and maintenance of facilities.

Survivors of Abuse in Recovery (SOAR) - \$3,000 for technology to support telehealth.

Sussex County Habitat for Humanity - \$40,000 to complete construction of houses and provide mortgage relief for families in Sussex County.

WEEK 6

Central Baptist Community Development Corporation - \$9,000 to deliver fresh produce to vulnerable families in New Castle County.

Delaware Contemporary - \$10,000 to support virtual programming for at-risk children in New Castle County.

Delaware Theatre Company - \$10,000 to support staff working remotely with clients and educational programming participants.

Down Syndrome Association of Delaware - \$3,700 to fund virtual programming statewide.

Elizabeth W. Murphey School - \$15,600 to support pandemic-related precautions in housing foster children in Kent County.

Faithful Friends Animal Society - \$28,000 to fund Community Pet Food Banks in partnership with Delaware Humane Association and Delaware SPCA for families in need statewide.

Harrington Senior Center - \$4,800 for a commercial refrigerator and freezer to facilitate meal delivery to homebound seniors.

Harry K Foundation - \$15,000 to provide take-away meals for families at sites in Kent and Sussex County.

Home of the Brave Foundation - \$10,000 to provide housing for veterans in Milford.

La Red Health Center - \$42,000 to provide prenatal care for women in Sussex County.

Latin American Community Center - \$25,000 to provide families in New Castle County with emergency assistance.

Mary Campbell Center - \$10,000 for personal protective equipment for staff at the Wilmington home for adults with disabilities.

Milford Housing Development Corporation - \$10,500 for technology and supplies needed for staff to serve clients remotely in Greater Milford.

Music School of Delaware - \$10,000 for technology needed to provide distance learning to students throughout Delaware.

NCALL - \$29,000 for technology and training to enable staff to serve clients remotely in Kent County.

Neighborhood House - \$16,000 for case management, food and other direct support for families in Wilmington.

Square One Delaware - \$17,000 to provide housing for individuals recovering from addiction in Seaford.

Wilmington Senior Center - \$10,000 to deliver food to seniors in Wilmington.

WEEK 7

Community Education Building - \$2,800 to provide food to Wilmington families in need.

Delaware Shakespeare - \$7,500 to provide virtual programming.

Delaware Institute for the Arts in Education - \$10,000 for art kits for underserved children in Wilmington.

Delaware Museum of Natural History - \$10,000 to provide virtual programming.

Frederica Senior Center - \$12,000 to deliver food to seniors in Kent County.

Progressive Life Center - \$15,000 for technology to facilitate communication between staff and foster children statewide.

Blood Bank of Delmarva - \$20,000 for lab supplies and pre-clinical testing of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Family Counseling Center of St. Paul's - \$21,000 for case management and mental health services statewide.

Delaware Children's Museum - \$25,000 for virtual programming, delivering activities and snacks to children in Wilmington, and operations.

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project - \$25,000 to pump septic tanks for low-income families in Sussex County.

Survivors of Abuse in Recovery (SOAR) - \$30,325 to support mental health services for victims of sexual trauma statewide.

WEEK 8

Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children - \$22,000 for virtual training to protect Delaware children and keep them safe from abuse.

Brandywine Valley SPCA - \$10,000 to provide veterinary care for pets of families in need in Kent County.

Choir School of Delaware - \$20,000 for summer camp programming in Wilmington.

Code Purple Kent County - \$12,000 to provide shelter and food for homeless people in Kent County.

Delaware Art Museum - \$10,775 to provide educational art kits for children in Wilmington.

Delaware College Scholars - \$18,000 for technology to support high-achieving public-school students from low-income families statewide.

Downtown Visions - \$10,000 to provide safety services and trash removal in downtown Wilmington.

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc. - \$30,000 for thermal scanners for Delaware locations statewide.

EDGE for Tomorrow - \$9,000 for technology to provide underserved children in Edgemoor with tutoring and mentoring.

Fellowship Health Resources Inc. - \$6,500 for technology to provide telehealth services for individuals in recovery in Sussex County.

Georgetown Public Library - \$16,000 for sanitizing equipment and sneeze guards.

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County - \$10,000 for technology to provide remote services and facilitate social distancing to reopen the ReStore.

Harrington Senior Center - \$2,500 to help them safely deliver food to seniors in Kent County.

Latin American Community Center - \$25,000 for emergency assistance for families in Greater Wilmington.

Laurel Community Foundation, Inc. - \$4,000 to provide emergency housing for homeless families in western Sussex County.

Literacy Delaware - \$15,567 for technology to provide virtual literacy instruction to adults statewide.

Ministry of Caring Inc. - \$11,000 to make capital improvements to allow for safely relaunching dental services in Wilmington.

One Village Alliance, Inc. - \$15,000 to provide virtual tutoring, mentoring and support to underserved children in greater Wilmington.

Wilmington Children's Chorus - \$13,250 to provide virtual summer programming in Wilmington.

Help Delaware Recover and Thrive

This is the story of what our community has done so far through the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund.

But this is a story that is only beginning.

Delawareans are still suffering – in need of food, shelter, medical care and other services – and it is increasingly clear that those needs will still be felt for weeks and months to come.

This effort started as a sprint. Now, we must prepare to go the distance.

Please consider giving to the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation at delcf.org/covid19-fund or using the enclosed envelope.

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up to \$500,000.**

ABOUT THE DELAWARE COVID-19 STRATEGIC RESPONSE FUND

The Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund is part of the Delaware COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative, a nonprofit collaborative response to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. The Delaware Community Foundation, Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement, Philanthropy Delaware and United Way of Delaware are working together to coordinate charitable resources throughout the state, in an effort to maximize the impact of the grants and target communities with the most need. The fund already includes gifts from:

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New Castle County

TD Bank

Welfare Foundation

WSFS Bank

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