To enhance our regional response to the pandemic, the Community Foundation created the Nonprofit Relief Fund to provide immediate support to entities impacted by the COVID-19 disaster.

Since its launch in April of 2020, the Nonprofit Relief Fund has provided 46 grants to 38 nonprofit organizations and public entities in Grand Forks and Walsh Counties in ND and Polk County in MN.

To date, over $304,400 in support has been distributed across our region.

Above: East Grand Forks Food Shelf
FUNDERS

Anonymous (6)
Andrew Budke
Community Opportunity Fund
Environmental Sustainability Impact Fund
Families First Fund
Founders & Directors Fund
Friends of Downtown Fund
Mary Geatz
Grand Forks' Got Talent Event
Kyleen Guttormson
Jennifer Henry
Lisa Hill
Glenn & Dona Hoff Fund
Home of Economy Fund
Human Rights Impact Fund
Derrick & Tara Johnson Donor-Advised Fund
Knight Foundation Donor-Advised Fund
Paula Meyer
Mike & Kitty Maidenberg Fund
Sally & Jeremy Miskavige
MN Disaster Recovery Fund for Coronavirus,
   by the MN Council on Foundations and
   Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
Steve Motl
Brian Nelson
Heather Ostmo
Paul Ray Memorial Fund
Ryan Polasky
Kelly Polasky
Patty Polasky
Jodi Polasky
Dan & Paula Polasky
Melanie Popejoy
Heather Ripplinger
Michelle Smart
Hannah Smart
Kim & Jeff Vigen
Wells Fargo
Wells Fargo Donor-Advised Fund
Betty Wilkening
Wonder Years
Tami Zimmel

GRANTEES

Al-Huda Center
Altru Family YMCA
Altru Health Foundation
Arts for Vets
Care and Share of Crookston, Inc.
Community Violence Intervention Center
East Grand Forks Food Shelf
Empire Arts Center
Evolve Grand Forks
Global Friends Coalition
Grand Forks Chorales
Grand Forks Downtown Development Association
Grand Forks Public Schools
Grand Forks Senior Center
Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre
Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra
Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals
Greenway Takeover Festival
High Plains Fair Housing Center
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
MyAlly Health
North Dakota Ballet Company
Nexus Family Healing Foundation (PATH ND)
North Dakota Association for the Disabled
North Dakota Museum of Art
North Dakota Special Olympics
Northlands Rescue Mission
Prairie Harvest Mental Health
Salvation Army
St. Joseph's Social Care
Success Unlimited
The Arc, Upper Valley
The Village Family Service Center
Third Street Clinic
Town Square Farmer's Market
UND Northern Prairie Community Clinic
Valley Senior Living Foundation
IMPACT AREAS

ISSUE AREAS FUNDED THROUGH GRANTEES

Note: Some grants funded more than one initiative.

GRANTEE TYPE

- Human Services: 39.1%
- Arts and Culture: 17.4%
- Civic: 15.2%
- Health and Wellness: 13.0%
- Cultural: 6.5%
- Advocacy: 6.5%
- Education: 2.2%

GRANTEE:

- Operational Support
- Technology
- Food Security
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Healthcare
- Entrepreneurship
- Housing Assistance
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health
- Youth

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COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION CENTER (CVIC)

“Since the pandemic, CVIC’s commitment to families trapped by violence hasn’t wavered.
• Within 2 weeks, we deployed telehealth advocacy and therapy services, providing equipment to clients when they didn’t have resources necessary to access telehealth services
• Our emergency shelter is open with capacity, providing a safe place, warm meals, basic needs and now, assisting children with online schooling
• Supervised visitations are being provided for children at risk - the only center in the state hosting virtual visits
• Domestic violence intervention groups are meeting virtually
• Online therapy support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault launched
• Healthy relationship education programs continue with children and young adults in public schools”

MYALLY HEALTH

“We are offering carside pick-up of prescription medication or free mail delivery to promote social distancing guidelines. Although we’ve had to decrease clinic hours, we continue to keep our doors ‘open’ for clients through the addition of telehealth services.”

AL-HUDA CENTER

Al-Huda Center is a community center located in East Grand Forks, MN that primarily serves immigrants and non-English speakers. Funding from the Nonprofit Relief Fund allowed the Al-Huda Center to continue to serve multiple crucial functions in helping individuals: apply for unemployment and/or citizenship; complete the census; job search; receive tutoring and ESL lessons; and the center was able to hire translators and to translate COVID-19 materials.

“We’ve been helping the elders by running errands for them such as grocery shopping and rides to or from desired places, so they can stay home more and avoid the risks of contracting the virus. We’ve also been collaborating with food service organizations to deliver meals and PPE to families during this pandemic.”

- Abdirisak Duale
NORTH DAKOTA BALLET COMPANY

“During this time, we have developed strategies to be an outlet for not only our dancers but the community as a whole by offering virtual dance class for all ages. Three classes are made available daily both in a live format and pre-recorded. We are offering these classes complimentary and open to anyone in the community at no cost to promote connectivity and engagement during this isolating time for all.

Additionally we have teamed up the the Grand Forks Public Schools to offer our virtual classes to gym teachers to utilize with their students. We are committed to keeping our community connected and moving and providing opportunities to keep our artists working and sharing their passion in a new way. We have seen tremendous feedback from these offerings and so grateful to be able to provide this service.”

NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED (NDAD)

“In Grand Forks, NDAD’s client services staff are working to ensure that clients receiving ongoing assistance continue to receive it, and that both current and potential clients have phone, email, website, and social media access to available services, including information about those services and the opportunity to apply.

Though the organization’s revenue is suddenly non-existent, the need for NDAD services has not declined at all. That’s made the support grant from Community Foundation’s Nonprofit Relief Fund quite timely.

Our clients can’t wait for the pandemic to end. They can’t wait for their meds. They cannot go without their life-saving treatments. Their needs still exist. We have people who can’t be put on waiting lists. Their needs are vital.”

GF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSC.

“COVID-19 has hit small businesses through job loss, reduced customer traffic, and cancelled community events. Listening Sessions that we partner on, create the platform to hear from our local, small businesses. Daily updates sent to our membership keep them informed of what federal, state, and local resources are available.

Our advocacy has been so impactful for our local restaurants that many were able to reopen, hire back staff, and see sales increase due to changes we have urged local government to make. We have supported small retailers in ways like ‘Virtual Shop Hops.’”
CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER.

The Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Region is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization created by and for the people of the middle and upper Red River Valley. Since 1998, we have been helping individuals, families, nonprofits, and businesses establish charitable funds to give back to the communities and causes they love.

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