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More than \$300,000 Distributed to Support Urgent Needs of Arlington Residents from Arlington Community Foundation's COVID-19 Prompt Response Fund

Arlington, VA—March 31, 2020 — Arlington Community Foundation has provided more than \$300,000 in emergency support to Arlington nonprofits through its COVID-19 Prompt Response Fund in just one week, with more funds being disbursed daily. [see list of awardees, attached]

“We heard loud and clear from our nonprofit partners that they needed to get funds into the hands of the helpers in our community quickly, as this is a time of exceptional need for our neighbors who are experiencing job loss and other crisis situations,” said Arlington Community Foundation CEO and President Jennifer Owens. “Our network of nonprofit safety net providers has responded quickly, as have the many generous people in our community who have pitched in to help with contributions of time, talent, and treasure. We owed it to them to move swiftly to support their efforts.”

At the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak in Arlington, the Community Foundation refocused its longstanding Prompt Response Fund exclusively on support to nonprofit organizations on the front lines with clients, patients, and residents impacted by the health crisis. This includes organizations focused on emergency food needs, health needs for the uninsured or underinsured, and support for hourly workers displaced from their wage-earning positions.

On March 18, Arlington Community Foundation [received a \\$1 million grant from Amazon](#), with \$350,000 specifically targeted for use in Arlington and the remainder spent around the region through other community foundations. The **Washington Forrest Foundation** also partnered in the Community Foundation's prompt-response effort, so far supporting 25 percent of the award amount of each grant that has been made.

“All expectations are that the hardship on individuals and families will only intensify as the weeks pass, and funds are limited,” said Owens. “We continue to receive worthy applications as fast as we can respond, and we hope that businesses and individuals will continue to view the Prompt Response Fund as a way to effectively support the nonprofits who are providing crucial support for Arlington's most vulnerable residents.”

For the time being, said Owens, “Our internal committee will continue to review requests daily and send awards immediately by direct deposit to ensure that our partners aren't burdened or put in harm's way by handing checks for deposit. And as the community needs evolve, I'm confident our use of the funds will evolve to meet those needs.”

To learn more about the Community Foundation's Prompt Response Fund, including how to make a gift, please visit www.arlc.org.

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Arlington Community Foundation
Prompt Response Grant Disbursement (March 20-27, 2020)

Organization Name	Amount Awarded	
Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)	\$5,000	First Day Quick Response: Initial emergency assistance to purchase food
Arlington Free Clinic	\$5,000	First Day Quick Response: Initial emergency assistance to the Free Clinic to respond to the crisis
VHC Pediatrics (Arlington Pediatric Center)	\$5,000	First Day Quick Response: Initial emergency assistance to the VHC Pediatric clinic serving low income children
Views at Clarendon	\$5,000	Rental assistance and emergency support for residents
Capital Caring Health	\$20,000	To expand "care 1" teams and support to care at home, hospice, and advanced illness programs; and to deploy telehealth remote patient monitors in homes
Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)	\$20,000	To purchase groceries that will help feed the 2,300+ families AFAC serves weekly
AHC Inc.	\$20,000	To cover residents' emergency needs such as groceries, diapers and other supplies with maximum flexibility
Shirlington Employment and Education Center	\$10,000	To provide rental assistance and meals purchased from local Latino restaurants to SEEC's day laborers
Wesley Housing Development Corporation	\$20,000	For supplemental food and emergency supply needs of the low-income residents
A-SPAN	\$20,000	For additional food purchases for increased meal demand, and emergency nursing & medical supplies
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	\$10,000	To support the food pantry
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church	\$10,000	To augment church's financial assistance program, which helps Arlington residents to pay rent and utilities
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington	\$10,000	To purchase food and basic household needs for families
Edu-Futuro	\$20,000	For rent and food relief to Latino and immigrant families in Arlington
Arlington Thrive	\$20,000	For increased and emerging financial needs, including food assistance

Volunteers of America Chesapeake Inc	\$10,000	To purchase sanitation and cleaning supplies, food, personal protection equipment, over-the-counter medications/medical supplies, and personal hygiene supplies/toiletries
APAH	\$20,000	To provide financial assistance to residents, food and other emergency purchases
Arlington Neighborhood Village	\$5,000	To provide emergency supplies including food for low-income seniors
Bridges to Independence	\$10,000	To provide families in shelter & Rapid Rehousing program, with cleaning & personal supplies, groceries; also food for pantry, application fees for apartments, and holding fees to landlords
Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.	\$20,000	To fund the Patient Assistance Fund, covering costs for patients when insurance/personal funds do not completely cover the full course of their prescribed treatment
Ethiopian Community Development Council	\$20,000	To provide rental assistance to Arlington resident clients in need of immediate help
Culpepper Gardens	\$10,000	To cover food & transportation needs of assisted-living residents; additional personal protective & technology equipment
Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Development Co.	\$10,000	To support Green Valley community residents with emergency assistance for rent, food and supply purchases as well as to provide emergency medical transportation services
Total through 3/27/20	\$305,000	