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## COVID-19 Nonprofit Adaptation Grant Program

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The COVID-19 pandemic is not only impacting the daily operations of nonprofit organizations, but also their long-term viability. In recognition of challenges facing the nonprofit sector, the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines created the COVID-19 Nonprofit Adaptation Grant Program.

### THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT PROGRAM IS TO:

- Support unanticipated needs to continue critical service delivery directly related to COVID-19, or
- Help nonprofits analyze or reimagine their operational effectiveness for the emerging future.

This program is **not** designed to provide funding for rent, lost revenue or salaries. Nonprofits seeking funding to improve governance or management of their organization should apply for the Community Foundation's [Capacity Building Grant Program](#). Additional funding needs can be posted to our [GIVEdsm platform](#).

### TIMELINE: Round 3 deadline: June 26, 4 p.m.

Grants will be awarded within 10 days of the deadline. Additional rounds may be announced.

### APPLICATION

Organizations interested in this grant program are encouraged to reach out to the Community Foundation prior to applying. Contact Bridgett Robinson, [Robinson@desmoinesfoundation.org](mailto:Robinson@desmoinesfoundation.org) to schedule an exploratory conversation with the Community Foundation's Community Investment team.

Requests can be sent as a brief letter PDF e-mailed to [sanchez@desmoinesfoundation.org](mailto:sanchez@desmoinesfoundation.org) outlining organizational need & project cost.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Grants will be made to charitable organizations with 501(c)(3) status, or governmental agencies serving a charitable purpose. Funding is limited to projects that will significantly improve the Greater Des Moines community.

### GRANT PRIORITIES

Requests of up to \$5,000 will be considered for projects that align with one of the following priorities:

**Service delivery shifts** – Organizations that have been forced to pivot critical service delivery to new platforms as a result of COVID-19 may apply for funding to support the acquisition of tools to support the continuity of core programs and/or migration of this programming online or virtual. [Please note that a variety of conferencing platforms are available for free to nonprofits at this time.](#) *Example: Costs associated with moving a service model to tele-services*

**Business, human resource or financial planning** – The COVID-19 crisis has severely impacted organizations that rely on earned revenue streams for their operations. This fund will provide support for costs associated with engaging outside experts for the purposes of business or financial planning. [Click here to learn more about financial planning.](#) *Example: An organization that has suffered significant lost revenue engages finance or business planning professionals to help gauge possible next steps for the organization to maintain services*