



DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

FUND PURPOSE

The Disaster Recovery Fund's (DRF) purpose is to provide investments focused on **reducing the economic and health impacts on vulnerable populations** prior to and following a disaster as well as long-term needs that may emerge. Funding decisions will be informed by the community including information from the Incident Emergency Operations Center when applicable.

For purposes of the COVID-19 disaster, **vulnerable populations** are further defined by the Committee as *individuals who are likely to suffer disproportionately during the COVID-19 crisis because of pre-existing systemic, economic, social and health barriers.*

Initial investments for the COVID-19 Pandemic will be provided to:

Phase One Focus: Safety Net Services

Support **surge in service and capacity** for providers to continue critical safety net services to keep individuals from vulnerable populations in their homes, healthy and safe.

Phase Two Focus: Unmet Needs

Support providers to address priorities in **unmet needs** for vulnerable populations that remain after identifying and leveraging local, state, and federal resources.

Future Phase: Long-term Recovery and Rebuilding Strategies

Support **planning and preparedness** activities for restoration and future disasters that may impact our community.

The DRF was created as a critical component of the community's collaborative Disaster Recovery Plan. The DRF Coordination Team consists of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, United Way of Central Iowa, Polk County Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross- Central Iowa Chapter, IMPACT, Polk County & Community Family and Youth Services- Polk County.