



Summary Report (updated 7.21.2020)

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 **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.

Investments made by the Disaster Recovery Fund to date: \$451,500

ORGANIZATION/ EFFORT	PURPOSE
Dental Connections	Funding to support the purchase of critical health equipment necessary to allow care for vulnerable populations including, but not limited to, autoclavable funnels and PPE.
Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)	Food acquisition and distribution needs to ensure effective and safe delivery to vulnerable populations.
Food Bank of Iowa	Food acquisition and distribution needs to ensure effective and safe delivery to vulnerable populations in Greater Des Moines.
Iowa Legal Aid	Increased capacity to provide free, legal services to vulnerable populations in Greater Des Moines impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional support provides legal representation to those facing eviction, help-desk support and other initiatives.
Primary Health Care	Prevention, diversion and rapid rehousing for individuals and families who are homeless or may be imminently homeless due to the impact of COVID-19.
Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa (RACI)	Increased needs of the network to provide critical COVID-19 information for non-English speaking community members. Additional funding supported 17 organizations working with refugee populations through case management and direct service.
Central Iowa Immigrant Community Support Fund (an initiative of AFSC Iowa, Al Exito and Proteus)	Supports the most marginalized Central Iowans who have needs that fall outside of government guidelines or who do not qualify for government assistance resources for COVID-19. Funds assist the most vulnerable community members in acquiring their most basic needs (rent, utilities, transportation, medicine, etc.) for their families.
IMPACT Community Action Partnership	Supports utility assistance needs, due to impacts from COVID-19, for families falling outside of existing utility assistance programs.
Eat Greater Des Moines & DMARC	Acquisition, safe repackaging and distribution of bulk food to vulnerable populations within the DMARC pantry system and Eat Greater Des Moines food rescue network.
Win for All (an initiative of Broadlawns and United Way of Central Iowa)	Provides accurate COVID-19 education/information and access to protective resources, primarily masks and hand sanitizer with a focus on the African American community.