



Summary Report (updated 8.18.2021)

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. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the DRF has received contributions to date of more than \$1,150,000. Funding decisions are 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.*

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: \$962,400

ORGANIZATION/ EFFORT	PURPOSE
Al Exito	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, funding to support Al Exito’s Centro as a resource hub to families impacted by the pandemic.
Capitol Park Early Learning Center	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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.
Children & Family Urban Movement	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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.
Eat Greater Des Moines & DMARC	Acquisition, safe repackage and distribution of bulk food to vulnerable populations within the DMARC pantry system and Eat Greater Des Moines food rescue network.
Food Bank of Iowa	Food acquisition and distribution needs to ensure effective and safe delivery to vulnerable populations in Greater Des Moines.
Genesis Youth Foundation	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, funding to Funding

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Highland Park Community Development Association	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Hispanic Education Resources (Conmigo)	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Homeless Prevention Loan Pool Fund	Funding to leverage a zero-interest loan to draw down federal housing funds to the Greater Des Moines community as part of CARES Act funding.
IMPACT Community Action Partnership	Supports utility assistance needs, due to impacts from COVID-19, for families falling outside of existing utility assistance programs.
Iowa Congolese Organization and Center for Healing	Funding to support social/emotional/mental health needs of youth program participants elevated due to COVID.
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.
Oakridge Neighborhood Services	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Orchard Place	Funding to support critical telehealth services necessary to allow care for vulnerable populations in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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. Additional support provides funding for critical telehealth services necessary to care for vulnerable populations in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Polk County Housing Trust Fund	Supports the Justice Center Project, a partnership of several organizations including the Polk County Continuum of Care and Iowa Legal Aid, provides rental payments for families facing eviction and is a last stop prior to an eviction hearing.
Polk County Health Department	Funding to support a train the trainer program, in partnership with the Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa, that equips health navigators and leaders in the refugee/immigrant communities with COVID-19 vaccine information to be shared most effectively within their communities.
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.
Starts Right Here	Funding to support social/emotional/mental health needs of youth program participants elevated due to COVID.
Wilkie House	Funding to support “return to learn” programming that ensures parents can maintain economic stability and youth have safe and supportive environments to learn, grow and prosper in the mist of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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.
Young Women’s Resource Center	Funding to support social/emotional/mental health needs of youth program participants elevated due to COVID.