

Regional nonprofits awarded more than \$75,000 in grants

From the Valley Community COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

DERBY – Within one month of inception, the Valley Community COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund has received nearly \$175,000 thanks to the contributions of individuals, businesses, and VCF donor advised fund holders.

Representatives from [VCF](#), [Valley United Way](#), [Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce](#), and the [Valley Council of Health & Human Services](#) are pleased to announce that 19 grants totaling \$78,800 have been distributed to 18 organizations from the Valley Community COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

The grants that have been awarded include funding for personal protective equipment (PPEs), food, operational support, and technological assistance, are among the first in a series of distributions providing funding to organizations whose staff is working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants awarded are made possible thanks to those generously supporting this Fund. See the full list of grantees on this page.

David Kennedy, Valley United Way Interim President, noted, “Thanks to many very generous individuals, corporations, and foundations, we’ve been able to rapidly deploy their gifts to our community’s nonprofits in support their workers’ frontline activities.”

Among the key funders to date is the Bassett Family Fund. William (Bill) C. Bassett, a founding member of the VCF Board of Directors said, “We are very happy to be a part of something that will be used to provide support as the Valley responds during the recovery while people get back on their feet.”

The second round of grant funding is now open and will include eligibility for organizations that are implementing online programming and services that support the well-being of Valley residents.

Applications for the second round of grants are due by Monday, April 27 at noon. More information on eligibility criteria and instructions on how to apply can be found [HERE](#).

Sharon Closius, Valley Community Foundation President and CEO, said, “We are delighted to see such an outpouring of support for this Fund. However there is a long road ahead of us. If you, your business or company for which you work is looking to make an impact, I invite you to visit our website to support this collective effort.”

Bill Purcell, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce President, said, “All of us at the Chamber are deeply moved by the extraordinary acts of service demonstrated by each of the award recipients.”



The first round of grants, April 20, 2020:

- [Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, Inc.](#) – \$2,000
- [Area Congregations Together, Inc.](#) – \$10,000
- [BHcare](#) – \$3,000
- [Christ Episcopal Church](#) / Samela Food Pantry– \$5,000
- [Community Residences, Inc.](#) – \$2,000
- [Cornell Scott Hill Health Corporation](#) – \$2,500
- [Echo Hose Hook & Ladder Volunteer Ambulance Corps.](#) – \$5,000
- [Griffin Hospital](#) – \$5,000
- [Naugatuck Valley Health District](#) – \$3,200
- [Salvation Army, Greater Valley Corps](#) – \$5,000
- [Seymour Oxford Food Bank](#) – \$5,000
- [St. Vincent de Paul of the Valley](#) – \$5,000
- [Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps, Inc.](#) – \$5,000
- [TEAM, Inc.](#) – \$5,000
- [United Methodist Homes](#) – \$5,000
- [Valley Council for Health and Human Services](#) – \$3,600
- [Visiting Nurse Association of South Central CT](#) – \$5,000

Donations are still urgently needed as the Fund will be assisting a range of organizations serving the Valley throughout both the response and recovery phases of this pandemic

To support the Valley Community COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, visit [www.valleyfoundation.org](http://www.valleyfoundation.org).

Gifts via credit card are strongly preferred over checks to reduce processing time. Checks can however be made out to Valley Community Response and Recovery Fund and mailed to 253-A Elizabeth St., Derby, CT 06418.

