

Initiative 5: COVID Community Relief & Recovery



“Often, it’s not the storm, but the fear of the storm that beats us.”
-M. M. Ildan

Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our community.

ONLY ACCEPTING A SINGLE PROPOSAL (not two phases) for funds to enable your mission to continue serving our community.

ENVISIONED GOAL: Trinity seeks proposals from organizations that need financial support to help them continue their valued service to the community. Trinity will set aside a portion of its annual giving budget to fund continuing operations related to community relief and recovery efforts. Unlike other Trinity Initiatives, this is not a Phase I (Project Planning) & Phase II (Project Implementation) topic, but rather a funding of continuing missional services that your organization is currently engaged in. Emphasis on community recovery from COVID impact is preferred, but not required.

BACKGROUND: The last year has posed extreme challenges for many nonprofits that serve key roles in our community. The purpose of this initiative is to provide operational funds to help sustain critical missional organizations in our community.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC INITIATIVES: Last year, THFET provided operational sustenance funds of over \$1MM to 64 organizations. We understand that the COVID economic impact remains and this initiative exists to aid the continuing operations of our region’s nonprofit organizations. Successful proposers will

explain how their efforts are actively serving community needs in this challenging time and how Trinity funds will aid in their efforts. Maximum requested funds per organization will be limited to \$25,000 (no Phase II follow on for this initiative).

GENERAL GRANTING PHILOSOPHY FOR TRINITY PHASE I GRANTS:

TRINITY requires all lead proposing organizations to have a 501(c)(3) or equivalent status. While certain tasks within a project can be subcontracted to for-profit entities, their participation must be under the 501(c)(3) bidder's supervision. A single organization can only submit one Phase I grant to Trinity each year, but organizations are encouraged to partner in supporting roles on as many proposals as they desire. Phase I grants are for planning and prototyping activities and can include labor, consultants, travel, overhead, and minimal materials if needed for initial demonstration. Trinity encourages proposals that:

- find successful projects in other regions and bring them to our community,
- display a clear knowledge of services in our region and avoid duplication by intentional collaboration,
- reveal a distinct pathway to sustainability and have a matching or in-kind collaborative approach,
- provide definitive metrics for the measurement of success,
- implement documented best practices toward goals,
- are locally based and serve Knoxville and surrounding contiguous counties (Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Loudon, Roane, Sevier, and Union),
- serve a broad demographic in race, gender, age and physical location, and
- include a component of faith in their purpose

At the end of the 90-day planning period, a final Phase I report will be due. **No Phase II grant process for this initiative.**