

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



COVID-19 RESPONSE

What are the most prominent areas of need?

- **Medical response:** There are specific needs stemming from the direct response to the growing number of cases of COVID-19: equipment, resources for healthcare workers and financial support for local community health clinics, particularly in rural counties, where we are seeing hospital closures.
- **Congregate settings:** People living in group residential conditions cannot remain there if they test positive for the virus, and in some cases, organizations are making costly arrangements for residents to move to hotels, regardless of health status, in order to comply with social distancing requirements. Think of long-term care facilities, **homeless shelters**, **domestic violence shelters** and farm labor camps.
- **Basic needs:** Food insecurity has been at the forefront of need since the crisis began, and the need has risen with unemployment rates, meaning **food banks** and food delivery programs for seniors remain under-resourced. **Housing** is becoming a more prominent concern, as well as related legal issues.

The North Carolina Community Foundation recommendation is to make grants directly to nonprofits for general operating support, which any and all nonprofits can benefit from right now

Why general operating support?

Beyond those organizations that are engaged directly in responding to the COVID-19 virus, the entire nonprofit community is experiencing significant financial impacts from this crisis, including:

- Revenue losses due to canceled programs and events
- Administrative burdens due to shifting operations to virtual
- Increased demand for services and equipment unique to the virus

