



**Pandemic
Response
Fund**



Burlington Foundation COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund Granting

Frequently Asked Questions – Updated May 20

We will continue to update this information when appropriate.

How much grant money is available?

On March 31, we launched our Pandemic Response Fund with financial resources brought forward by the Foundation and a generous \$25,000 gift from Pioneer Energy, for a commitment of \$100,000. On April 19, the Paletta family announced a major gift commitment to our Pandemic Response Fund of \$250,000. Additionally, through a number of generous gifts from fundholders and donors, we have added an additional \$65,000 for an initial fund balance of over \$415,000.

Phase 1 Response granting distributed \$163,500 to 17 front-line charities supporting individuals greatly impacted by COVID-19. Phase 2 Response granting distributed \$61,170. The balance of the fund will be utilized for Phase 3 Recovery and Rebuild phase in the coming months.

Will there be more than one round of granting?

As we know, there are critically important emergency needs in the short-term, and at the same time, we anticipate agencies needing support as the community recovers and rebuilds following the pandemic. To address these needs, we are holding 3 rounds of granting.

Response Phase Granting:

Response Phase 1 – granting has been awarded.

Response Phase 2 – granting has been awarded.

Recovery & Rebuild Phase Granting:

Recovery & Rebuild Phase 3 - in the coming months, further information regarding these grants, as well as application timing, will be shared.

Can anyone apply for a Pandemic Response Fund grant?

During our recent Response Phase, our focus has been on supporting the Burlington community by providing Pandemic Response Grants to local charitable agencies on the front-line that are serving high need, vulnerable people and

families including those experiencing food insecurity, isolated seniors, childcare supports, disability, mental health and safe housing. In the coming months, we'll be sharing updated eligibility information for our Recovery and Rebuild phase.

Visit <https://burlingtonfoundation.org/about/leadership-initiatives/supporting-community-through-covid-19/> to review complete eligibility details and PDF application for our recently closed Phase 2 granting.

How can our organization apply?

Please review these FAQs and our Covid-19 website page for up to date information. Recently closing Phase 2 May 18, we aren't currently accepting applications for Phase 3, while we assess the changing situation in our community. If you'd like to review eligibility details and fillable PDF application form that applied for Phase 2 granting visit:

<https://burlingtonfoundation.org/about/leadership-initiatives/supporting-community-through-covid-19/>

When we are accepting applications, please email application to: info@burlingtonfoundation.org. If you do not receive an email confirmation back within 12 hours, please contact us. In the coming months, we'll be sharing updated application information for our Recovery and Rebuild Phase 3 of granting.

Does the initiative we're requesting a grant for need to benefit the Burlington community?

Yes. As the community foundation for Burlington, we see there is great need in our community as a result of COVID-19. Our Pandemic Response fund is focused on supporting charities providing important support to our community during, and as a result of the crisis. While we welcome agencies to apply whose initiative will serve beyond Burlington, we do require agencies to identify number of Burlington community members anticipated to be helped through the grant. Additionally, local organizations may be given priority for funding.

Can faith-based organizations apply for a grant?

Churches and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for granting if their initiative assists the wider community and if their outreach does not include the promotion of religious beliefs. These requirements must be addressed in the application.

How much funding can my organization request?

Phase 3 details are to be determined and will be shared in coming months. For Phases 1 and 2, the following information was provided: *Agencies are permitted to request up to \$15,000, generally, per application, however we do anticipate a large number of requests which may exceed our current resources. Despite their merit, not all projects will be able to be funded and projects may not receive their full requested amount.*

Can we use a grant from this fund to pay staff wages?

Contract help and/or additional program staff may be eligible if used for extra personnel that was hired or augmented to meet a need related to the pandemic.

When do grant monies need to be spent by?

Phase 3 details are to be determined and will be shared in coming months. For Phases 1 and 2, the following information was provided: *Funding for Phase 1 and 2 Pandemic Response grants are meant to support short to medium-term needs during this health crisis. As we aren't able to anticipate the length of this pandemic, we anticipate these funds will address needs emerging in the next few weeks and months.*

Can our organization apply for a grant if we expect to receive funding from other sources?

Phase 3 requirements will be shared in coming months. For Phases 1 and 2, the following information was provided: *Phase 2 grants are intended to support gaps not covered by municipal, provincial or federal relief funding. Agencies may apply who may have funding from other sources, however, strong consideration may be given to agencies less supported by government, foundation or private sources. Your application must identify why additional financial support from this grant is required.*

How soon can grant recipients expect a decision?

Burlington Foundation is committed to providing funds as quickly as possible.

- Phase 1 - Grant recipients have been awarded their funding.
- Phase 2 - Grant recipients have been awarded their funding.
- Phase 3 - Further information on Recovery and Rebuild Grants will be announced in the future.

How many times can our agency apply to the Pandemic Response Fund?

We understand agency needs may grow or change over the course of the evolving crisis and it is difficult to anticipate what supports may be needed in coming weeks or months. Organizations are permitted to apply more than once to open granting rounds, ensuring that all specific requirements for that round are met. Agencies are only permitted to have one active grant at one time. Any additional Phase 3 requirements will be shared in coming months.

Can our agency apply again if we have already received a grant?

Grant recipients are able to apply for additional grant funds but they must have fully expended any grants awarded before applying for further funding. They must provide their submission following requirements outlined for that open round. Additional to note, we do anticipate a large number of requests and aim to fund a range of organizations to maximize the impact of this fund on the community. Additional Phase 3 requirements may be shared in coming months.

Who should we contact about Pandemic Response Fund granting?

All grant applications and/or questions are to be submitted to info@burlingtonfoundation.org. We will respond to questions as soon as possible.

If we applied or received a Pandemic Response Fund (PRF) grant, are we able to apply for the NEW Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) granting which opened May 19?

Burlington Foundation's Pandemic Response Fund is an independent initiative from the NEW Emergency Community Support Fund that was opened for agencies to apply as of May 19. Agencies may consider them as separate and consider applying to either/both should you believe you meet eligibility requirements and follow distinct application processes.

The Pandemic Response Fund has been made possible by our donors and the financial resources brought forward by the Foundation. The ECSF initiative is funded by the Government of Canada, with the Government of Canada flowing funds through national networks, including Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. Burlington Foundation is proud to be working with CFC and the Government of Canada to distribute funds locally.

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