The Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Relief Fund with the goal to support a variety of tangible needs and essential services to the region’s most vulnerable residents impacted by the Coronavirus.

"Our nonprofit partners shared with us what it would take to implement a major change in how they would do business and provide services for their clients. Thank you for trusting the Community Foundation with your donations, they have enabled organizations to respond and help others in a timely fashion."

- Kerry Caranci, CEO, Community Foundation of the North State
Together, we are helping others through your generous donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Internet Connectivity

When COVID forced families to online access for learning, rural communities in our region became critically challenged. Funding for internet hotspots in Siskiyou County was a game changer. "We've been trying to do the kids' school with a hotspot from our cell phone, it doesn't work that great, and as soon as you run out of data it slows way down and it gets tough to upload their work. I wish we could afford better service, but at least now we know that we aren't completely alone in this.”
- Denise H., Hornbrook resident

Essential Library Support

"We have seen evidence that since COVID, there are more and more people looking for help and relief that requires access to technology for guidelines and application submissions. Many in the outlying areas of Cottonwood still do not have high speed internet and are unable to access these services at home. They come to the library to use our equipment. One gentleman signing on to use one of our computers recently told me: 'I do not have a computer at home, but I am expected to sign up for unemployment online. What would I do if I could not come to your library?'
- Gayle Harrington, Director, Cottonwood Community Library

Providing the Basics

With a grant from the COVID-19 Relief Fund, Empire Recovery Center purchased additional sets of sheets, towels, first aid kits and thermometers and scrubs, which make great pajamas. Combined, these new supplies helped keep this group rehabilitation facility cleaner and safer for residents.

“What when I was there, having pajamas was really cool. I was embarrassed by my clothes and the pajamas were really soothing. My skin felt like it was boiling, and the pajamas helped. I didn’t have anything and Empire gave me a pair of sweats, underwear, a shirt, and even socks.”
- Empire Recovery Center client
Nonprofit Organizational Support

North State nonprofits are facing serious budget challenges as a result of the pandemic. Many are unable to raise support as they have in the past due to cancelled fundraising events, inability to sell tickets, or closing thrift stores. Others have had new business costs as they transition services online. And many are experiencing a big increase in demand assistance, particularly in the social service sector.

“In a time when nonprofits were struggling to make ends meet, the Community Foundation and our donors took on added, proactive roles to provide critical lifeline support for organizational operations. Our investment at this time and in this way means nonprofits are here to serve our community for the long-term.”
- Amanda Hutchings, Director of Community Impact, Community Foundation of the North State

Small Business Assistance

A COVID-19 Relief Fund grant to Forward Redding Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the Redding Chamber of Commerce, is supporting a Business Recovery Specialist. "The funding we received from the Community Foundation allows us to focus on the crucial role we are playing in connecting local businesses with resources, including federal loans, local business grants, and general counsel."
- Jake Mangas, Executive Director, Redding Chamber of Commerce

Job Training Center of Tehama County was able to launch a small business assistance program offering One-to-One and group services.
Safe Shelter

"This young lady was in a living situation that was unhealthy for her and her baby. Her auntie brought her in to our office. She was crying and distraught. We gave her a motel for three nights while her grandmother from out of state could come pick her up and take her home. The motel was provided through the generosity of the COVID-19 grant through the Community Foundation of the North State."

- Carla Charraga, Director, Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

Personal Protective Equipment

The need for personal protective equipment, masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies was time sensitive. Redding Fashion Alliance purchased materials and employed seamstresses to locally manufacture masks for hospital personnel during supply chain lag.

Food Security

Thanks to your donations, Dignity Health Connected Living in Redding, Great Northern Services in Siskiyou County, and The Salvation Army in Tehama County together with others in our region, were able to purchase and deliver food and gift cards to seniors, people with disabilities and low-income families in need.

"When the pandemic hit, food was the most immediate need that came to our attention. Food banks across our region reported heavy increases in the number of hungry families."

- Megan Conn, Program Officer, Community Foundation of the North State

Child Care and Education

"Thank you to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for the most wonderful Outdoor Galore Make-n-Play Kits! What a lifesaver to a distance working mom with distance learning children during the pandemic. These kits provided hours of hands on activities centered around our natural resources and the kids LOVED them. They created amazing projects and had engaging conversations centered around our beautiful surrounding mountains, sky, clouds, and water."

- Emmy W., working mom of two
$527,144 Supporting Our Communities

**Siskiyou County**
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Shasta
- Dorris Lions Club
- Great Northern Services
- Happy Camp Community Action
- Hornbook Community Association
- Mt. Shasta School Café
- Ore-Cal RC&D Council
- Rural Klamath Connects
- Siskiyou Community Food Bank
- Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative
- Siskiyou County EDC
- Siskiyou County Job Council
- Siskiyou County Library
- Siskiyou County Office of Education
- Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center
- Siskiyou Food Assistance
- Siskiyou Land Trust
- Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance
- Siskiyou Works

**Modoc County**
- High Plateau Humane Society
- Training, Employment & Community Help, Inc. (TEACH)

**Tehama County**
- Corning Christian Assistance
- Empower Tehama
- Job Training Center of Tehama County
- Smart Business Resource Center
- State Theatre for The Arts
- Tehama Conservation Fund
- Tehama County Library
- The Salvation Army

**Shasta County**
- Burney Food Co-op
- CareNet Pregnancy Center
- Cascade Theatre
- Children’s Legacy Center
- Cottonwood Community Library
- Dignity Health Connected Living
- Empire Hotel Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center
- Forward Redding Foundation
- Good News Rescue Mission
- Haven Humane Society
- Hill Country Community Clinic
- KKRN Radio
- Living Hope Compassion Ministries
- Montgomery Creek School
- North State Symphony
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service
- One Safe Place
- Redding Fashion Alliance
- Shasta Community Health Center
- Shasta Family YMCA
- Shasta Historical Society
- Shasta Library Foundation
- Shingletown Medical Center
- Smart Business Resource Center
- The Salvation Army
- Turtle Bay Exploration Park

**Impact Areas**

- Food
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Childcare and Education Support
- Shelter
- Nonprofit Organizational Support
- Small Business and Support for Workers
- Miscellaneous Support

Visit our website for additional details
Due to high need, the fund has been exhausted with the September 2020 round of awards. As the need is expected to continue, those wishing to contribute to the fund can make a secure, online tax-deductible donation at cfnorthstate.org/donations/covid-19-relief-fund.

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