With compassion and generosity, the people of Central Virginia have come together to support COVID-19 pandemic relief.

The Central Virginia COVID-19 Response Fund was the first activation of the regional disaster preparedness and response partnership between the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, Plan RVA and the Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia. We would like to extend our thanks to the hundreds of people and organizations which contributed to this fund. Together, we were able to provide support to the nonprofit organizations serving those most affected by this pandemic.

Central Virginia COVID-19 Response Fund Impact

$6.4 MILLION distributed
205 grants awarded
16 localities benefitted

Special thanks to our COVID-19 Response Grants Advisory Committee, consisting of eight members representing Altria, the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia, Plan RVA, Robins Foundation and United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg.

We can do amazing things together. Here’s what we did.

We expanded access to medical care through telehealth
To promote the health and safety of our neighbors and the health clinic staff who serve them, the COVID-19 Response Fund supported the launch and maintenance of telehealth platforms for nonprofit clinics across Central Virginia, as well as WiFi hotspots to ensure patients and staff could access these services.

We supported safe shelter, eviction prevention & a new regional housing hotline
The number of residents in our region experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity increased as more people faced job loss or reduced work hours. In addition to supporting safe shelter spaces and rental assistance for those at risk of eviction, the COVID-19 Response Fund also provided critical support for the Regional Housing Hotline, which launched in September as a one-stop-shop for area residents seeking assistance with housing or critical repairs.

We provided meals to residents in need
Nonprofit organizations, schools and localities worked side by side to help individuals and families combat hunger during this difficult time. Grants were used to provide new equipment to foodbanks, support delivery vans and transportation costs, provide translation services and supply groceries or meals to residents in need.

We helped schools “go virtual”
New virtual learning environments have required new technology for students and teachers alike. Twelve school districts in urban, suburban and rural parts of Central Virginia received grants to support the purchase and distribution of Chromebooks, mobile WiFi hot spots and video equipment so that learning could continue from home.

We maintained childcare for essential workers
Many nonprofit childcare centers have been able to stay open and continue early childhood programs, virtual learning support and after-school care for children of essential workers and first responders, as well as working families for whom remote work is not an option. Grants have helped centers adhere to required safety protocols by providing for additional staffing, cleaning supplies, thermometers and pre-packaged meals.

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See full list of grants awarded at www.cfrichmond.org/COVID19grants