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Kent County Non-Profit Organization COVID-19 Grant Fund Announcement

Grand Rapids, MI - In response to the Coronavirus pandemic in Kent County, Heart of West Michigan United Way is partnering with Kent County to support local nonprofit organizations providing certain relief services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Kent County Board of Commissioners recently allocated \$9.5 million in federal CARES Act dollars to create the Kent County Non-Profit Organization COVID-19 Grant Fund.

Applicants must be a local 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) nonprofit health and human service organization located within Kent County serving individuals and communities within Kent County that have been directly affected by COVID-19 and continuing to provide services throughout the pandemic.

Funding Priorities:

Grant requests ranging from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$150,000 are being solicited from nonprofits seeking funding for provision of COVID-related services. Nonprofits can apply for amounts within this range deemed appropriate to CARES Act expenses. Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to the following COVID-19-related expenses:

- Expenses for food security, food access, and/or food delivery
- Expenses for personal basic needs such as personal hygiene products, diapers, etc.
- Expenses to cover transportation needs
- Expenses for services specifically targeting at-risk youth
- Expenses for academic and/or mentoring services to facilitate distance learning among school-aged children/youth, including technological improvements
- Expenses to cover physical health care access and services

Applications will be accepted until the funds available are allocated or until October 1, 2020, whichever occurs first. For complete details and a link to the application, visit Heart of West Michigan's website at hwmuw.org/kent-county-covid-19-grant-fund.