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**In latest round of grants, COVID-19 Response Fund awards  
more than \$4.3 million to 97 nonprofits aiding those impacted by pandemic**  
*More than \$14 million awarded over four rounds of grants to nonprofits meeting local needs*

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CHARLOTTE – More than \$4.3 million has been awarded to 97 nonprofits in the fourth round of grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund. To date, more than \$14 million has been granted to nonprofits helping those affected by the pandemic with basic needs such as child care, education, housing, food, emergency financial assistance, legal advocacy, health and mental health, and workforce development.

The latest grants were awarded via a competitive grant cycle open to all Mecklenburg County 501(c)3 nonprofits that met eligibility requirements. Since the Charlotte-Mecklenburg COVID-19 Response Fund was launched on March 16, more than \$19.4 million has been raised from corporations, foundations, individuals and local government.

Visit [uwcentralcarolinas.org/grants/COVID](http://uwcentralcarolinas.org/grants/COVID) for details on future grant cycles. The COVID-19 Response Fund is administered through a partnership between Foundation For The Carolinas and United Way of Central Carolinas, in close coordination with the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

**The fourth round of grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund include the following (visit [fftc.org/COVID19grants](http://fftc.org/COVID19grants) for a full list with project descriptions):**

**Basic Needs**

- \$10,000 to Charlotte Pride
- \$4,560 to Charlotte Village Network
- \$50,000 to CrossRoads Corporation for Affordable Housing and Community Development
- \$25,000 to Lakewood Neighborhood Alliance
- \$10,000 to Liberian Community Association of Greater Charlotte
- \$5,000 to LIFESPAN
- \$5,000 to National Church Residence of Charlotte, NC
- \$20,000 to Rebuilding Together of Greater Charlotte
- \$50,000 to Renaissance West Community Initiative
- \$50,000 to Rockwell A.M.E. Zion Church

**Child Welfare**

- \$25,000 to Foster Village Charlotte
- \$50,000 to Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center

**Youth/Education/Summer Programs**

- \$30,000 to Above and Beyond Students
- \$25,000 to Autism Charlotte
- \$25,000 to Autism Society of North Carolinas
- \$15,000 to B.E.A.M. Foundation
- \$20,000 to Brookstone Schools of Mecklenburg County

- \$15,000 to Carolina Youth Coalition
- \$26,000 to Carolinas Aviation Museum
- \$25,000 to Charlotte Bilingual Preschool
- \$100,000 to Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center
- \$25,000 to Classroom Central
- \$45,000 to Cops & Barbers
- \$10,000 to Digi-Bridge
- \$117,000 to Discovery Place
- \$20,000 to E2D
- \$10,000 to EmpowHERment
- \$10,000 to Gardhouse Limited
- \$5,700 to Gen-One
- \$11,000 to Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council
- \$20,000 to Heart Math Tutoring
- \$20,000 to Junior Achievement of Central Carolinas
- \$10,000 to La Escuelita San Marcos
- \$30,000 to MeckEd
- \$35,000 to ParentChild+
- \$11,535 to Philips Academy of North Carolina
- \$5,000 to Profound Gentlemen
- \$10,000 to Project One Scholarship Fund
- \$20,000 to Project Scientist
- \$10,000 to R. Bruce Irons Camp Fund
- \$15,000 to Restorative Justice CLT
- \$15,000 to S.T.A.R.S. Math & English Academy
- \$15,000 to Sports Biz Cares
- \$20,000 to The Learning Collaborative
- \$200,000 to Salvation Army Charlotte
- \$15,000 to Thrive Global Project
- \$75,000 to United Negro College Fund
- \$500,000 to YMCA of Greater Charlotte

### **Financial/Rental/Housing Assistance**

- \$75,000 to Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte
- \$30,000 to Community Link Programs of Traveler Aid Society of Central Carolinas
- \$35,000 to Grameen America
- \$37,500 to Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity
- \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region

### **Food Security**

- \$20,000 to Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen
- \$5,000 to First United Methodist Church
- \$41,800 to Friendship Trays
- \$50,000 to Historic West End Partners
- \$100,000 to ourBRIDGE for Kids
- \$40,000 to Project BOLT
- \$25,000 to Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center
- \$37,500 to The Bulb
- \$30,400 to Reeder Memorial Missions Place
- \$10,000 to Learning Help Centers of Charlotte
- \$125,000 to World Central Kitchen

**Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse**

- \$35,000 to Ada Jenkins Families and Careers Development Center
- \$25,000 to Bridge to Recovery
- \$80,000 to Care Ring
- \$22,000 to HeartBright Foundation
- \$25,000 to HopeWay Foundation
- \$100,000 to MedAssist of Mecklenburg
- \$9,324 to Mental Health America
- \$15,000 to Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency
- \$15,000 to Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte
- \$18,325 to Shelter Health Services
- \$16,000 to Teen Health Connection
- \$17,000 to The Relatives
- \$20,000 to Wilson Oasis

**Shelter**

- \$75,000 to Carolina CARE Partnership
- \$75,000 to Charlotte Family Housing
- \$10,000 to Gracious Hands Transitional Housing
- \$40,000 to Hope Haven
- \$30,000 to The Hope House Foundation
- \$352,859 to Roof Above
- \$13,000 to Samaritan House
- \$50,000 to Socialserve

**Workforce Development/Business Support**

- \$21,900 to Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation
- \$50,000 to City Startup Labs
- \$25,000 to Grace Mar Services
- \$75,000 to North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development
- \$50,000 to Prospera North Carolina
- \$55,000 to The ROC Charlotte
- \$50,000 to Urban League of Central Carolinas

**Other**

- \$11,391 to Apparo
- \$50,000 to Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
- \$50,000 to Coalicion Latinoamericana
- \$150,000 to Reopening Business Public Awareness Campaign

A COVID-19 Response Fund Grants Committee reviews applications and distributes grants from the fund. The committee is made up of 17 local leaders representing a diversity of business sectors, backgrounds and Mecklenburg County geographic locations.

The grants committee is co-chaired by Tanya Blackmon of Novant Health and Edwin Peacock of Pomfret Financial. Other members include: Charles Bowman, Bank of America; Jordan Boyd, Rockwell AME Zion Church; Heath Campbell, Truist Financial; Alexis Coleman, Davidson United Methodist Church; Betsy Conway, Lowe's; Dena Diorio, Mecklenburg County; Malcolm Graham, City of Charlotte; Mark Jerrell, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners; Cliff Matthews, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church; Brian Middleton, Atrium; Michaela Miller, Humana; Dee O'Dell, U.S. Bank; Jill Olmstead, LendingTree; Susan Patterson, community volunteer; Federico Rios, City of Charlotte; Mike Rizer, Ally Financial; and Lisa Saunders, Christ Church Charlotte.

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# NEWS RELEASE

Donations to the COVID-19 Response Fund have ranged from a two-dollar commitment from an anonymous online donor to \$1.3 million from Mecklenburg County. Other major gifts include \$100,000 each from the Charlotte Hornets Foundation, the Springsteen Foundation, the Philip L. Van Every Foundation, Kim and Johnny Belk, and Alfred and Amy Levine Dawson; \$150,000 each from Wells Fargo, Wells Fargo Championship and Sean & Andrea Smith; \$200,000 each from Allstate Insurance and Vanguard; \$250,000 each from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation, the Weisiger Fleming Family Fund, EY, PwC/The PwC Charitable Foundation, and The Hearst Foundations; \$270,000 from BlackArch Partners/The Regions Foundation; \$500,000 each from Ally Financial, the Duke Energy Foundation, The Humana Foundation and the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation; and \$1 million each from LendingTree, the City of Charlotte, the Howard R. Levine Foundation, Truist Financial Corporation, Bank of America, the David A. Tepper Charitable Foundation, Lowe's, the C.D. Spangler Foundation/National Gypsum, Coca-Cola Consolidated, the John M. Belk Endowment and Pamlico Capital.

**To contribute to the COVID-19 Response Fund, visit [HelpCharMeck.org](https://www.helpcharmeck.org).** Corporations and foundations that wish to make a donation may contact either Catherine Warfield, Senior Vice President of Philanthropic Advancement at FFTC, at 704.973.4515 or [cwarfield@fftc.org](mailto:cwarfield@fftc.org); or Clint Hill, Chief Development Officer at United Way of Central Carolinas, at 704.371.6359 or [chill@uwcentralcarolinas.org](mailto:chill@uwcentralcarolinas.org).

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#### About Foundation For The Carolinas

Founded in 1958, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.6 billion, FFTC's mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit [www.fftc.org](https://www.fftc.org).

#### About United Way of Central Carolinas

United Way fights for the education, health and financial stability of every person in our region, improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of local communities in Charlotte/Mecklenburg, Mooresville/Lake Norman, and Anson, Cabarrus and Union counties. For more information, please visit [uwcentralcarolinas.org](https://uwcentralcarolinas.org).

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