In anticipation of significant economic hardships for displaced workers, UWWF established a COVID-19 Response Fund. The expansive furloughs, lost jobs, and reduced hours have created ongoing challenges for individuals and families.

UWWF raised $406,000 to assist with household expenses such as rent, mortgage, utilities, health care, childcare, and food. Gulf Power Foundation was the first corporate partner to provide a very generous contribution of $250,000 to the fund.

**ADDITIONAL MAJOR CORPORATE DONATIONS WERE:**

- Florida Blue - $50,000
- Beach Community Bank - $35,000
- Wind Creek Hospitality - $25,000
- Eastman Foundation - $10,000
- Navy Federal Credit Union - $5,000

**Individual donors contributed $31,192**

The fund was distributed in two phases to UWWF certified agencies. UWWF certified agencies are vetted annually to ensure their financial health, governance, and nonprofit best practices.

$246,266 in grants was awarded to 15 certified agencies during Phase One. An additional $153,453 was distributed to 18 certified agencies in Phase Two. United Way of West Florida withheld 3% for administrative costs and recipient agencies were allowed to take the same percentage fee.

The COVID-19 grant funds targeted assistance to ALICE households that were economically affected by the pandemic. Agencies that received COVID-19 funds report to UWWF every two weeks on the disbursement of the funds.