



COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND



Results

Every day, United Way of West Florida fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

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.



households received utility assistance



individuals assisted with rent/mortgage



individuals received healthcare



households received food



pounds of food distributed