List of Available Funds and Resources for Families and Organizations in Response to COVID-19

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For Workers and Families in Need

**United Way’s Mass 211**, a statewide hotline, responds immediately during times of crisis to field calls regarding the issue and to direct callers to services most appropriate for their needs. They are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to provide referrals.

**Union Capital Boston** established a one-time direct gift campaign to send Visa gift cards to those who need it urgently in the Greater Boston area. 100% of donations will go to families in need. There is currently a waiting list.

**The MassUndocuFund for COVID-19 Relief in MA**, an effort by the Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, One Fair Wage, and the Matahari Women Workers’ Center. Currently raising funds to assist the victims of Covid-19 pandemic, which has caused thousands of undocumented workers to lose their jobs and livelihood across the state.
- Currently on a waiting list. To be notified when more funds are available, [click here](https://bit.ly/UCBCOVID19Fund).
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Asian Community Emergency Relief Fund by the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), the Chinese Progressive Association, the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, the Asian American Resource Workshop, and Greater Boston Legal Services. The fund will provide immediate and direct financial support to people in our community who have lost work and are having trouble meeting their basic needs, and may not be eligible for other public benefits.

- To apply, call: Cantonese (617) 681-5416; Mandarin (617) 902-0342; Khmer (617) 952-4556; Vietnamese (617) 701-6028
- All hotlines also speak English

Cambridge Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to support vulnerable populations most affected by COVID. These one-time grants ranging from $200 to $1,000 will be made available on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. Applicants must be Cambridge residents – or people whose main source of income emanates from Cambridge – Cambridge organizations with 501c3 status, or small businesses in our community with demonstrated loss of opportunity or income.

- To apply, complete this online form.

One Fair Wage, a national fund through the One Fair Wage campaign for service industry workers. It includes tipped workers, service workers, restaurant workers, gig workers (including restaurant workers, delivery drivers, Uber/Lyft drivers)

- To submit an intake form, click here.
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The Betancourt Macias Family Scholarship Foundation is launching a GoFundMe fundraiser to raise funds to support undocumented families and individuals during these times of crisis. The amount we can provide each person is based on the donations we receive and the amount of requests we receive.

- Fill out this survey to apply for funds.

Parenting Journey – It Takes a Village Emergency Fund: for parents and families in need of financial assistance for food, rent, utilities, and activities for children who are home from school.

- To submit a request, click here.

Boston Artists Relief Fund – The Boston Artist Relief Fund will award grants of $500 to individual artists who live in Boston whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

- To submit an application, click here.

Applying for Unemployment Benefits in MA

- Official State’s Website
- Uthehelp.org – Free website that helps individuals who have been laid off, or who had their hours reduced, apply for unemployment benefits.
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**City of Boston Rental Relief Fund**: Boston is dedicating $3 million in City funds to help Boston residents at risk of losing their rental housing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will help income-eligible tenants in the City of Boston who:

- do not have access to expanded unemployment benefits, or
- because of the nature of their jobs, the unemployment benefits they will receive represent a significant reduction in their actual income.
- **UPDATE**: This round of the Rental Relief Fund has closed to applications. Want to be contacted when the next round of funding is open? Complete this contact form in your preferred language: English, Español, kriolu, Kreyòl ayisyen, Tiếng Việt, 中文.

**City of Chelsea Rental Relief Fund**: To be announced in the coming days. No formal application yet, but income-eligible residents of Chelsea can apply to access $250 in rental assistance. For more information, email chelseafund@greenrootschelsea.org

**ICNA Relief Cares Project**: Emergency Response Efforts for Boston residents only. Limited financial assistance available for those who qualify. Unemployed due to COVID-19? Denied unemployment insurance or public benefits? Were self-employed (gig worker)?

- **NOTE**: Applicants must provide picture ID, Social Security Number, and mailing address.
- Email kmaruf@icnarelief.org or text 347-754-1067
Funds Supporting Programs and Services

The Boston Resiliency Fund is the City of Boston’s effort to help coordinate fundraising and philanthropic efforts to provide essential services to Boston residents whose health and well-being are most immediately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Boston Resiliency Fund is focused on organizations that need support to modify or expand essential services that serve the immediate and basic needs of Boston residents. The purpose of this fund is not to provide sustaining, general operating grants to nonprofits.

- Organizations are encouraged to complete a statement of interest to be considered for future grants.

Haymarket People’s Fund: Increasing Urgent Response Grants are up to $1,000/year to help grassroots, social change organizations respond quickly to unforeseen crises or opportunities that critically affect your organization and constituency. Groups will be notified about grant decisions 1 - 2 weeks after receiving an application. You do not need to be a grantee of Haymarket to apply but need to fit our basic funding criteria including an organizational budget under $300,000.

- To receive an application, you must first call (617) 522-7676 and speak with a Haymarket staff person about your request.
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**Nellie Mae Education Foundation** has launched a rapid response fund, the [Racism is a Virus Too Rapid Response Grant Fund](#), to respond to the hate crimes and bias against Asian American communities resulting from COVID-19.

- Download the RFP [here](#).

**The New England Grassroots Environment Fund** COVID19 rapid response funding through the [Seed Grant Program](#) is available to all community groups (whether you are new to the Fund or already have an active grant/application for another project) for urgent needs to offer community responses to COVID19. Grants are up to $1,000 and we will work to get funding out as quickly as possible.

- To start a Seed Application, [click here](#).

**Women’s Foundation of Boston Response Fund** offers rapid relief grants to Greater Boston women and girls serving nonprofits to help offset costs incurred to maintain operations or mitigate the health and financial impacts caused by COVID-19.

- Submit a [COVID-19 Response Fund Letter of Inquiry](#) to request emergency funding.
Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) announced two emergency funds to help Latino organizations offset unexpected costs incurred by the rapidly-changing situation concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- **The Civic Participation fund** addresses the critical issues at stake for a fair and accurate 2020 Census to ensure Latinos are counted. COVID-19 has forced organizations to quickly shift from field operations to remote digital efforts. To expedite these new efforts we are announcing a rapid response grant pool for grassroots nonprofit organizations to help ensure Latinos are counted. To apply, click here.

- **Rapid Response Migration Fund**: The COVID-19 Rapid Response Migration Fund will award at least $200,000 in mini-grants to help frontline immigrant-serving organizations develop and launch emergency protocols, cover unexpected costs due to office closures or disrupted revenue streams, increase agility in services and advocacy, and address other unforeseen impacts of the ongoing pandemic. For more information, contact Amalia @ amalia.brindisdelgado@hiponline.org
Funding for Operational Support

The Boston Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund
The COVID-19 Response Fund will award one-time operating grants on a rolling basis to non-profits whose operations in support of seniors, children, immigrants, workers and other vulnerable populations have been stressed by the outbreak. The Fund is designed to be adaptable in its goals and focus, which will evolve as community members and nonprofits in our region share their needs.

● Click here to access the funding request form

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering loans for small businesses including Nonprofits through funding provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

● Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

City of Boston’s Economic Development Department: Small Business Conference Calls. Please email smallbiz@boston.gov to be added to the distribution list.