



Funding for Safety Net & Support Services Agencies

As a Foundation, we recognize that COVID-19 is taking a significant toll on our community's residents and nonprofits. We anticipate that by far the largest amount of assistance will be provided by public sources through a wide variety of vehicles. Waco Foundation is working with the nonprofit community to understand need and trying to fast track nonprofits' ability to access federal resources. We are also evaluating the need for charitable assistance but encourage nonprofits to seek access to the large set of federal aid available.

Nonprofits that have not already done so are encouraged to look at current and upcoming stimulus packages being offered through the SBA, Workforce Development, and other federal and state authorities, for support.

Support Options for Eligible, Charitable 501(c)(3) Nonprofits

The Foundation will suspend its plans for a traditional grant cycle (and traditional requests) for FYE2021 until it is clear that emergency resources are no longer needed. Instead, the Foundation will offer the following:

Support to Safety Net Distributors & Support Services Agencies (Beginning April 23, 2020)

Safety Net Distributors & Support Services:

The Foundation will offer operating support grants/contracts to select eligible emergency care organizations whose demand for services has remained consistent or increased as a result of COVID-19. *These grants are offered on an invitation only basis.*

Priority consideration has been given to nonreligious organizations that meet three or more of the following criteria:

- have established programs for distributing funds to/for low income populations in need (e.g. housing assistance, utilities, medicine, medical support, childcare)
- have case management staff
- currently work within/with the city's existing network for tracking clients (HMIS)
- have established successful protocols for assessing individual/family need
- have established proven connections with area vendors/companies

First tier (Grants of up to \$25,000)

Organizations experiencing some of the highest level of demand for basic services (access to food, housing assistance, and utility assistance) are eligible to receive both funding and capacity building (technical, IT, human or other resources) to support delivery of services. Support may include up to

\$25,000 in operating support as well as funds to support capacity building (e.g. IT, office supplies, staffing) needs.

Second tier (Grants of up to \$15,000)

Other agencies that provide support services to populations that may need assistance accessing services may be eligible for operating support (nonprofit must provide proof of need).