



## **Helping the Helpers—The Community Foundation Launches the Respond/Adapt/Recover Fund**

*Local Nonprofits Can Apply Immediately for Grant Funding to Cover Costs Due to COVID-19*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – October 5, 2020 The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is offering grants to nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida experiencing economic hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation’s Respond/Adapt/Recover Fund will assist eligible nonprofit organizations with reimbursement for re-opening costs and/or expenses associated with safely maintaining operations during the pandemic according to health guidelines. Nonprofit organizations in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns County can apply at [www.jaxcf.org/receive/covid-19-relief-grants](http://www.jaxcf.org/receive/covid-19-relief-grants).

“We know that agencies were suddenly faced with buying face masks, cleaning supplies, Plexiglass panels, Zoom subscriptions, audiovisual equipment and a host of other expenses when COVID19 threatened our community,” said Kathleen Shaw, Vice President, Programs at The Community Foundation. “It’s been a double whammy for them since many have had challenges with fundraising and traditional revenue sources. This Fund is an attempt to help them recover at least some of their out-of-pocket costs so that they may continue their good work serving clients.”

Agencies must be a 501c3 public charity based in and providing services in Northeast Florida.

Eligible organizations of any size may apply. Awards will be impacted by the demonstrated need of the organization, support already received, size of organization and numbers served. The maximum award available for each organization will be based on its 2019 gross revenues. It is expected that the average grant award would be between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

“Grant funds can be used for two broad types of expenses: mitigation expenses for reopening and program transition support,” noted Shaw. “Program transition support is meant to offset the costs incurred with moving to virtual, online public programming and the equipment and systems needed to support that.”

Applications will be taken online for four weeks only, from October 5, 2020 until November 2, 2020. Costs must have been incurred between March 1, 2020 and November 1, 2020, as well as future expected expenses in these same categories that are expected to be incurred in November and December of this year. All expenses must have occurred by December 31, 2020. Additional details about the Fund, including the application, guidelines and FAQ’s are available at [www.jaxcf.org/receive/covid-19-relief-grants](http://www.jaxcf.org/receive/covid-19-relief-grants).

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**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation has assets of \$483 million and has made approximately \$550 million in grants since inception.

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