



United Way of Southwestern Oregon

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United Way of Southwestern Oregon fights for the health, education, and financial stability of all residents of Coos and Curry Counties.

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## PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF DURING COVID-19

In March 2020, United Way of Southwestern Oregon launched a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for nonprofits and community organizations directly impacted by the pandemic. Between March 2020 and February 2021, our volunteer, community-driven Grant Allocation Committee met monthly to review dozens of applications for COVID-19 emergency relief funding. During that 12-month period the Committee recommended \$254,000 in awards to our Board of Directors, with the average grant per agency per month being \$1,500.

Nearly 40% of the awards granted over the last year were to agencies addressing food insecurity – primarily local food pantries and community organizations serving and/or delivering meals to seniors, unsheltered residents, and other vulnerable populations. Grant funding was used not only to purchase food, but to cover costs of unexpected expenses related to meal service during the pandemic (to-go boxes, trash pick-up, canopies for serving food outdoors, cleaning supplies).

Additional categories of funding are listed below. A range of programs and services were supported with these awards, including Waterfall Community Health Center’s “Parking Lot BINGO,” a kennel for Oasis Advocacy and Shelter’s domestic violence survivors with pets, art kits for at-risk youth working with Coos Drop/Youth era, “Care-a Grams/Care-A-Gramps” videos for seniors in assisted living through Harmony & Me Music Outreach, and staffing for Bandon Community Youth Center’s emergency childcare center.

Primary Category of Request	Total \$ Awarded	% of Funding
Food assistance	\$100,005	39.5%
Unsheltered resident assistance	\$41,700	16.5%
Domestic violence support/child abuse prevention efforts	\$27,500	10.8%
PPE/safety needs	\$17,886	7.1%
Mental health support	\$13,000	5.1%
Technology needs	\$9,430	3.7%
Foster community support	\$13,200	5.2%
Organizational capacity	\$15,920	6.3%
Other	\$14,830	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$253,471</b>	

A complete list of organizations receiving COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants is on the following page.

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## COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Recipients (March 2020 – February 2021)

### Coos County

Alternative Youth Activities  
Bandon Community Youth Center  
Bandon Good Neighbors  
Bay Area Cancer Center  
Bear Cupboard Food Pantry  
Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon  
Charleston Fishing Families  
Charleston Food Bank  
Common Ground Mediation  
Coos Bay SDA Food Pantry  
Coos County Friends of Public Health  
Coos County Youth Sports  
Coos Food Cupboard  
Coos Hispanic Allies  
Coquille Backpack Buddies  
Every Child Coos  
First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry  
Growing Through It/HRACC  
Harmony United Methodist Church  
Kairos Coastline Services  
Kids' HOPE Center  
Knights of the Columbus Council 1261  
Lakeside Feed the Need  
Myrtle Point Food Bank  
Operation Rebuild Hope  
Oregon Coast Wrestling Academy  
Powers Action Team  
Powers Food Pantry  
Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry  
Salvation Army of Coos Bay  
Star of Hope  
The ARK Project  
The Devereux Center  
The SAFE Project  
Waterfall Community Health Center  
Youth ERA

### Curry County

Brookings Church of the Nazarene  
Brookings Harbor Community Helpers  
Brookings Homeless Task Force  
Christian Help of Gold Beach Food Bank  
Christian Help Thrift Store  
Coastal Home Health & Hospice  
Coastline Neighbors  
Common Good Food Bank  
Curry Co Suicide Awareness/Prevention Council  
Curry Homeless Coalition  
Curry Watersheds Partnership  
Every Child Curry  
Gold Beach Community Center  
Harmony & Me Music Outreach  
Langlois Public Library  
Oasis Advocacy & Shelter  
Port Orford Public Library  
SDA 3rd St Food Pantry  
St Timothy's Community Kitchen  
St Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Wally's House

### Coos/Curry County

Bob Belloni Ranch, Inc  
Consumer Credit Counseling Service  
Disability Rights Oregon  
Foster Parent Association of Coos/Curry  
HIV Alliance  
ORCCA South Coast Food Share  
South Coast Business/Area Agency on Aging  
South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care  
South Coast Together

**\$0.99**

of every \$1 donated  
supports programs  
and activities for  
Coos and Curry  
County residents.

Our sincerest thanks to Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Dutch Bros Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, and our volunteer Grant Allocation Committee for their support of our COVID-19 emergency relief fund and grantmaking program.

**We are now focusing on our annual grantmaking program to support nonprofits like the ones listed above. This program relies on community support. Will you join us in building a better tomorrow for Coos and Curry Counties? Visit [unitedwayswo.org](https://unitedwayswo.org) and click "#StartTodayUnited" to support our efforts on the south coast!**