



United Way of
Benton & Franklin Counties

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United Way awards \$40,000 in local COVID-19 relief

Grants support access to food and to mental and behavioral health services

KENNEWICK, Wash—United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties has awarded \$40,000 to 10 local organizations providing food, mental and behavioral health services, and emergency childcare in response to the COVID-19 pandemic since establishing the COVID-19 Community Response Fund in late March.

Local agencies receiving funding to date are:

-) ANSIL – A New Start in Life - \$3,000 for food, supplies, and operations of the ANSIL Hall shelter and Service Center to serve 40 individuals.
-) Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton & Franklin Counties - \$3,500 to provide critical care boxes to 455 families.
-) Catholic Charities - \$3,000 to provide food and transportation support to 32 youth and young adults.
-) Children’s Developmental Center - \$3,000 to purchase food and basic supplies for 100 vulnerable families.
-) Columbia Industries - \$5,000 for the Opportunity Kitchen to prepare 455 ready-to eat meals for people in need in our community.
-) Communities in Schools – \$3,000 to provide 150 families of four with food and basic supplies.
-) Salvation Army - \$6,000 to provide food boxes for up to 320 low-income individuals.
-) Senior Life Resources - \$5,500 for the Meals on Wheels program, to deliver groceries and supplies to homebound seniors.
-) Tri-Cities Food Bank - \$5,000 to provide food and non-perishable items to 2,000 people.
-) YMCA - \$3,000 for early learning and school-age programs for 11 children of essential workers.

Grants are awarded on a rolling basis as donations are received. Local nonprofit agencies providing access to food and, mental and behavioral health are eligible to apply.

Individual donations are matched 1-for-1 through a grant from a national foundation, and 100% of all individual donations go directly to help local people in need. Double Your Dollar donations can be made at <https://give.uwbfc.org/community-response-fund>

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United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties strives for a community where all individuals and families achieve their potential through education, financial stability and healthy lives. We partner with local nonprofits, businesses, and government and social service agencies to address our community's greatest needs and build pathways for individuals and families to independence and happiness.