

COVID-19 Community Stabilization Fund – 2021 Awards

The goal for this fund was to provide a vehicle for coordinated investment in our community on behalf of our Community's Endowment resources and the resources of other local donors who chose to partner with us. The fund was designed to act swiftly, be flexible as new information arises and be targeted in its use across the various areas of need, taking into account the range of other supports that have come from public and private sources into our community. In 2021, the Stabilization Fund made 20 awards totaling \$279,780.

Financial Stability (6 awards totaling \$94,500)

Preventing people from slipping into poverty - primary strategy was focused on stabilizing ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households, in particular by helping keep people in their homes through rent payment assistance and home foreclosure prevention.

and Continued basic needs supports - primary strategy was providing basic needs support targeted to those who haven't (or won't ever) receive the federal stimulus financial supports.

- *\$50,000 to Good Samaritan Ministries for expansion of the Eviction Diversion Program*
- *\$15,000 to Community Action House for increased food rescue capacity*
- *\$15,000 to Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates for continued expansion of Remote Renewal Services*
- *\$5,112.50 & \$4,387.50 to Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates and Community Action House respectively for Employees Assistance Program Outreach, Translation, and Application Support*
- *\$5,000 to Solid Rock Ministries for critical home improvements and repairs for individuals with high financial need*

Health (5 awards totaling \$68,900)

Increase Mental Health and Substance Abuse services - primary strategy was scaling up existing mental health and substance abuse providers to be able to serve more people and reach different audiences.

- *\$25,000 to Momentum Center to expand support groups and on-site outreach to Holland/Zeeland residents via partnership with Northside Boys and Girls Club of Holland*
- *\$15,000 to Mosaic Counseling to launch new position to oversee and conduct intakes*
- *\$10,000 to Catholic Charities of West Michigan for subsidized detoxification treatment for uninsured or underinsured Holland/Zeeland residents*
- *\$10,500 to Escape Ministries to hire an in-house Mental Health and Substance Use Counselor*
- *\$8,400 to Midtown Counseling Services to provide on-site school counseling during the summer months*

Education (5 awards totaling \$91,340)

Mitigating the education opportunity gap - primary strategy was to provide extra resources to support those students who are likely to fall the furthest behind on their educational journeys as our model for learning is being forced to adapt in real-time.

- *\$40,000 to Outdoor Discovery Center for nature-based summer education programming*
- *\$19,080 to Boys and Girls Club of Holland for increasing Power Hour Capacity and Student Transportation*
- *\$15,000 to Ready for School for their Kindergarten Readiness Camp*
- *\$10,000 to The Bridge Youth Center to for summer academic supports and enrichment activities*
- *\$7,300 to Escape Ministries to launch Summer Bridge program*

Public Health (4 awards totaling \$25,000)

Ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines - to support strategic efforts to reach residents of the Holland/Zeeland area who were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and experience barriers to access vaccines, thus most at risk of having a disproportionately low vaccination rate—specifically Seniors and Black, Indigenous, and community members of color.

- *\$7,500 to Evergreen Commons*
- *\$7,500 to St. Francis de Sales*
- *\$5,000 to Immigrant Relief Fund*
- *\$5,000 to Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Festival*