



# ILLINOIS COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

## **Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund Announces \$6.95 Million in Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Serving the State's Most Vulnerable Populations**

*Fund Also Announces Nearly \$30.8 Million Raised Thus Far from over 3,100 donors*

Springfield, IL (June 25, 2020) -- The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF) announced today it distributed its fourth and largest round of funding thus far, an additional \$6.95 million to 42 nonprofit organizations across the state. The Fund, which was established by the United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, focused this round of funding on serving the state's most vulnerable populations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With this most recent round, the ICRF has made grants of \$23.65 million to 87 unique organizations, which have regranted to over 800 organizations across the state. The Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, will continue with its fifth and final round of grantmaking to nonprofits across the state to help Illinoisans in response to this crisis.

"This crisis has decimated far too many families and especially among our most vulnerable communities," said Penny Pritzker, chairman of PSP Partners. "In this round of funding, we have used data to prioritize and target our most vulnerable fellow Illinoisans who have borne the disproportionate and tragic share of impact from this terrible pandemic."

As ICRF moved into its fourth round of funding, the Fund took a data-driven approach to identify the populations facing a disproportionate share of the burden from this pandemic. ICRF focused this round of funding on these most vulnerable populations: African Americans, Latinx, Undocumented, Rural impacted, and Seniors. Today, ICRF awarded \$4.5 million to these priority populations and \$2.45 million to serve additional populations especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

Given that the needs of these vulnerable populations differ, the ICRF grantmaking team came up with unique solutions to serve the given populations – for example, ICRF is providing \$1.35 million for a statewide coalition of Urban Leagues, primarily serving African Americans with basic needs assistance and COVID-19 support.

"This incredible effort is made possible by the more than 3,100 donors willing to give to their neighbors in these trying times – and more so, by the vast network of nonprofits and volunteers who are on the ground serving families and helping them stay on their feet," said Governor JB Pritzker. "This pandemic has brought so much hardship to so many, particularly in our most vulnerable communities – but through it all, the people of Illinois prove themselves to be the kindest and most generous in the nation."

The fourth-round grant recipients from the ICRF are:

Organization

Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE)  
Alternatives (for the Older Adult, Inc.)  
Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness, Inc.  
Bridgeway Inc.  
Chestnut Health Systems  
Children's Home & Aid  
Community Foundation of Northern Illinois  
East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (The Refugee Center)  
Easterseals Central Illinois  
Equality Illinois Institute  
Galesburg Community Foundation  
Heartland Alliance  
Housing Action Illinois  
i4a - The Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Migrant Council  
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living  
Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA)  
Indo-American Center  
Knox County YMCA, on behalf of Central Illinois YMCAs  
Latino Policy Forum  
Lifescape Community Services  
Quad County Urban League  
Rosecrance, Inc.  
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center  
Shawnee Health Service  
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation  
Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless  
Southern Illinois Community Foundation  
Springfield Urban League, Inc.  
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC, Inc.)  
The Center for Youth and Family Solutions  
The Heart of Illinois United Way  
The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children  
Tri-County Urban League, Inc.  
Trickster Art Gallery, NFP  
United Way of Coles County  
United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois  
Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.  
YWCA USA, Inc.

Contributions to the **Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund** can be made by visiting <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/>

Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations

The Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations strengthens and promotes community foundations in cities, counties and regions across Illinois. Community foundations steward donor funds to improve the quality of life in our local communities.

<https://allianceilcf.org>

United Way of Illinois

United Way of Illinois (UWI) is a statewide association of local United Way organizations representing communities across Illinois. We fight to create lasting community change by helping children and youth succeed in school, promoting financial stability and family independence and improving the health of all Illinois' residents. More information at <http://unitedwayillinois.org/>

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Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund  
 Round 4 Grant Awards  
 6/24/2020  
**Total Amount: \$6.95M**

Organization	Amount
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights	\$850,000.00
Springfield Urban League, Inc.	\$542,500.00
Latino Policy Forum	\$500,000.00
i4a - the Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging	\$400,000.00
Quad County Urban League	\$307,500.00
Tri-County Urban League, Inc.	\$287,500.00
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$250,000.00
Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.	\$212,500.00
East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (The Refugee Center)	\$200,000.00
Equality Illinois Institute	\$200,000.00
Heartland Alliance	\$200,000.00
Illinois Migrant Council	\$200,000.00
Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness, Inc.	\$150,000.00
Housing Action Illinois	\$150,000.00
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies	\$150,000.00

Shawnee Health Service	\$150,000.00
Alternatives (for the Older Adult, Inc.)	\$125,000.00
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	\$125,000.00
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC, Inc.)	\$125,000.00
Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE)	\$100,000.00
Chestnut Health Systems	\$100,000.00
Children's Home & Aid	\$100,000.00
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living	\$100,000.00
Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA)	\$100,000.00
Lifescape Community Services	\$100,000.00
Rosecrance, Inc.	\$100,000.00
The Center for Youth and Family Solutions	\$100,000.00
The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children	\$100,000.00
YWCA USA, Inc.	\$100,000.00
Easterseals Central Illinois	\$75,000.00
Indo-American Center	\$75,000.00
Knox County YMCA, on behalf of Central Illinois YMCAs	\$75,000.00
Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless	\$75,000.00
Trickster Art Gallery, NFP	\$75,000.00
Community Foundation of Northern Illinois	\$60,000.00

Galesburg Community Foundation	\$60,000.00
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation	\$60,000.00
The Heart of Illinois United Way	\$60,000.00
United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois	\$60,000.00
Bridgeway Inc.	\$50,000.00
Southern Illinois Community Foundation	\$50,000.00
United Way of Coles County	\$50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,950,000.00</b>

## Round Four ICRF Awards - Key Facts



**\$6,950,000** grant awards recommended, including **\$1,350,000** to a partnership of four **Urban Leagues** primarily serving African Americans with basic needs assistance and COVID-19 support



**42** unique grantees: **25** new grantees, **17** grantees received additional funding in previous rounds



**800+** organizations served to date across **100%** of counties throughout the state, including all regranted organizations from Round 1 - Round 3



Funds to cover ICRF's 'Priority'<sup>1</sup> COVID-19 vulnerable populations including:

- African Americans
- Latinx
- Undocumented
- Seniors
- Rural Impacted



Grants will continue to serve ICRF's **6** basic need areas:

- Emergency food and basic supplies
- Interim housing and shelter
- Primary health care services
- Utility and financial assistance
- Support for children and other vulnerable populations
- Nonprofit safety and operations assistance

1: Priority determined by COVID-19 cases and deaths, and health and economic disparities