



Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund Grant Recipients

as of July 10, 2020

The Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund was established by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in mid-March 2020 to rapidly deploy resources to community-based, frontline nonprofit organizations addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties.

To date, more than \$475,717 has been awarded to 35 nonprofits in our four-county region.

These grants include:

Antioch Education Center (*Jasper County*): to purchase food to be distributed to Jasper County families through the food banks operated by Antioch Education Center and/or with backpacks to Jasper County School District students during 2020 spring break.

Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen (*Beaufort and Jasper Counties*): to purchase food for the “Hot Stuff” Food Program, which provides meals for low-income, at-risk community members in Bluffton and Yemassee.

Bluffton-Jasper Volunteers in Medicine (*Beaufort and Jasper Counties*): to purchase medication and testing supplies to meet additional needs of low-income patients in Bluffton and Jasper County, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry (*Beaufort and Jasper Counties*): to provide funding for supplies and program staff to support the Grab-and-Go program, in April and May, for students in Northern Beaufort County.

Bluffton Self Help (*Beaufort County*): to provide food and/or housing for clients impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CCEDC Two, Inc. (Colleton Commercial Kitchen) (*Colleton County*): to expand their services to reach an underserved segment of the Colleton County population which faces increased food insecurity caused by the coronavirus.

Campbell Chapel Community Development Ministry (Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church) (Beaufort and Jasper Counties): to rent a refrigerated truck to transport USDA food boxes from Atlanta to Beaufort and Jasper Counties for distribution for the Farms to Families Food Distribution Program.

Christ Lutheran Church (Beaufort County): for food and/or hygiene supplies to stock the Little Free Pantry for up to six months.

Edisto Indian Free Clinic (Colleton County): for cleaning and disinfecting costs and/or PPE to maintain a healthy clinic for low-income patients in Colleton County.

Greater Cherry Grove Food Pantry (Hampton County): to purchase food and upgrade equipment needed to expand services at their new location, providing food to low-income residents of Hampton County.

Greater Faith International Ministries (Hampton County): to provide food and shelter for Hampton County residents who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gullah Geechee Initiative Foundation, Inc. (Beaufort County): for food and supplies needed for the Mandela Day Emergency Food Distribution Project for low-income, at-risk families and individuals on St. Helena Island.

Hampton United Methodist Church (Hampton County): to purchase food and supplies for the Hampton School District One Backpack Buddy Program. The grant will help the program expand to bring meals to 300 more participants.

HELP of Beaufort (Beaufort County): to purchase food and provide for housing-related hardships for the increased number of clients caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healing Waters Mission & Wellness Center (Jasper County): for food and a walk-in cooler to expand services to low-income residents in Jasper County for their Compassionate Food Project.

The Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project (Beaufort County): to fund mortgage/rental assistance needs of clients, including food and beverage employees who have lost employment, directly relating to COVID-19.

Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity (Beaufort County): to fund insurance and tax escrow payments for approximately 30% of Habitat for Humanity homeowners who have lost employment because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will fund the payments for up to two months.

Hopeful Horizons (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties): to transport, feed and/or shelter abuse victims as needed in our Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties.

Huspah Missionary Baptist Church (*Hampton County*): for a freezer, food and PPE needed to increase emergency food boxes for low-income, at-risk individuals and families participating in the Feed the Need Program.

Love Abound CDC (The Joseph Storehouse) (*Hampton County*): for food pantry expenses and emergency housing relief for Hampton County residents who have increased needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Love House Learning Academy (*Beaufort County*): for food provided to children who attend their childcare center, which serves parents who are essential employees. Love House Learning Academy is partnering with Lowcountry Food Bank and Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services as they reopen two sites to meet this need resulting from school closures.

Lowcountry Food Bank (*Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties*): to purchase additional food required as a result of COVID-19 to supply to partner agencies that are experiencing increased need.

Lowcountry Strong Foundation (*Beaufort County*): to fund meals for unemployed or underemployed hospitality workers in Beaufort County.

The Margaret F. Curtis Food Pantry (*Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties*): to increase capacity due to the expanded need caused by school closings and stay at home orders in Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties.

Marshview Community Organic Farm (*Beaufort County*): for food and other expenses needed to resource their collaborative food distribution program on St. Helena Island.

Meals-on-Wheels, Bluffton-Hilton Head (*Beaufort County*): for food costs related to expanding weekend meal service to low-income, infirm and homebound clients. The grant will provide one weekend meal to up to 120 individuals for 13 weeks.

Mental Health America of Beaufort/Jasper (*Beaufort and Jasper Counties*): to fund food for Island House participants in addition to cleaning, sanitation and PPE to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and clients.

Neighborhood Outreach Connection (*Beaufort County*): First grant – to pay landlords on behalf of individual low-income tenant families in jeopardy of eviction as a result of COVID-19 related unemployment in the neighborhoods Neighborhood Outreach Connection serves.

Neighborhood Outreach Connection (*Beaufort County*): Second grant – to provide rental assistance for member families who are unemployed or underemployed due to the coronavirus.

New Destiny Center (*Jasper County*): to provide hot meals to low income, at-risk Jasper County seniors who are confined to their homes due to COVID-19.

Real Champions, Inc. (*Jasper County*): for food to be distributed to low-income families in Jasper County in collaboration with Hope Zone Resource Center.

St. Stephens Outreach Foodbank (*Jasper County*): to purchase food for clients in Jasper County and fuel to transport food because of substantial increased need due to COVID-19.

Sandalwood Community Food Pantry (*Beaufort County*): to purchase food and supplies to ensure the safety of volunteers and clients.

Second Helpings (*Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper Counties*): to employ displaced food and beverage workers to deliver food to agencies, filling the gap caused by volunteers who can no longer serve due to age or health-related vulnerability to COVID-19.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference (*Beaufort County*): to provide rental and/or utility assistance for Southern Beaufort County residents who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of COVID19.

Volunteers in Medicine (*Beaufort County*): for personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of staff and patients who seek care when the clinic reopens to serve low-income members of the community.