

2020 Off Cycle Coronavirus & Community Grants

In 2020 the coronavirus presented our region and the world with an unprecedented situation with vast short- and long-term impacts – especially for those most vulnerable. During this year the Longwood Foundation worked to be responsive to the needs of our community and nonprofit organizations, including through our grantmaking. We provided funding through our typical spring and fall grant cycles and offered an additional summer grant cycle. We also provided off-cycle investments noted below, many of which were part of a coordinated community response. We are excited to announce these 14 grantees.

Community Education Building

\$75,000 for the WAVE Summer Learning Program and \$1,300,000 towards their efforts to advance social justice and educational equity.

Community Legal Aid Society

\$400,000 to provide counsel in Delaware eviction cases and to work towards a right to legal counsel in civil cases.

Delaware Community Foundation

\$2,000,000 for the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund to regrant to nonprofits in Delaware.

Faithful Friends

\$60,000 for their efforts towards coordination of animal welfare agencies.

Historic Kennett Square

\$25,000 for their Small Business Response Fund.

Jewish Family Services

\$200,000 to launch their Employment Support Network, a free program for suddenly unemployed Delawareans. The program connects these individuals with trained volunteers, who provide emotional support and wellness coaching, financial management training, and access to appropriate mental health resources.

Love INC of Delmarva

\$200,000 to centralize food distribution in Sussex County.

National Development Council / Grow America Fund

\$100,000 to underwrite loans through the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. NDC provided Delaware nonprofits with exclusive access to \$12 million in funds.

Network Delaware

\$30,000 for the Delaware Immigrant Fund, which provided direct cash assistance to immigrant Delawareans impacted by the pandemic.

REACH Riverside Development Corporation

\$500,000 for their efforts to provide tailored economic mobility services to holistically support their families.

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State of Delaware – Division of the Arts

\$1,250,000 to regrant to Delaware arts organizations impacted by COVID-19, as part of an effort to raise \$10 million through a mix of private philanthropy and federal CARES Act funding.

Tech Impact

\$100,000 to address the digital divide by implementing a technology help desk to assist students and families.

United Way of Chester County

\$200,000 for the COVID-19 Respond Fund to regrant to nonprofits in southern Chester County.

United Way of Delaware

\$500,000 for the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund to regrant to nonprofits in Delaware.