THE COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND ROUND 2 GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE FUND: The Community Recovery Fund set forth by The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama (CFNEA) is supported by individuals and families who understand that the community’s needs and strengths are constantly changing. The Community Recovery Fund supports the unmet needs of individuals who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus through CFNEA’s partnerships with not-for-profit organizations throughout our nine-county region.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Organizations that meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for a grant. All eight (8) requirements must be met.

1. Organizations funded in round 1 of the Community Recovery Fund Grant cannot apply in round 2;
2. Organizations classified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. code as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, donations which are deductible as charitable contributions;
3. Organizations with a minimum one-year operating history after the date of receipt of its 501 (c)(3) classification;
4. Not-For-Profit organizations with an operating budget of five million or less.
5. The organization has to be physically located in one of CFNEA nine counties. (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Cherokee, Etowah, DeKalb, Randolph, St. Clair, and Talladega).
6. Organizations must attest they have no discriminatory policies and/or practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex/gender, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information or political beliefs;
7. Organizations cannot be on the National Charity Watch List;
8. The organization must have current programming that has been interrupted/affected or impacted by COVID-19.

AREAS of FUNDING: Areas that will be considered for funding.

1. Health and Well-being (Including Mental Health)
2. Outreach and Support (To individuals affected by COVID-19)
3. Program Support (Supplies, Salaries, Benefits)
4. Direct Assistance (Food, Utilities, Housing)
5. Technical Assistance (Software, Hardware, Support)
**GRANT APPLICATION:** Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. on September 15, 2020. Applications are reviewed for completeness. Any application deemed incomplete will not be accepted. The total funding opportunity is $50,000. Each application will have a maximum funding request of $5,000 or less.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** To be eligible to apply for a grant from CFNEA, all not-for-profit organizations (NFPs) must submit a CFNEA grant application.

**GRANT APPLICATION REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** The grant application will be incomplete if any of the following documents are missing. **Please upload the following documents:**

1. A copy of your most recent IRS letter of determination or if you are a city, county, state or federal government agency, and your tax or affiliation letter signed by the appropriate supervisor or financial officer.
2. Grant Budget (Template can be found on the Foundation’s grant page on the website). Please include in the comments column an explanation of each income and expense item with details on how you arrived at that number.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent regarding the application status. Funding recommendations from the Grant Review Committee are made to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. Decisions are final with no appeal. Following the board’s approval, applicants will be notified by email of award decisions.

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**APPLICATION REVIEW:** Reviewers will evaluate grant applications on a numerical system with points ranging from 0-100. An application must score 70 and above to be considered for funding. (**Funding is not guaranteed if the applicant scores above a 70.**).

**AWARD AND REPORTING PROCEDURES:** Grant awards will receive 100% of the award amount upon receipt of the signed grant agreement. All awards will be required to submit a one-time report explaining the impact of the grant award.

Your report must be submitted in order to apply with CFNEA in the future.

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