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Central Kansas Community Foundation (CKCF) Receives \$50,000 from Harvey County Commissioners

Harvey County, KS - Harvey County Commissioners voted Tuesday to give CKCF \$50,000 in relief funding for the COVID-19 charitable relief effort in Harvey County communities.

As part of the appeal for funding, CKCF circulated the COVID-19 needs assessment to identify emerging needs in Harvey County communities. The link to the assessment remains active. Local 501 (c)(3) charities and other tax-exempt entities, including educational institutions and churches, responding to the effects of COVID-19 are encouraged to submit a response to this form.

“We hope that by identifying needs before they become emergent, we can communicate an approximate dollar amount and have funding in place when it is needed,” Said Susan Lamb, CKCF PPREP Grant Coordinator. “The commission funds will help us immediately address needs for food, diapers, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, wipes and operational expenses in light of cancelled fundraising events.”

In addition to the needs assessment, Harvey County foundation leaders will regularly be in contact with local response officials and charities to determine need.

Community Response Fund Open

In response to the pandemic, CKCF opened the Central Kansas Community Relief Fund. County funds will be placed in this fund, and the Relief Fund will be a resource for charities in Harvey County who are seeking to meet increased needs during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As needs emerge during this time, charitable organizations and other tax-exempt entities can apply for funding through a simplified grant application, available on the CKCF website, www.centralkansascf.org. A review committee in Harvey County will determine which entity will receive the funding.

Donors who wish to respond to community needs may visit www.centralkansascf.org to contribute to the fund. Donations may be designated to a particular community or charity.

“Along with our donors, our role is to make sure that service providers have everything they need to respond to people who are vulnerable during this pandemic,” said Angie Tatro, CKCF Executive Director. “Our ultimate goal is to help Harvey County communities respond, recover and build resiliency.”

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Fluid Response Effort from CKCF

Even though CKCF has activated the Relief Fund as an initial response to the event to serve service region, the Foundation maintains flexibility in the local response and relief effort. Leadership continually evaluates the need to activate local relief funds at the affiliate community level.

“We are prepared to meet the needs of our individual affiliate communities,” said Tatro. “We will consider the relief effort management resources available in each of our communities before making the decision to activate local relief funds.”

Further information is available at www.centrankansascf.org under the “COVID-19” tab.

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