



United Way
of Central Missouri

2020 COVID-19 Response and Recovery Grants

ABLE Commission, Inc.

Amount of Grant: \$3,000

This agency serves as the Phelps County region's Senior Center, enhancing the lives of senior citizens by providing resources, information, referrals, and activities in a safe environment at no charge to seniors. United Way funding will be used to support operations due to loss of revenues.

American Red Cross Central and Northern Missouri Chapter

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

This partner agency prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. United Way funding will be used to provide free antibody testing of donated blood, platelets and plasma for every person giving blood through the Red Cross, offering an added benefit that will inspire new and returning donors to give.

Boys & Girls Club of the Capital City

Amount of Grant: \$16,395

This partner agency enables all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens. To continue serving children during the pandemic, additional protective measures must be taken. United Way funding will be used to purchase rolling partitions to separate classrooms and additional protective measures for sanitization.

California Nutrition Center

Amount of Grant: \$2,500

This agency's vision is to see each person (seniors) live his or her best possible life through nutritious congregate and home delivered meals, health education and screening programs, information and referral services, social activities and volunteer opportunities. United Way funding will be used to support operations due to loss of revenues.

Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

This agency's mission is to empower individuals and families to achieve self-reliance. CMCA will maintain the part-time employment of the Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC) who was initially hired to assist survivors of the 2019 tornado and flooding disasters. United Way funding will be used to continue to maintain this position.

Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association

Amount of Grant: \$3,500

This partner agency supports foster and adoptive families in the 13 county central Missouri region through several different programs to help prevent disruptions in the lives of children in our community. United Way funding will be used to purchase personal protective equipment.

Common Ground Community Building

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

This agency's mission is to provide an innovative and relationship-focused approach to addressing the needs of clients in poverty. Our vision is to help individuals and families achieve sustainable freedom from poverty through the development of a strong network of ecumenical partners and community-based services. United Way funding will be used to help people with rent, utilities, prescriptions, State ID, birth certificates, bus passes and other basic needs.

Compass Health Network

Amount of Grant: \$14,700

This partner agency provides services in behavioral health to inspire hope and promote wellness. United Way funding will be used to purchase Wi-Fi boosters for outpatient clinics to increase tele-health treatment services.

Dreams to Reality

Amount of Grant: \$5,720

This partner agency helps low-income women meet their employment goals and build self-confidence by providing appropriate interview and business apparel, motivation and follow-up support. United Way funding will be used to support agency operations due to loss of revenues.

Early Childhood Initiative

Amount of Grant: \$490

United Way of Central Missouri has embraced Early Childhood since 2005, and are proud to lead an Early Childhood Initiative by partnering with area early childhood programs to provide support and ensure the children in our community are kindergarten ready. United Way funding will be used to purchase cleaning supplies for area childcare centers.

EI Puente - Hispanic Ministry

Amount of Grant: \$5,000

This agency provides outreach services to the Hispanic community. United Way funding will be used to support operations due to loss of revenues.

Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.

Amount of Grant: \$780

This agency encourages greater independence and empowerment for persons with disabilities through advocacy and resources. They are now seeking alternative options for connecting with their consumers, providing peer support, independent living skills training and making home visits. United Way funding will be used to purchase licenses to host Zoom meetings and events.

Little Explorers Discovery Center

Amount of Grant: \$11,588

This partner agency provide quality childcare primarily to low and middle income families who are working or going to school on a sliding fee scale. COVID-19 has brought some changes to the childcare field. They are an industry that can't social distance, yet they must stay open to care for children while their parents are at work. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible they need extra cleaning supplies and a person to clean and sanitize throughout the day. United Way funding will be used for sanitization, iPads, and childcare scholarships.

Missouri Faith Voices

Amount of Grant: \$7,000

This agency is committed to transforming the lives of ordinary individuals and families who have been historically impacted due to racism and injustice. Missouri Faith Voices was founded as a result of clergy coming together to address health disparities that were exacerbated by issues of systemic racism due to policy inequities and practices. United Way funding will be used for direct emergency assistance for housing for low income families with a specific emphasis on single parent families and low income families of Color.

Moniteau Christian Ministries Center, Inc.

Amount of Grant: \$1,000

This agency provides charitable assistance to low income individuals who are in need of basic necessities such as food, low cost clothing, bedding, and small appliances. United Way funding will be used to purchase COVID--19 related supplies such as a non-contact thermometer, masks for clients and volunteers, hand sanitizer, and anti-viral wipes.

Rape and Abuse Crisis Service

Amount of Grant: \$7,000

This partner agency provides services to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault find ways to live their lives independent of abuse. United Way grant funding will provide offsite alternative housing for the month of June for RACS clients as they transition clients back to shelter while practicing social distancing, establish new safety procedures and equip clients and staff with appropriate PPE. United Way grant funding will provide offsite alternative housing for RACS clients as they transition clients back to shelter while practicing social distancing, establish new safety procedures and equip clients and staff with appropriate PPE.

River City Habitat for Humanity

Amount of Grant: \$11,600

This agency brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. They utilize volunteer labor and donations to build homes and partner with families who are in need of safe, affordable housing. They typically build 4-5 homes a year for families in need of safe, affordable housing. This year, in response from the 2019 tornado, they were committed to building eight homes. United Way funding will be used to hire drywall subcontractors to help them catch up on their regular construction homes to ensure that they will be ready for families to move into before the end of the year.

The Salvation Army

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

This partner agency provides basic human needs of shelter, food and clothing to those needing assistance; and provides emergency disaster services when there is a need. United Way funding will provide rent and utility assistance for clients that have lost jobs or reduced hours due to COVID-19.

Special Learning Center

Amount of Grant: \$17,553

This partner agency provides comprehensive, early intervention services and therapies to children with special needs so they may attain their maximum potential and to prepare them for their next educational placement. The Special Learning Center is requesting assistance to help their facility maintain a healthy environment for the children they serve and our staff during the COVID-19 crisis. United Way funding will be used to hire additional part time staff for each classroom and cleaning supplies.

Special Olympics MO

Amount of Grant: \$4,000

This agency provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympics-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. They have developed a comprehensive 4 phased plan to help mitigate risk of spreading COVID-19. Phase 0 is where they have been, which is staying at home. Phase 1 and 2 both require screenings which involve additional supply costs that were unbudgeted expenses. United Way funding will be used to purchase personal protective equipment such as sanitizer, renting of handwashing stations for events, and disinfecting supplies.

Summer Feeding Program Food 4 Kids

Amount of Grant: \$10,000

Food 4 Kids is a summer feeding program that provides children with nutritious food during the summer when school is not in session. United Way funding will be used to purchase food for sack lunches to distribute to area children under the age of 18.

Wonderland Camp

Amount of Grant: \$3,068

This agency's mission is to provide a fun, educational, and safe camp experience for children, teenagers, and adults who have disabilities; to offer a respite from daily caregiving for their family members; and to provide and nurture an experience that will touch the lives of our volunteers and staff. To support them in their mission of giving campers the best week(end) of their life despite these unprecedented times, United Way funding will be used to purchase COVID-related screening and cleaning supplies.

YMCA Child Development Center

Amount of Grant: \$6,000

This partner agency provides quality childcare to help children become independent, self-confident and active learners. The activities at the center enable the children to gain a strong self-concept through emotional, social, cognitive and physical development. United Way funding will be used to support operations of the Child Development Center due to loss of revenues.