



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Grants Applications Now Available for Central Kentucky Cares Fund**

**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY** (April 23, 2020) – In just over two weeks, the Central Kentucky Cares Fund has raised more than \$25,000 locally and now nonprofit organizations can apply for grants from the fund.

The disaster relief fund of Central Kentucky Community Foundation will rapidly deploy resources through nonprofit organizations to support people directly affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The goal of the fund is to attract and provide financial assistance to help communities, households and people, who are disproportionately impacted by the virus and its economic consequences.

“There was never any doubt that we live in a caring community,” said Davette B. Swiney, president and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. “Now funds needed to support our neighbors can be distributed to nonprofit organizations in our area who are working tirelessly to help people.”

Nonprofits can apply for grants at [ckcf4people.org/grant-making/grants](https://ckcf4people.org/grant-making/grants). Applications are short to collect information needed to make sound grant decisions but not burdensome on the applicants. The online grant process helps CKCF deploy dollars quickly. A grants committee will review and make award determinations frequently.

“As nonprofit organizations continue to serve our neighbors in need during this crisis, it is important the community supports those efforts and we are happy to be the link between the two with the Central Kentucky Cares Fund,” Swiney said. “Any nonprofit in our service region is invited to apply for the grants so that they can support those who need it during this difficult time.”

The fund covers all nine counties CKCF serves: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington counties. Gifts can be directed to specific counties when requested.

CKCF put \$5,000 into the fund along with initial gifts from donors. Anyone can give to support the Central Kentucky Cares Fund at [ckcf4people.org/central-kentucky-cares](https://ckcf4people.org/central-kentucky-cares).

“Anyone can give to the fund and any gift, no matter the amount, is appreciated,” Swiney said. “All those dollars come together to make a big difference to those who need it in our community.”

For those interested in giving, The CARES Act includes a charitable tax break for filers who claim the standard deduction. It allows individuals to contribute up to \$300 to nonprofit organizations. For those who itemize, the CARES Act also increases their donor deduction option. During this peak of COVID-19, itemizers can give as much as you want to charities without exceeding the deductible percentage cap. For companies that give, the current 10-percent limitation is increased to 25 percent of taxable income.



As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, gifts to the Central Kentucky Cares Fund at Central Kentucky Community Foundation qualify for the tax deductions passed in the CARES Act.

“Our nonprofit community, their volunteers and staff continue to be the face of hope and comfort to the people they serve,” Swiney said. “As we strive to keep our families safe, the Central Kentucky Cares Fund allows us to provide and show our love for our neighbors in need.”

More information about the Central Kentucky Cares fund can be found at [ckcf4people.org/central-kentucky-cares/](https://ckcf4people.org/central-kentucky-cares/).

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#### **About Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

Central Kentucky Community Foundation is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community. For more about CKCF, go to [ckcf4people.org](https://ckcf4people.org).