Emergency Fund 2020 Application
Guidelines

PURPOSE/EXPECTATIONS
The purpose of the 2020 Emergency Fund is to support local non-profits with unexpected expenses due to COVID-19. These funds will support access to food, emergency needs, care to the elderly and most vulnerable in our community, and other unexpected expenses due to service disruptions and/or increased demand for services.

EMERGENCY FUND GRANT FUNDING CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
2. Alignment with at least one of United Way of Bemidji Area’s areas of focus:
   Education - Helping children, youth, and adults achieve their full potential
   Income - Promoting financial stability and increasing self-sufficiency
   Health - Improving people's health, social well-being, and providing basic needs/emergency services.
3. Evidence of non-duplication if other services/programs are currently available to the target population in the identified geographic area of service.

GRANT DEADLINE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT RECIPIENTS
Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with all funds raised to date to be distributed by May 31st, 2020. Immediate needs will be addressed within one week and secondary needs will be addressed by the end of April. Agencies may apply more than once for funds, especially for immediate needs.

MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REQUEST
There is no maximum dollar amount of request.

GRANT SUMMARY
Organizations, as a provision of accepting grant monies, must provide a brief Summary Report within 6 months of using the funds demonstrating that the funds were used for their intended purpose.

UNITED WAY’S MISSION: To transform lives in our community by uniting people and organizations to maximize donor impact.

UNITED WAY’S VISION: The United Way of Bemidji Area will be a recognized leader connecting people, resources and ideas to create a thriving community characterized by measurable and long-lasting improvements in education, income and health.