



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

1. Bemidji area (ISD #31) non-profit 501(c)(3) health and human service organizations. Current United Way Partner Agencies and non-United Way Partner Agencies may apply.
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. Immediate needs will be addressed within one week and secondary needs will be addressed at a later date. Agencies may apply more than once for funds, especially for immediate needs. The United Way Board of Directors will review applications on a monthly basis.

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.