



United Way of  
Benton & Franklin Counties

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### **United Way awards \$288,500 in local grants to combat impact of COVID-19**

KENNEWICK, Wash—United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties awarded \$19,500 in COVID-19 community relief grants today, bringing the total amount awarded since March to \$288,500.

More than 30 non-profit agencies received funding to provide food, mental and behavioral health care, and childcare to nearly 25,000 local people since March 27.

“Today’s grants wrap up this rapid response fund. We have transitioned to ongoing community recovery and rebuilding efforts,” said Dr. LoAnn Ayers, President and CEO of our local United Way.

The local fund was launched in March to quickly get support to local nonprofit agencies facing a dual challenge of increased need for services due to pandemic shutdowns, while also having their own fundraising activities curtailed by the outbreak.

“And, there is great news!” Ayers continued, “Until the end of the year, local donations are eligible for matching funds from *All in Washington*, the statewide COVID-19 relief coalition. So, if you donate \$100 to our United Way, we have the opportunity to double your gift to \$200 to provide support to local children and vulnerable people.”

Donations to support our community’s areas of greatest need and COVID-19 recovery can now be made at <https://give.uwbfc.org/give>

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#### **About [United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties](#)**

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties strives for a community where all individuals and families achieve their potential through education, financial stability and healthy lives. We partner with local nonprofits, businesses, and government and social service agencies to address our community's greatest needs and build pathways for individuals and families to independence and happiness.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Grants</b>
Desert Harbor/Family Resource Center	\$ 2,000
Richland Seniors Association	\$ 2,000
Riverview Food Bank	\$ 2,000
YMCA	\$ 3,000
Tri-Cities Diversity and Inclusion Council	\$ 3,500
Elijah Family Homes, Transition to Success	\$ 5,000
Partners for Early Learning	\$ 5,000
Modern Living Services	\$ 5,500
Planned Parenthood for Tri-Cities Mutual Aid Network	\$ 5,500
Support, Advocacy & Resource Center	\$ 5,500
Children's Developmental Center	\$ 6,000
Washington State University Tri-Cities	\$ 6,000
Columbia Basin College	\$ 6,500
Lutheran Community Services	\$ 7,000
Communities in Schools	\$ 7,500
Senior Life Resources NW, Meals on Wheels	\$ 7,500
Impact Compassion Center	\$ 8,000
Chaplaincy Healthcare	\$ 8,500
Central Church, Lunch Buddies	\$ 9,000
Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery	\$ 9,000
Mirror Ministries	\$ 9,500
Grace Clinic	\$ 10,500
ANSIL young adult shelter	\$ 11,000
The ARC of Tri-Cities	\$ 11,000
Catholic Charities	\$ 14,000
Salvation Army, Pasco Food Bank	\$ 15,000
Columbia Industries	\$ 16,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$ 18,500
Domestic Violence Services	\$ 20,000
St. Vincent de Paul, Pasco Food Bank	\$ 22,500
Tri-Cities Food Bank	\$ 26,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 288,500</b>