



United Way of
Benton & Franklin Counties

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United Way awards another \$62,500 for COVID-19 relief

Total amount given out climbs to more than \$100,000 to help people in need

KENNEWICK, Wash—United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties awarded \$62,500 to local nonprofit agencies in the past month to support access to food and supplies and to mental and behavioral health services in our community. The new grants bring the total distribution from the local [COVID-19 Community Response Fund](#) to \$102,500.

“We are just so grateful to our generous donors, both at the individual level and our corporate partners,” said LoAnn Ayers, United Way president. “As the pandemic lingers, the needs of our vulnerable community members continue to climb. These gifts make it possible to get food and other critical help to people in need.”

Agencies who were allocated funding between May 15 and June 12 are:

-) Domestic Violence Services, \$4,000 for food and transportation for victims of domestic violence and \$3,000 for emotional and behavioral support programs for at-risk youth.
-) Impact Compassion Center. \$2,000 for basic sanitation and food supplies for low-income families
-) Mirror Ministries, \$2,500 for mental health support for survivors of sex trafficking
-) Planned Parenthood, in partnership with the Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition. \$2,000 for food support for vulnerable individuals
-) Richland Seniors Association, \$2,000 for food and basic supplies for homebound seniors
-) Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery \$2,000 for food and basic hygiene supplies for families in need
-) Columbia Basin College Foundation: \$2,000 for groceries for students
-) Lutheran Community Services NW: \$4,000 for youth teletherapy kits
-) Saint Vincent de Paul: \$4,000 for weekly food boxes for low-income families
-) The ARC of Tri-Cities \$4,000 for health and wellness support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
-) Senior Life Resources: \$2,000 for food and basic supplies for low-income seniors
-) Boys & Girls Clubs, \$7,000 for mental health care packages and development of mental health videos for teens; and to provide critical care boxes to low-income families
-) Chaplaincy Health Care \$3,000 for telehealth services and \$3,000 for the Cork’s Place grief support program for children and teens
-) Tri-Cities Food Bank, \$6,000 for food to low-income families

-) ANSIL, \$2,000 for mental health support for homeless shelter residents
-) Catholic Charities, \$2,000 to provide food and transportation support to young adults
-) Elijah Family Homes, \$3,000 to support people transitioning out of homelessness
-) Salvation Army, \$3,000 for food boxes for low-income and homeless families

Currently, donations made to the relief fund result in three times the impact, thanks to a “Triple Your Dollar” initiative made possible by matching funds from the Perigee Fund and All In WA by giving through <https://give.uwbfc.org/givenow>

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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.