ST. DAVID’S FOUNDATION COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND:
LIFTING UP CENTRAL TEXAS TODAY AND TOMORROW

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The St. David’s Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund: Lifting Up Central Texas Today and Tomorrow will provide financial support to impacted nonprofits and public entities serving communities in Central Texas. This fund is designed to complement the COVID-19 response efforts of local and state health departments, public health officials, and federal subsidies – while expanding local capacity to address aspects of the global pandemic as immediately and efficiently as possible.

We anticipate the overall healing and rebuilding following this global pandemic will need to address three phases: a) immediate, b) intermediate, and c) longer term recovery. This St. David’s Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund is intended to address the first two phases; grants awarded will be for up to 12 months. Awarded grants will be prioritized based on the immediate and intermediate needs of nonprofits and public entities working on the front lines to provide emergency assistance to those most impacted by COVID-19 in some of Central Texas’ most vulnerable communities. Beyond these needs facing our community, we believe this public health crisis has created an extraordinary moment to call for greater health equity within the Central Texas community, and are committed to partnering with our neighbors throughout this time.

Eligibility:

a. All applicants must apply by 3 p.m. by each phase’s deadline – May 7, August 13 and October 15. Application details will be made available here on Monday, April 13th: https://stdavidsfoundation.org/covid19-recovery-fund/

Emailed, faxed, or mailed applications will not be accepted. At this time, application questions are only available in English. As you develop your submission, application questions may be viewed here: https://stdavidsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Recovery-Fund-Sample-Questions.pdf

b. The lead organization/applicant must be a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or a public entity in Central Texas (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson counties).

c. If your organization meets all other criteria but is not officially a 501(c)(3), a fiscal sponsor is needed to apply for this grant.

d. Priority populations for this fund include older adults at risk of social isolation, women, children, and vulnerable populations. Special attention will be given to our neighbors in rural communities within the five-county area (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson).

e. Priority will be given to direct service providers – such as those supporting essential healthcare, human services, and food insecurity. Organizations that work in partnership with
populations experiencing poverty or having limited access to basic services will also be prioritized.

f. Further funding priorities will be committed to efforts related to other factors that impact health and well-being (e.g., social work, telehealth, mental health services, home health aides, and youth serving organizations).

g. Small and medium sized organizations, organizations led by women or persons of color, and organizations serving communities of color and immigrant families are strongly encouraged to apply. The Foundation is committed to making fair, equitable decisions so organizations of all sizes have a fair opportunity to be awarded – based on immediate or intermediate COVID-19 related needs.

h. The Foundation will determine “organization size” based on your organization’s operational budget from the previous fiscal year. For the purposes of this fund, and as determined by GuideStar and St. David’s Foundation parameters:
   a) “Small-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget up to $300,000. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding up to $50,000 for 12 months.
   b) “Medium-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget between $300,000 to $2 million. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding up to $100,000 for 12 months.
   c) “Large-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget of more than $2 million. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding for up to $250,000 for 12 months.

i. Tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public entities serving the five counties that do not have a current St. David’s Foundation grant are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to organizations with the most immediate and intermediate COVID-19 related needs and/or organizations that do not have other immediate funding sources.

j. Existing St. David’s Foundation grant partners (in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson counties) with an active St. David’s Foundation grant are eligible to apply. Prioritization will be given to organizations with the most immediate and intermediate COVID-19 related needs and/or organizations that do not have other immediate funding sources.

k. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

l. We are not able to fund individuals or businesses directly, labor unions, or other 501(c)4, 501(c)5, and 501(c)6 organizations.

m. Organizations that exclude participants or job applicants on the basis of race/ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation are not eligible for funding.

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FAQ

Q1: How does the St. David’s Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund align with St. David’s Foundation’s focus on health equity?
A: Health equity, especially during this global pandemic, requires a prioritization of available assets to those most in need, in order to mitigate critical loss and provide relief where vital resources may be lacking. Across all of the Foundation’s goals and principles, we are guided by a commitment to achieve health equity. Additionally, the Foundation has created an Equity Committee to review eligible applications and ensure that funding decisions are made equitably. We believe all Central Texans should have the opportunity to achieve optimal health and there are no avoidable, unnecessary, or systemically caused differences in health status (due to age, ethnicity, gender, or geography). Eliminating health disparities cannot be accomplished without seriously addressing the underlying social determinants of health.

Q2: How will funding be allocated/awarded to each organization?
A: Funding will be allocated based on an organization’s size and an organization’s operating budget from the previous fiscal year, as outlined below:

1. “Small-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget up to $300,000. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding up to $50,000 for 12 months.
2. “Medium-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget between $300,000 to $2 million. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding up to $100,000 for 12 months.
3. “Large-sized” organizations are defined as those with an operating budget of more than $2 million. These organizations are eligible to apply for funding for up to $250,000 for 12 months.

Q3: How is the organization’s size determined?
A: St. David’s Foundation defines organization size for the purpose of the St. David’s Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund based on the organization’s operating budget from the previous fiscal year. Definitions are as follows:

1. “Small-sized” - organizations with an operating budget up to $300,000.
2. “Medium-sized” - organizations with an operating budget between $300,000 to $2 million.
3. “Large-sized” - organizations with an operating budget of more than $2 million.

Q4: How many phases of funding will be offered?
A: The St. David’s Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund will focus first on immediate and intermediate needs for those most impacted by COVID-19 during the initial phases of funding. Details regarding the long-term rebuild/recovery phase are forthcoming and are dependent on the changing needs of our community and progress made throughout the immediate and intermediate phases.
Q5: What are the deadlines for funding applications?
A: Application deadlines throughout 2020 are as follows:

- May 7
- August 13
- October 15

Applications are due by 3 pm CT.

Q6: Can I apply for funding in more than one grant phase?
A: If your organization receives funding in one phase of the grant cycle, you are ineligible to reapply for an additional phase of funding. If your application is declined, you may apply in more than one phase.

Q7: How will the fund adapt to changing needs as the situation evolves?
A: In an effort to strategically deploy resources and meaningfully support our community, all decisions regarding funding are at the discretion of St. David’s Foundation. The Foundation may adjust resources as health equity needs evolve and the community adapts to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q8: If my organization is focused on statewide services, including the five county Central Texas region, am I eligible for funding?
A: Yes. If the lead organization/applicant is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or a public entity based in Central Texas (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson counties) and also provides services statewide, they are eligible for funding.

Please note: In an effort to strategically deploy resources and meaningfully support our community, all funding decisions are at the discretion of St. David’s Foundation. Applicants may be asked for additional documents throughout the review process.