
A Lifeline for Communities

COVID RELIEF AND RESILIENCE

In March, our elected officials passed the historic over \$2 trillion CARES Act to address the immediate social and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. Among other critical provisions, the bill provided funds for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which served as a lifeline for ailing service providers, synagogues, community centers, day schools, and small businesses so they would be able to continue to help those depending on them for vital support.

Yet, faced with increased demand for services and higher operating costs, non-profits need more help to remain resilient and continue to serve communities. Jewish Federations and our networks are working alongside America's largest and most well-respected charities, non-profits, and faith-based organizations. Charitable nonprofits have lost almost a million jobs since the pandemic began in March, and hundreds of thousands more are now at risk. As our organizations continue to face rising demands for their services, it is essential that the Administration and Congress continue to provide COVID relief to meet the soaring needs of our communities—especially now, when they need us most.

We are advocating for additional support to ensure that Jewish charities continue to thrive, including:

- Second round of PPP funding and simplified loan forgiveness provisions for all charitable organizations
- Safe and Healthy Workplace Tax Credit that reimburses charitable organizations for reopening costs, including funding for testing, personal protective equipment, and workplace reconfiguration expenses, among others
- Enhanced employee hiring and retention payroll tax credits on wages paid during the pandemic
- Full federal reimbursement for charities that self-insure unemployment insurance payments
- Enhanced above-the-line or universal charitable contribution deductions
- Increases in nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Meals on Wheels, and Older Americans Act nutrition services
- Additional support for childcare stabilization providers