



## Guidelines for COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund

### **Purpose:**

To ameliorate the financial burden for members of the Jewish community of Guilford County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to support JFS in its work to accomplish this. Secondly to support efforts in providing food relief in Greensboro.

### **Use of Funds:**

Funds for those in the Jewish community will be used to address expenses associated with unemployment, housing, food, utilities, medications, and other needs of daily life. It will not cover education bills or medical bills. The JFS Director in consultation with the Executive Director of the Federation may also determine use of these funds in order to insure the agency's capacity to carry out this work. As the crisis is still developing and needs may change, the Task Force will review all requests and determine appropriate priorities and action.

### **Criteria for Assessing Eligibility:**

- a. Be a member of the Jewish community or part of a Jewish household in Guilford County for at least three months.
- b. Have need as defined above.
- c. Identify a specific need for assistance.
- d. Assess impact of COVID-19 as it relates to
  1. Employment situation and wages
  2. Number/age of household members
  3. Income of household members
  4. Vulnerability of household members, i.e. health conditions, special needs
  5. Debt
- e. Accessibility of other resources such as unemployment, government relief checks, mortgage/rental/utility/deferments, new COVID-19 insurance coverage, small business loans, etc.
- f. Accessibility of supports such as family, alternative living arrangements, etc.

**Exceptions to above:** Anyone requesting food assistance only will be asked to make an email or phone inquiry directly to the JFS Director.

**Other:**

The Emergency Task Force alone has responsibility for determining awards. All applications will be considered confidential documents and have names removed from them before review. The JFS Director will notify applicants of their awards.

Payment will be made whenever possible to a third party.