The professionals and volunteer leaders of the Jewish Community Foundation and Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona continue to work to make a difference in our community through strategic philanthropic efforts amidst the global pandemic.

Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund Update

$385,000

We established our Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund in March and have worked diligently to secure commitments to strengthen our capacity to meet basic needs, to respond rapidly not only to today’s problems, but also to the growing challenges that will face us as circumstances evolve.

We are deploying the funds available to us in a deliberate manner, based on a phased approach that takes into account the immediate, pressing needs of individuals and families locally and then layers in the needs of the organizations that serve these populations – as well as needs in Israel and among Jewish communities around the world.

We have taken care to strike a balance on the continuum between immediately allocating funds to show community support and adopting a more gradual, measured approach as we watch to ensure we can meet community’s evolving needs that shift and develop with time. The Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund operates in the dynamic tension between these poles, though we have intentionally embarked on a more measured approach, knowing that the needs of individuals and families are immediate and urgent. Therefore, we work to ensure that during our Phase 1 focus on individual and family needs locally, we are deploying the funds available to us in a deliberate manner, based on a phased approach that takes into account the immediate, pressing needs of individuals and families locally and then layers in the needs of the organizations that serve these populations – as well as needs in Israel and among Jewish communities around the world.

Areas of Anticipated Increased Need We Are Monitoring for Potential Funding

Basic human services
Seniors and vulnerable populations
Food scarcity
First responders/medical community
Healthcare
Homelessness
Mental health/suicide prevention
Domestic violence
Native American Population

We are proud to be here to support our community during this challenging time. The Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund has deployed funds to a variety of different causes thus far, and is actively tracking evolving areas of need by staying in close contact with community leaders and organizations across Southern Arizona.

We invite you to join us as we serve the Jewish and broader community through thoughtful, deliberate philanthropic efforts by contributing to the Jewish Community Pandemic Relief Fund. If you would prefer to contribute by volunteering, or have need of assistance yourself, we are also here for you. Please visit us at Jfsa.org/pandemic.

Wishing you and your family health, strength, and joy during this time,

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