



COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND FOR THE ST. CROIX VALLEY

Questions & Answers

WHAT IS THE COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND FOR THE ST. CROIX VALLEY?

A collaboration of the St. Croix Valley Foundation (SCVF), United Way St. Croix Valley (UWSCV) and United Way Washington County East (UWWCE). The Fund supports community organizations responding to COVID-19 related challenges in Chisago and Washington counties (Minnesota) and Burnett, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties (Wisconsin).

HOW MUCH WAS RAISED AND GRANTED?

Over \$1 million was raised from local individuals, foundations, and businesses. This allowed \$1,098,312 to be granted to 112 nonprofit organizations serving the six-county service area. Through the Fund, Timely support was provided to those needing assistance with food, shelter, transportation, and mental health services.

WHAT % OF DONATIONS WENT TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19?

100%. The SCVF waived all administrative fees for **The COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley**. Therefore (with exception of fees charged by credit card companies), 100% of dollars donated were used to respond to COVID-19 related challenges in our region.

HOW DID THE RESPONSE FUND HELP DONORS MAKE AN IMPACT?

The COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley was established to make giving easy for donors who were not sure where best to direct charitable donations. By pooling resources, a community funding committee was able to quickly get charitable resources where they were needed most. Special focus was given to nonprofit organizations meeting basic needs of food, shelter, mental health support, transportation and shelter security issues.

This is a difficult time for all local nonprofits. We encourage donors to continue to give directly to organizations you regularly support. Now is the time to double down for our community as we respond to immediate and long-term ramifications of COVID-19.

IS THE FUND STILL OPEN AND ACCEPTING DONATIONS?

The COVID-19 Response Fund is no longer open. However, we encourage those wanting to continue to support area nonprofits to consider a gift to the [Valley Arts Initiative](#), the [Health and Wellness Fund](#) or to give *unrestricted* (wherever need is the greatest).

- a. Give online; www.scvfoundation.org
- b. Send check payable to St. Croix Valley Foundation, mailed to SCVF, 516 2nd St Ste 214, Hudson, WI 54016.
- c. Give through your donor advised fund, recommending a grant
- d. To inquire about transferring other assets, please contact [Heather Logelin](#), (715)386-9490.

WHAT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE FUND?

Grantees were 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or other charitable organizations able to receive a tax-deductible contribution, such as schools and other public entities.

WHO MADE GRANT DECISIONS?

Grants from **The COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley** were recommended by an advisory committee appointed by the SCVF, UWSCV and UWWCE. These appointees could include staff, board members, affiliated community foundation board members and/or other community partners of the SCVF, UWSCV and UWWCE.

--- Contact information for the partnering organizations is below. ---



The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a philanthropic organization with the mission of enhancing the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley. Accredited by the Charities Review Council and the Council on Foundations' National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the SCVF serves two counties in MN (Washington, Chisago) and 4 counties in WI (Burnett, Polk, St. Croix, Pierce). Ten affiliated community foundations are hosted under the structure and guidance of SCVF. For more information contact [Heather Logelin](#), President, 715-386-9490

The United Way St. Croix Valley helps ensure that all people in the St. Croix Valley can lead a healthy life, receive quality education, and experience financial stability. We strengthen Wisconsin communities in St. Croix, Polk and Pierce Counties. We also serve communities in Burnett and Washburn Counties in Northern Wisconsin. For more information contact [Ann Searles](#), Executive Director, 715-377-0203.

CALL 211 if you need help locating services.

The United Way of Washington County-East works to unite our community and local resources to give each person the opportunity to build a better life. Areas served include river communities from Afton to Marine on St. Croix, also Woodbury, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, Hugo and Withrow. For more information contact [Jessica Ryan](#), Executive Director, 651-439-3838.

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