



Discussion on Funder Collaboration for COVID-19

March 16, 2020 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Meeting Notes

Resources

Funds

- [Local and Regional Funds hosted at California Community Foundation](#)
- [Give2SE](#)
- [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses and Workers Impacted by COVID-19](#)

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- Ria Bhatt, College Futures Foundations, rbhatt@collegefutures.org (Statewide fund to aid low-income students).

Upcoming Webinars/Meetings

- [3/18: How Philanthropy Can Support Local Solutions During School Closures](#)
- [3/19: COVID-19: Impact on the Needs for and Delivery of Legal Services](#)
- [3/23: Discussion on Funder Collaboration for COVID-19](#)

Other

- [Philanthropy CA COVID-19 Response Fund](#)
- [Bay Area Community Resource Page](#)
- [Weinberg Foundation correspondence to grantees relaxing requirements](#)
- [Bay Area orders 'shelter in place,' only essential businesses open in 6 counties](#)
- [Continuity of Payment for Nonprofit Suppliers](#)
- [Age of Learning – Free home access to digital education programs](#)

Northern California Grantmakers Updates

- Hosting local and statewide programming to educate and amplify challenges various communities are facing due to COVID-19.
- Share various resources including different funds on our [COVID-19 Response webpage](#).
- Hosting [Discussion on Funder Collaboration for COVID-19](#), every Monday for three weeks. The purpose of these calls is to learn what other funders are doing, identify unmet needs, help connect funders to promote strategic and aligned funding and learn where NCG can support funders work.



Local Funders shared about the community needs they are seeing, what they are doing in response to COVID-19 and actions they would like to see their peers engage in to address COVID-19.

- **Stephanie Rapp, Walter and Elise Hass Fund**
 - Invests in disaster resilience by funding training and capacity building to aid communities prepare for disasters. Although COVID-19 was not the disaster in mind, it's been heartening to see how investing in long term capacity has aided grantees to be nimble and develop fast solutions to continue providing services.
 - Also providing rapid response funds to safety net organizations who feed and house the most vulnerable populations. Not requiring paperwork, or reporting and transferring funds electronically.
 - Also working with the school districts to provide grants to continue to feed children.
 - Communicated with all grantees that the Fund will relax all requirements and to use their grants on whatever expenses they need to pay for.
 - The Fund also plans to invest in one of the regional funds.
 - Sent a quick survey to grantees on Friday, learned that due to the dramatic drop in volunteers, nonprofits have had to make adjustments with staff and pay vendors to do more of the work that volunteers normally do.

- **Darynell Cadette, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative**
 - Current work is focused in San Mateo County, but will take a more regional approach as COVID-19 response unfolds.
 - Have spent a lot of time reaching out to people to learn what their needs are, a big theme is that many are not able to articulate what they need yet.
 - Working with the San Mateo County Department of Public Health, a few key needs are:
 - Increase capacity for testing
 - Communication: Many Department of Public Health offices feel overwhelmed about getting messages out quickly and being able to respond to all inquiries.
 - Creating a plan for where the most vulnerable populations, especially those experiencing homelessness, will be able to quarantine and heal.
 - How to deploy flexible resources so organizations can meet diverse needs.
 - How to support students, especially those who attend under resourced schools.



- CZI is committed to working on capacity and being responsive.
 - Have set-up wi-fi hotspots
 - Using all resources to be nimble and fast.
 - Talking with Contra Costa Public Health Department who have specifically identified needs for testing.
 - Still waiting to hear from other counties on what their needs are, want to give partners the space to identify their needs.
- **Matthew Goudeau, City of San Francisco, Grants for the Arts**
 - The City of San Francisco has sent out numerous orders, including banning gatherings of 100 or more.
 - COVID-19 has had a major impact on the arts community, as they've lost significant revenue due to the cancellation of performances and other activities. GFTA will honor all of their current grant commitments, but unclear on how much funds will be available for the next fiscal year.
 - The City is focused on providing a source of stability to the community as a whole, including businesses, nonprofits, and the most vulnerable, this includes putting a moratorium on evictions and providing emergency childcare for those in most need.
 - Give2SF – Fund accepting donations that will both provide for the immediate needs of the most vulnerable in San Francisco (food, shelter), as well as fund long term solutions. The legislation outlines three things this fund is to be used for. 1. Support infrastructure needs for the city (relevant if an earthquake) 2. Provide services to the most vulnerable populations 3. Provide support to small-medium size businesses and nonprofits.
 - The fund will be able to support undocumented individuals.
 - How the fund will be administered is currently being developed.
- **Glen Galaich, Stupski Foundation**
 - Talked with the City of Oakland and identified two funding priorities that they will need help with, if the state isn't able to provide funding.
 - \$4 million for feeding older adults
 - \$10 million for the next three weeks to support high number of unsheltered individuals.
 - Unlike San Francisco, Oakland does not have an established fund in place and is looking to coordinate more support from funders.
- **Lorena Hernandez, Comcast**



- Comcast is providing free internet for 60-days for low-income families (no credit check and no terms) <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>
- **Ria Bhatt, College Futures Foundations**
 - Developing a statewide response to address needs of low-income students and undocumented college students. Currently pulling funding together, see email above.

Next Week

- Let Alan know if you have a recommendation for a speaker on the call. Will have a speaker on the call to talk about health care access.
- Immediate needs that were shared on this call included: providing safety net services, advocacy, support for small businesses, worker support, testing, and education and distance learning. On next week's call, we will host break-out rooms to discuss these needs in more depth.