

NEWS RELEASE



COVID-19 Relief Fund Supports Local Nonprofits

Program helps food banks, homeless services, domestic violence center

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 8, 2020 – Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) distributed more than \$154,000 to community partners in April through the COVID-19 Relief Fund to help feed, house, and protect vulnerable residents.

Local nonprofits were alerted to funding availability and requests were reviewed and approved by an internal taskforce created to quickly respond to immediate needs in the community. A second round of funding is available until May 31 through the application process.

The largest single funding recipient was Peace at Home, a domestic violence recovery program based in Roseburg. Peace at Home reported a growing number of abuse and assault cases during the first weeks of the statewide stay-at-home order. Because of financial and psychological stress paired with the mandate to shelter in place, individuals and families were experiencing more instances and threats of violence.

Peace at Home requested and received \$39,000 in funding for hotel stays, food delivery, cleaning, maintenance, and rental assistance. These services, along with a 24-hour crisis line, peer counseling, and an emergency shelter, have created a safe place for residents.

The COVID-19 Relief Fund also delivered \$54,000 in funding to food banks and nutrition programs and \$47,000 to housing shelters and resources for homelessness. A full list of programs funded is included on the second page of this release.

“The coronavirus pandemic has put incredible strain on everyone, and some of our most vulnerable citizens are at a breaking point,” said Umpqua Health Alliance CEO Brent Eichman. “UHA’s mission is to improve the health of Douglas County residents and serve those most in need, and through our partnerships in the community we are seeing a tangible impact in this difficult time. We look forward to continuing to work alongside and support these organizations providing critical care when our community needs it the most.”

Applications are currently available for the second round of funding, with an emphasis on nonprofits from Northern and Southern Douglas County. The funding is intended to help essential organizations maintain or increase services to meet growing needs in the coming months as partners in the greater health care system.

To apply for a grant, contact Holly Larson at hl Larson@umpquahealth.com.

About Umpqua Health

Umpqua Health is the parent company of Umpqua Health Alliance, one of 15 Oregon coordinated care organizations serving the Oregon Health Plan. The Roseburg-based company and its subsidiaries are focused on expanding access, improving care, and reducing unnecessary costs across the clinical space for more than 27,000 Douglas County residents on the Oregon Health Plan.

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Community Partner

Peace at Home

The Friendly Kitchen

The Fish Pantry

ADAPT

Douglas Educational School District

Family Development Center

UCAN Food Bank

Roseburg Rescue Mission

HIV Alliance

Housing Umpqua First

Aviva Veggie RX

Service

Domestic violence services

Meals on Wheels

Food bank

Housing/rental assistance

Home visiting organization

Food pantry/virtual learning

Food bank

Adult homeless shelter

Homeless support

Homeless support

Food delivery



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