The OC Community Resilience Fund, which reached more than $3M in contributions since its mid-March launch, is a coordinated philanthropic effort to support nonprofit organizations working to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Orange County residents. The Fund allows the region’s foundations and donors to focus resources, share infrastructure, reduce duplicative efforts, support innovative responses, and maximize impact in areas of greatest need.

The Fund is awarding grants ranging from $10,000 to $50,000 to local nonprofits that support our county’s most vulnerable residents, including veterans, low-income seniors, households under the poverty line, children of all ages and their families, and individuals who are homeless, disabled or underinsured.

The Fund was designed to support three types of grants:

- Support for community clinics that provide services to prevent or treat COVID-19
- Support for individuals through grants to organizations that can re-grant to individuals affected by COVID-19
- Support for community-based organizations facing direct impact on operations or finances from COVID-19

While so many worthy organizations applied (130 applications were considered in Round 1), each application received a "priority score" which helped to rank applications based on level/amount of essential services provided, vulnerable communities served, and potential for greatest and immediate impact. Priorities included immediate and current provision of services such as shelter, food distribution, childcare, medical and mental health services to vulnerable residents. Beyond the score, the committee was able to review their OC Nonprofit Central profile when available to gauge financial health, level of reserves, and scope and capacity to help determine final awards.

Thirty-six grantees were awarded in early April during the first round, representing a first $1M in emergency grant funding. Those organizations are listed below:

- 211 Orange County
- Anaheim Family YMCA
- Boys & Girls Club of Buena Park
- Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove
- Boys & Girls club of Westminster
- Bracken's Kitchen, Inc.
- Collette Children’s Home, Inc.
- Community Action Partnership Orange County
- Community Health Initiative of Orange County
- Delhi Center
- FACES
- Families Forward
- Family Health Matters
- Goodwill of Orange County
- Human Options
- KCS Health Center
- Laguna Beach Community Clinic
- Laguna Beach Seniors, Inc.
- Laguna Food Pantry
- Latino Health Access
- Lestonnac Free Clinic
- Livingstone Community Development Corporation
- Mariposa Women and Family Center
- Mercy House Living Centers
- Miracles for Kids
- OC United Together
- Project Independence
- Project Kinship
- Santa Ana College Foundation
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
- Serve the People Community Health Center
- Solidarity
- South County Outreach
- The Center OC
- The Eli Home
- WISE Place

Round 2 funding decisions will be made by the grant review committee in mid-April, to push a second million in emergency grants to the region’s nonprofits.