Critical Needs of COVID-19 and Philanthropic Response

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North Texas Cares



North Texas Cares is a funder collaborative made up of 30 North Texas foundations and United Ways that have come together to provide support for organizations that work with people and communities who may be most negatively affected by COVID-19.

Participating funders collect emergency funding requests using a single application portal in order to simplify and streamline the process for nonprofits seeking emergency funds.

North Texas Cares is a not a pooled fund – nonprofits can receive grants from multiple funders.

Priority Funding Tiers

Priority 1

- Critically important emergency requests: access to food, access to essential health care, access to emergency assistance for vulnerable populations
- Support to allow first responders, health care professionals, and other essential workers to continue working. (supplies and equipment, childcare assistance, transportation, etc.)
- Assistance for shelters and group living facilities to provide safe, healthy living conditions incorporating social distancing standards
- Efforts that overtly address racial disparities, including efforts to address viral racism related to COVID-19, as well as efforts focused on addressing the racial and ethnic disparities in communities of color, including access to healthcare, food insecurities, and health disparities

Priority 2

- Access to alternative sources of income
- Access to the internet and technology

Priority 3

- Ongoing operating funds for NPOs providing essential services and support
- Alternatives to volunteers for NPO staffing

North Texas Cares Requests/Funding Summary



Applications: 903 (365 based in the City of Dallas)

Grants Awarded to Date: 400+ nonprofits have received 850+ grants



Total Funding Requested: \$70.1 million

Total Grant Dollars Awarded: \$27.7 million

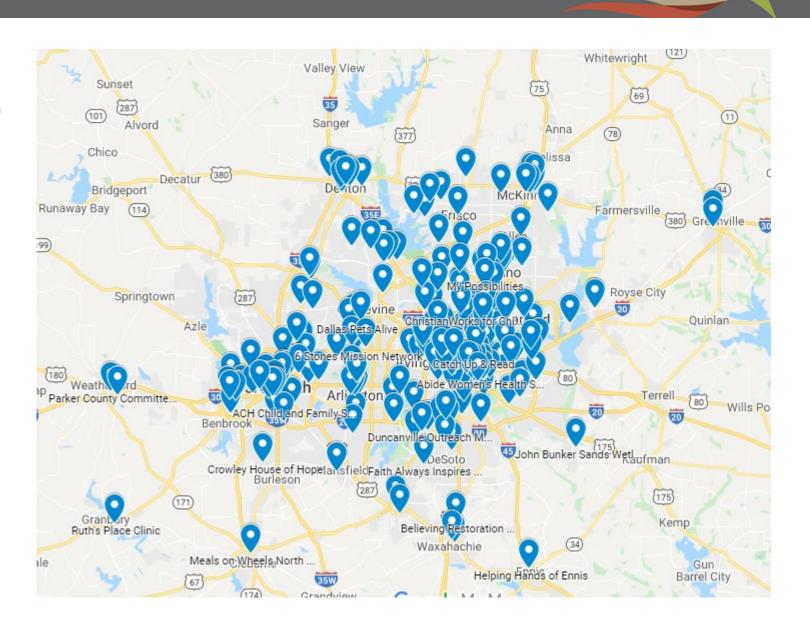


Duplicated Individuals Impacted: 12.8 million

Cities Served: 100+

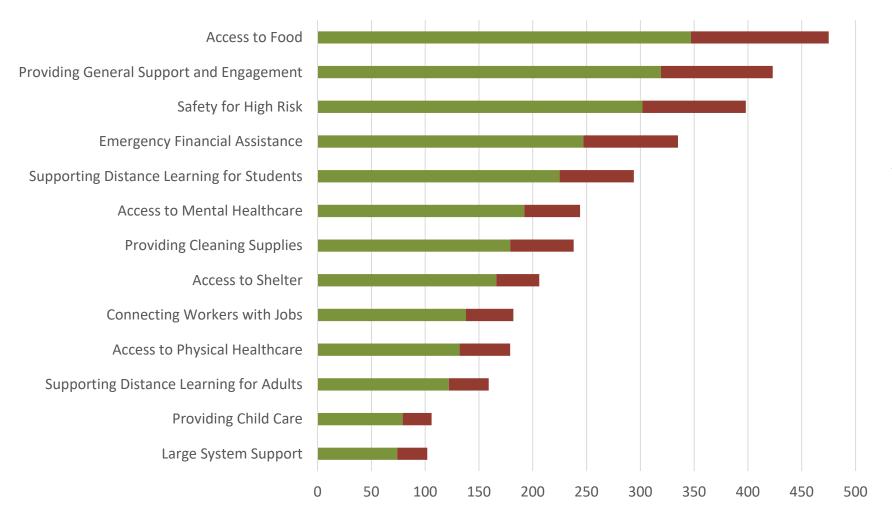
Geography of Grant Recipients

North Texas Cares grantees are spread out across over 80 cities in North Texas, though most are concentrated in Dallas, Tarrant, and Collin County.



Requests to North Texas Cares

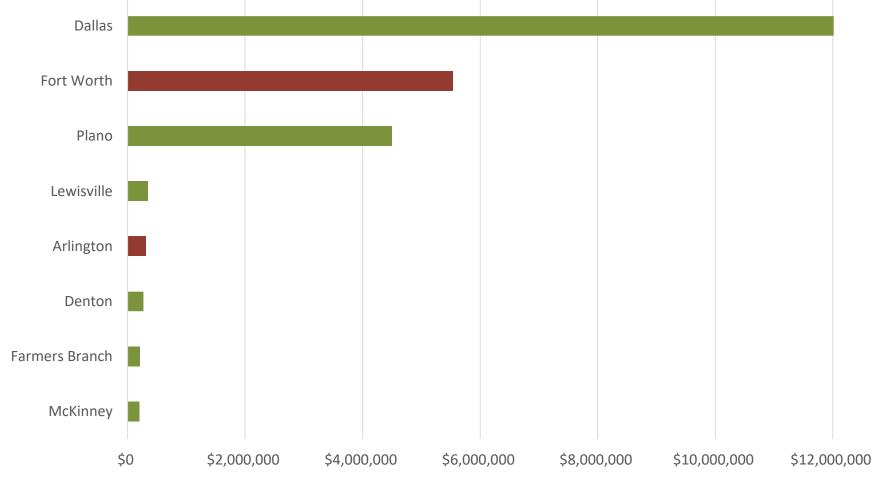
Access to Food was the most prominent need that proposals seek to address through North Texas Cares, with 347 from the Dallas Region* and 128 from the Tarrant Region**.



- * Dallas Region includes the following counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall
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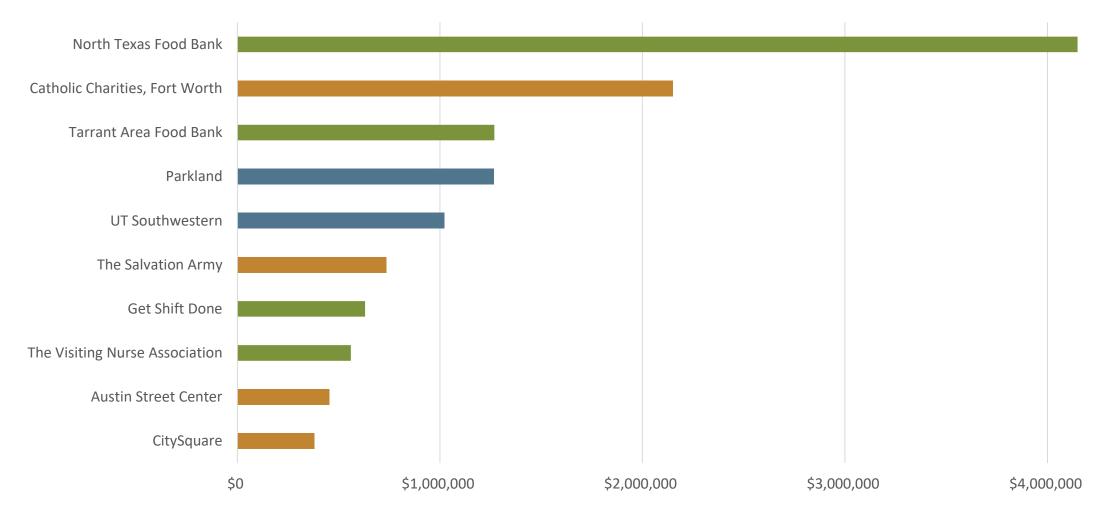
Nonprofits in the Dallas Region have received the most significant support, with over \$12 million targeted at City of Dallas nonprofits. Nonprofits in the Tarrant Region are primarily concentrated in Fort Worth, which has received \$6 million.



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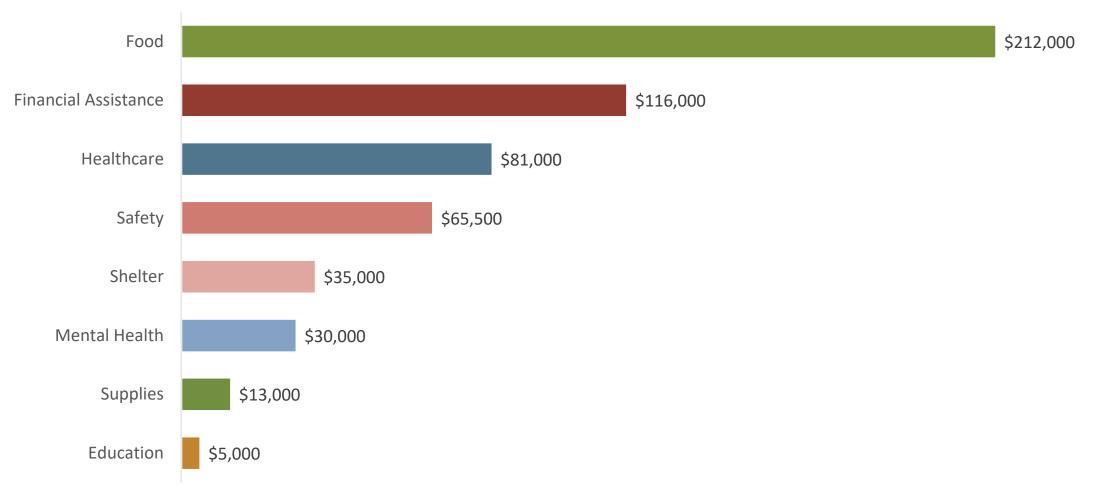
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Large organizations that provide access to food (like North Texas Food Bank and Tarrant Area Food Bank) are some of the top recipients of NTC support. Major hospitals and large social service organizations have also received significant grants.



Example: One Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Funding

To date, Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) has provided 67 grants totaling \$557,000. Nonprofits that provide access to food received the largest amount of support, followed by nonprofits that provide financial assistance and nonprofits that ensure access to healthcare or support for healthcare workers.



























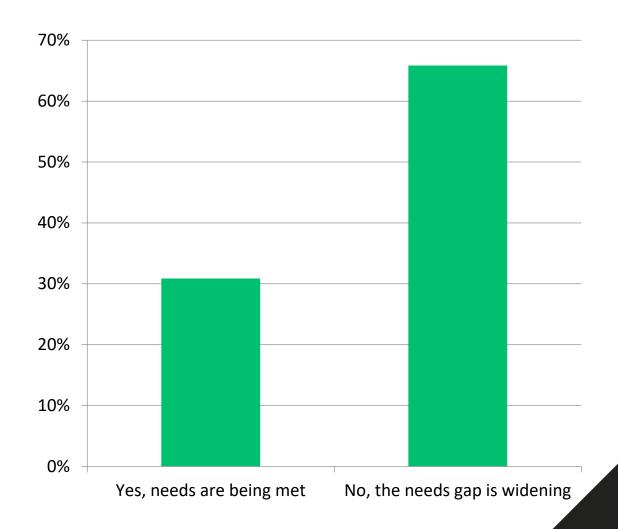
NORTH TEXAS CARES NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

- Conducted by United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- Sent survey to 800+ email addresses from North Texas Cares application system.
- Response rate of 124 organizations
- Dashboard with constantly updated results available here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-GF8PYQG9/



NEEDS GAP WIDENING

- Funds aren't coming in quick enough
- The longer people are unable to work the greater the needs become as people go through what little savings they may have had
- Nonemergency needs are going unmet, like chronic disease management
- Technology needs and distance learning challenges are going unsolved
- Continued needs exist for PPE and cleaning supplies, as well as basic living essentials, like food.





NEW EMERGING NEEDS

- Large scale operational deficits, agencies unable to pay bills (rent) and salaries, let alone purchase supplies
- Hard to serve vulnerable populations hit the hardest – unable to gain employment
- Debt relief
- Telehealth reimbursement rates are lower than face to face

- Food
- Substance abuse relapse
- Mental health needs and counseling, especially for front line health workers
- Families/students not engaged in distance learning
- No safe shelter for victims of domestic violence

"Over the past decade, our graduates have secured their first job in 23 days with 100% employment within 90 days. Today, these men have been hit hard. This past month, we have seen up to 80% of graduates in our transition homes lose their jobs. Because these men are a mix of small business entrepreneurs, tradesmen, and service industry employees, their employment situation is extremely vulnerable." – Prison Entrepreneurship Program



MID-TERM NEEDS

- Unexpected pregnancies
- Instability in housing need for rent/mortgage assistance
- Employment
- Learning loss
- Legal assistance related to evictions
- Mental health needs
- Fear to return to normal
- Undocumented populations aren't receiving stimulus checks
- Increased racial disparities as economy starts back up

"Our biggest concern is the increase in inequities. As often happens in a down-market is only those with means can take advantage of the economic growth that will come. This means those who lost their homes, businesses, jobs, etc. will not have an opportunity to participate as economy expands -- thus, creating a greater wealth gap. It is incumbent on the community to do what we can to not only create safety nets, but a true lift for all. If there is anything the Shelter-In-Place order has magnified, it is exactly that -- lack of access to food, healthcare, safe housing, technology and basic needs. We can accomplish this together by improving access to the list above." – Dallas Education Foundation



LONG TERM NEEDS

- Safe, affordable childcare
- Living wage employment
- Domestic violence and child abuse prevention
- Affordable health care
- Long term educational and health challenges
- Affordable housing
- Mental health care

"This is a health crisis compounded by an economic crisis. If there are intermittent closings of work during this period of time, financial issues will be extreme. Safe affordable childcare for people who have to work at jobs that possibly pay less than the jobs that they had prior to the economic downturn will make it difficult for people to pay for quality childcare. They were also be a need for the lowest income members of our community to gain skills that can make them be immediately employed. And, as these stressful times continue, the incidence of domestic violence and child abuse will continue to rise. The need for mental health support, whether it's intense case management or counseling, is also going to be critical." – The Family Place

