



THE GREATER EMPORIA AREA DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE GREATER EMPORIA AREA?

The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund is a collaboration of the Emporia Community Foundation (ECF), the Emporia Main Street, KVOE Radio and United Way of the Flint Hills (UWFH). The Fund will support community organizations responding to COVID-19 in Lyon, Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Morris, Osage, Wabaunsee and Woodson Counties.

HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE GREATER EMPORIA AREA?

- Give online at <https://emporiainmainstreet.com/programs/organization/relief/>; <https://www.emporiacf.org/make-donation> or <https://www.unitedwayoftheflinthills.org/>
- Send your check, payable to the Emporia Community Foundation/COVID-19 and mail to ECF, 527 Commercial St., Ste. B, Emporia, KS 66801.
- Give through your donor advised fund, recommending a grant to the Emporia Community Foundation with "The Disaster Relief Fund" as the grant purpose.
- At this time, we ask that you not take your donation to one of the sponsoring organizations as our offices are closed, however after the Lyon County Stay at Home Order has ended, we will be more than happy to see you!

To inquire about transferring assets, please contact: Mickey Edwards, mickey@uwfh.org or Becky Nurnberg, becky.nurnberg@emporiacf.org.

IS THERE A GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS FOR THIS FUND?

The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund will prioritize community-based organizations responding to COVID-19 serving Lyon, Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Morris, Osage, Wabaunsee and Woodson Counties. Donors seeking to support organizations outside of that geographic area are encouraged to make direct gifts or reach out to that area's community foundation or United Way for assistance with gifts to support that region.

CAN I DESIGNATE MY GIFT FOR A SPECIFIC COMMUNITY?

In some cases, yes. **The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund** serves Lyon, Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Morris, Osage, Wabaunsee and Woodson Counties. If you want your gift to go to that area, you may name that community. If you designate your gift to one of those areas, we will ensure that your dollars are granted to support that community.

CAN I DESIGNATE MY GIFT FOR A SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION OR PURPOSE?

To ensure that we can coordinate and share resources as quickly as possible, donors may not restrict their grants to a specific organization or purpose. If you would like to support a specific organization, we encourage you to give to them directly.

HOW MUCH OF MY DONATION WILL GO TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19?

With the exception of fees charged by PayPal or credit card companies, 100% of your gift will be used to help respond to COVID-19 in our region. The ECF is waiving administrative fees for **The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund** as our gift to the community during the crisis.

SHOULD I GIVE TO THIS FUND INSTEAD OF MAKING OTHER DONATIONS?

No. **The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund** will quickly get charitable resources where they are needed most, with an initial focus on the basic needs of those most significantly impacted by this crisis. However, we know this is a difficult time for all of our local nonprofits. Please continue to give directly to the organizations you regularly support. Now is the time to double down for our community as we begin to respond to the immediate and long-term ramifications of COVID-19.

WHAT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE FUND?

Due to the charitable structure of **The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund**, grants are limited to nonprofit organizations, groups fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit organization, or other charitable organizations able to receive a tax-deductible contributions, such as schools and other public entities. We are not able to directly fund businesses or individuals.

WHAT WILL GRANTS FROM THIS FUND SUPPORT?

We anticipate multiple phases of funding to address both the immediate and longer-term needs related to this crisis. We will focus initially on the medical community, then lost jobs and then work to reboot the local economies in the areas we serve. Priority will be given to local organizations working to meet the basic needs of those most significantly impacted by this crisis. This phase includes proactively identifying potential grant recipients and using input, guidance and research from organizations and others in the community to make grant decisions. Future grant phases will be communicated as fundraising continues throughout the crisis, making it possible to adapt quickly to evolving needs.

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION APPLY TO RECEIVE FUNDING?

In order to move resources quickly and not further burden nonprofit organizations, initially we will not employ a formal application process. Organizations that would like to ensure they are considered can fill out a brief form, found on the following websites: emporiacf.org; emporiainmainstreet.com; kvoe.com or unitedwayoftheflinthills.org.

CAN INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 APPLY FOR FUNDING?

We understand many individuals and families are significantly impacted by COVID-19. **The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund** is not able to provide direct grants to individuals or businesses. Instead, during the first phase of our grantmaking, we will work to move resources as quickly as possible to community-based organizations that are directly supporting those who are most affected. Funds will be allocated through our partners to indirectly assist individuals, organizations, and businesses within the area. For more information about resources in your local community, contact the Emporia Community Foundation, Emporia Main Street, KVOE Radio or the United Way of the Flint Hills.

WHO WILL MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT IS FUNDED?

An advisory committee appointed by the ECF, Emporia Main Street, KVOE Radio and UWFH will recommend grants from The Greater Emporia Area Disaster Relief Fund. These appointees could include staff, board members, affiliated community foundation board members and/or other community partners of the ECF, Emporia Main Street, KVOE Radio and UWFH.

WHEN WILL YOU SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT GRANTS FROM THE FUND?

A listing of grantees will be published on the websites of the Emporia Community Foundation, Emporia Main Street, KVOE and United Way of the Flint Hills along with press releases to local media.

WHAT HAPPENS TO ANY FUNDS NOT USED FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORT?

In the unlikely case that all funds contributed are not able to be distributed to COVID-19 response efforts, any remaining balance will be granted evenly to the ECF, Emporia Main Street, KVOE Radio and UWFH to support future basic needs grantmaking.

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

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The Emporia Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization with the mission to connect caring people with causes that build stronger communities within the Emporia area which includes Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties. The ECF is accredited by the Council on Foundation's National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and audited by Varney & Associates. The ECF includes Affiliate Funds in Chase and Greenwood Counties. Affiliate Funds are collections of assets to fulfill charitable needs in a specified community. For more information, go to emporiacf.org or contact Becky Nurnberg, Executive Director, (620) 342-9304 or becky.nurnberg@emporiacf.org.

Emporia Main Street, Inc. is a non-profit agency committed to increasing consumer business, strengthening retail and professional institutions, assisting in the preservation and maintenance of the community's heritage and promoting pride in the community's institutions and achievements through design, promotion, business enhancement and organization committees. Our organization works with individuals, organizations and businesses in the Emporia area, Lyon County and the region. For more information, go to emporiainstreet.com or contact Casey Woods, Executive Director, (620) 340-6430 or main.street@emporia-kansas.gov.

KVOE Radio – Emporia's Radio Stations Inc (KVOE), a team of broadcast professionals, empowered by the strength of our people. As a servant to our community, we will continue to demonstrate our commitment to excellence as the provider of quality local information and entertainment. With appreciation of our leadership position, we will move forward with innovation and diversity. For more information, go to kvoe.com or contact Ron Thomas at (620) 342-0804 or thomasr@kvoe.com.

United Way of the Flint Hills is a local, non-profit organization meeting local needs in Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage, Wabaunsee, and Woodson counties. Our mission is to build a vibrant community by focusing on education, income, and health. The United Way identifies issues facing our community's residents, and we seek solutions to those problems. For more information, go to www.unitedwayoftheflinthills.org, or contact Mickey Edwards, Executive Director, (620) 342-7564 or mickey@uwfh.org.