The Newport Beach-based Orange County Community Foundation, along with the St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund, Charitable Ventures and regional funding partners, have launched the OC Community Resilience Fund to tackle the immediate impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus on the community’s most vulnerable members.

The fund, which aims to raise $2 million by March 31, will award grants ranging from $10,000 to $50,000 to community providers that support people such as veterans, low-income senior citizens, households living under the poverty line, immigrants and refugees, children of all ages and their families, and those who are homeless, disabled or underinsured.

“Countless nonprofit organizations are facing unprecedented challenges in caring for extremely vulnerable residents whose well-being and basic needs are most affected by COVID-19,” Shelley Hoss, president and chief executive of the Orange County Community Foundation, said in a statement. “When we work together, leverage our efforts and stay flexible in an ever-changing environment, we can help keep our community strong.”

The OC Community Resilience Fund will provide three types of grants to local nonprofits:

- Support community clinic operations to provide preventive and medical services for those affected by COVID-19, especially those caring for uninsured or underinsured patients to offset the costs of uncompensated care.
- Support emergency grants to individuals affected by COVID-19 due to quarantine, business closures and/or layoffs and school or other community program closures and/or layoffs.
- Support community-based organizational operations for nonprofits serving vulnerable populations directly effected by the medical or economic effects of the pandemic.

A review committee of staff from the foundation, the St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund and OC Grantmakers will review applications and make funding decisions. Charitable Ventures will administer the fund, which will have rolling grant cycles and work to respond to applicants on a monthly basis. All administrative costs will be covered by the foundation and the St. Joseph Health fund.

For more information or to donate to the fund, visit charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund. Questions about the grant opportunities can be directed to ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org.