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**COALITION OF FUNDERS LAUNCHES OC COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND TO COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

*Grants from this pooled fund will bolster the efforts of community-based organizations seeing increases and shifts in needs due to the pandemic*

**Newport Beach, Calif. (March 19, 2020)** – The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF), St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund and Charitable Ventures, along with regional funding partners, have launched the OC Community Resilience Fund to collectively tackle the immediate impact of COVID-19 on our most vulnerable communities. 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 our county’s most vulnerable populations, including veterans, low-income seniors, households under the poverty line, immigrants and refugees, children of all ages and their families, and individuals 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,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. “We are proud to partner with our fellow regional funders to facilitate this targeted and strategic vehicle for philanthropic collaboration. 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 preventative 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 (i.e., as a result of personal illness or to care for a family member), 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 impacted by the medical or economic effects of the pandemic.

“The OC Community Resilience Fund represents a vital mobilization of Orange County’s most passionate funders intent on serving our most vulnerable neighbors,” Jason Lacsamana, Senior Program Officer, St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund and Chairperson of Orange County Grantmakers. “By extending this vital support to nonprofits at the frontlines of care during this pandemic, we will direct grants where they are most needed immediately, responding to the evolving changes we are seeing in this public health emergency.”

A review committee comprised of staff from OCCF, 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 will work to respond to applicants on a monthly basis. All administration costs will be covered by St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund and Orange County Community Foundation.

To learn more and donate to this Fund, visit: <https://charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/>. Questions on the grant opportunities can be directed to [ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org](mailto:ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org).

### **About Orange County Community Foundation**

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded \$690 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top one percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.org) or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF's 2019 annual report [here](#).

### **About St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund**

The St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund makes strategic investments in the health and well-being of communities across the Western United States. The Fund works to reduce health disparities and promote equity by investing in systems-level impacts on community health issues, and strengthening partnerships and collaboration. Our investments fall into the following four categories: building capacity and partnerships, promoting justice and community leaders, investing in best practices and new ideas, and caring for the vulnerable. For more information, please visit: <http://stjosephcpf.org/>

### **About Charitable Ventures**

Charitable Ventures of Orange County was launched in 2007 to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits and to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector. As a regional incubator, Charitable Ventures has fiscally sponsored more than 60 community projects and regional initiatives since inception. In 2020, Charitable Ventures anticipates sponsoring more than 35 active projects on track to raise between \$14 and \$16 million, and is the region's Administrative Community Based Organization for the 2020 Census. Visit [charitableventuresoc.org](http://charitableventuresoc.org) for more information.

### **About Orange County Grantmakers**

Orange County Grantmakers is a community of philanthropists committed to improving outcomes for Orange County and beyond. Our mission is to advance social impact by supporting, strengthening and building adaptive leadership across our nonprofit and philanthropic community.

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