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Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund Up to \$404,000 in Grants

The Yolo Community Foundation has announced that an additional \$114,000 in grants has been made over the past two months by the Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund; combined with the \$290,000 announced in early June, the Relief Fund has now made 30 grants totaling \$404,000.

The Relief Fund is a partnership between Yolo County, the Cities of Woodland, Winters, West Sacramento, and Davis, and the Yolo Community Foundation. It makes grants in two categories: Front-Line Response grants, to support organizations that are addressing problems that were created or exacerbated by COVID-19 and its fall-out, and smaller Nonprofit Sustainability grants, which support organizations that have been negatively impacted by the crisis.

New Front-Line Response grantees include the Yolo Crisis Nursery, Northern California Children's Therapy Center, Yolo Hospice, Yolo CASA, and Yolo Diaper Bank; they join the following previously announced Front-Line Response grantees: Empower Yolo, Fourth & Hope, Meals on Wheels Yolo County, Mutual Housing California, RISE, STEAC, Suicide Prevention of Yolo County, Winters Farm to School, Winters Healthcare Foundation, Woodland's Dinner on Main, Yolo County Children's Alliance, Yolo Food Bank, and Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network.

New Nonprofit Sustainability grantees Explorit Science Center, Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, Friends of the Woodland Public Library, Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento, Shores of Hope, Three Sisters Garden, Thriving Pink, West Sacramento Friends of the Library, and YMCA of Superior California join the previously announced Putah Creek Council, Yolo Basin Foundation, and Yolo Community Care Continuum.

For additional details about these organizations, the grants they received, and their efforts to support the community, please go to www.yolocf.org.

This funding is empowering local nonprofits to meet the tremendous need that COVID-19 and its fall-out have created in the Yolo community. According to Heather Sleuter, the executive director of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, a safe haven for young children and families in crisis, "With the increase in families in crisis, domestic violence, and those experiencing food and home insecurities, we would not be able to meet the needs of our community without this generous funding stream." Similarly, Aleecia Gutierrez, chair of the board of directors for the Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento, which serves unsheltered and low-income individuals and families, reports, "When the threat of COVID-19 adversely impacted the availability of the

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Mercy Coalition’s staff and volunteer base, we had to make the difficult decision to halt our services. The grant funds enabled our team to make the necessary operational changes so we can get back to making sure our city’s most vulnerable are fed and connected to services.”

Needs in Yolo County remain significant, and local nonprofits are working hard to address them – but they need ongoing support. “The vital role these non-profits play in providing services and support to Yolo County residents, particularly in the wake of a pandemic, cannot be overstated,” said Gary Sandy, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. “These grant recipients provide food and other necessities to highly vulnerable populations. Even given these grants, these organizations rely on the ongoing support of our communities. We encourage everyone to donate what they can to sustain these important and compassionate organizations through a difficult and demanding time.”

The Yolo Community Foundation and its partners encourage the generous Yolo community to give directly to the local nonprofits hard at work in the community; learn more about such efforts at <https://www.yolocf.org/yolo-county-nonprofits/> or by following the Yolo Community Foundation on Facebook (@yolocf.org). In addition, the Relief Fund is accepting donations at <https://www.yolocf.org/giving/give-now/> or in any Yolo Federal Credit Union branch. As long as donations continue to come in, the Relief Fund will make grants to nonprofits serving Yolo County.

About the Yolo Community Foundation

The Yolo Community Foundation inspires giving, supports philanthropists, and serves the nonprofit community in Yolo County. The organization offers donor-advised funds and other philanthropic vehicles, donates to local nonprofits through the Buck Education Grant, fosters volunteerism through the Yolo Youth Scholarship Awards and annual Philanthropy Day program, and supports local giving via its involvement in the Big Day of Giving. YCF currently has 60 philanthropic funds valued at \$5 million and is an affiliate of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. Join us! Visit www.yolocf.org for more information.