



Acton-Boxborough
United Way

COVID-19 Emergency Grants for Agencies - Eligibility Criteria

As the current COVID-19 pandemic deeply impacts our community and its residents, Acton-Boxborough United Way launched the COVID-19 Impact Fund, a community-wide effort to help neighbors in need.

The Fund supports residents in need and critical local nonprofit organizations supporting residents in need. We offer a rolling rapid response grant program to provide critical resources to local nonprofit organizations working to serve Acton and Boxborough residents negatively impacted by the pandemic.

My nonprofit organization is interested in resources from this fund. How can we be considered?

At this time, A-B United Way will prioritize organizations who are providing emergency basic needs to our most vulnerable residents, families and youth in Acton and Boxborough. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Access to food
- Access to basic hygiene products
- Emergency shelter and clothing
- Emergency childcare
- Mental health

The following factors will be considered when evaluating an emergency agency funding request for the COVID-19 Impact Fund:

- Requests must come from designated 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.
- Available funds and forecasted addition(s) to the COVID-19 Impact Fund.
- Scale and severity of community needs.
- Operational capacity of organization requesting funds, demonstrated ability and capacity to implement.
- Activities proposed for funding
- Impact of administrative or other overhead costs of organization on donated funds.
- Potential ability to complement or leverage other resources (volunteers). We encourage agencies to partner and combine support.
- The ability to “jump start” and not necessarily fully fund critical response – the goal is not necessarily to fund 100% of the project and project requirements.
- The ability to complete the project within a timely manner.
- The positive impact and expected outcomes for residents served in Acton and Boxborough.



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How can an agency apply for funding?

To request an application, or if you have questions regarding eligibility or the grant process, please email abuw@abuw.org

Requests for funding will be reviewed one time per week by A-B United Way's COVID-19 Agency Task Force. Please expect a response within 7-14 business days.

What are the reporting requirements?

A-B United Way will provide a reporting template to detail outcomes and use of the funds and its impact on Acton and Boxborough residents. The report needs to be returned within 90 days of receipt of the funding.

How much financial support can we expect?

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided as funds are available. If your needs are greater, the Task Force will consider providing larger grants on a case-by-case basis.

Please note: This is a fluid situation and A-B United Way will continue to assess and adjust funding priorities as needed to respond to additional needs we know will arise in our community in the coming months.

Can agencies submit multiple grants?

This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

What documentation is required?

We will request a project budget and supporting invoices and documents.

Can individuals apply for assistance from this fund?

Acton and Boxborough residents impacted by the pandemic are eligible for support through a separate application process. See [COVID-19 Emergency grants for residents](#).

When will you share who you fund?

We anticipate making a first round of grants as soon as possible and will share a list of grantees on our website and on social media.