COVID-19 Emergency Grant
FAQs

What is the COVID-19 Emergency Grant program?
The Cameron Foundation has established the COVID-19 Emergency Grant program to support organizations across our service area that are being impacted by the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. We recognize that those responding to this unanticipated crisis may see an increase in the demand for services and need financial resources to support their work in our community. They also may become financially vulnerable themselves as they scramble to cover the cost of expanding their services or suspending programs and events that would generate revenue.

What does the COVID-19 Emergency Grant program fund?
Grant funding is available for eligible organizations to address needs that fall into one or more of the four key areas:
- Health and Safety
- Education
- General Operating Support
- Technology

A full description of what will be considered under each key area is available here.

Who can apply for funding?
501(c)(3) organizations, government agencies and religious organizations providing relevant services to residents of The Cameron Foundation’s service area can apply for a COVID-19 Emergency Grant. However, school divisions that have received a School System Technology Infrastructure Grant are not eligible for a COVID-19 Emergency Grant, as these are intended to be complementary emergency grant programs in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Applicants must be a past or current grantee of the Foundation and must meet the eligibility requirements in the Foundation’s general grant guidelines.

The Cameron Foundation’s service area includes the cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights and Hopewell; the counties of Dinwiddie, Prince George and Sussex; and the portion of Chesterfield County lying south of Route 10.

Are individuals or small business owners eligible to apply for funding?
No, if you are an individual in need, please see the Crater Community Resources guide. Information for people experiencing homelessness is available through the Housing Resource.
Is my organization eligible to apply for a COVID-19 Emergency Grant if it has an open grant in The Cameron Foundation’s responsive or proactive grant programs? Yes.

Will applying for an emergency grant prevent my organization from applying for funding in the Foundation’s upcoming responsive grant cycles? No, organizations that receive a COVID-19 Emergency Grant can still apply for funding through the Foundation’s responsive grant program.

How can my organization apply for emergency support? Eligible organizations should log into the Applicant Login section of the Foundation’s website and complete the online application.

In the application, the organization must clearly articulate the need for a COVID-19 Emergency Grant based upon the impact of COVID-19 on the organization itself and/or the individuals served by the organization.

A project budget and budget justification also must indicate the impact of COVID-19 on the operations of the organization. Additionally, the applicant must indicate what current resources are available and state what additional resources will be leveraged to address the problem identified.

When is the application deadline? There is no deadline to apply. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will receive a decision within two weeks from the receipt of a completed application.

What is the maximum amount of grant funding you will consider? Grant requests up to $20,000 will be considered.

How will applications be evaluated? Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria: Urgency of Need, Justification of Need, Budget Justification and Past Performance of the Organization.

If awarded a grant, how long does my organization have to spend the grant funds? Grantees have six months to spend the grant funds from the date that the grant is awarded.

Can my organization apply more than once for a COVID-19 Emergency Grant? Applicants may apply only once during the current calendar year.

What are the reporting requirements? A final report, including both a narrative and financial report, will be due at the conclusion of the grant.
**Questions?**
The full details of the COVID-19 Emergency Grant program are available [here](#).

General questions and inquiries about the COVID-19 Emergency Grant program can be directed to Program Officer Valerie Liggins at [vliggins@camfound.org](mailto:vliggins@camfound.org).

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