FUND MISSION
The mission of the Chequama-Care COVID-19 Response Fund is to respond with efficiency to the needs identified in our communities and deploy resources to nonprofit organizations at the frontlines of the coronavirus outbreak.

Please note: the COVID-19 Response Fund does not grant directly to individuals and families but to the nonprofit organizations that serve individuals and families. Individuals and families should contact local agencies for immediate help.

The Chequama-Care Fund focuses on the following priorities:

- Providing emergency essentials of food, housing, medical care, safety, transportation, and income assistance for individuals and families.
- One-time operating support for organizations experiencing increased demand for services, diminishing volunteer support, and those serving vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, people with physical and mental disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness, joblessness, or with low incomes.
- Addressing the needs of staff of nonprofit organizations impacted by reduced or lost employment or benefits, as well as program providers such as contractors and volunteers.
- Supporting adaptations necessary to continue organizational functioning; including protective equipment for staff and volunteers and technology upgrades.
- Developing community wellbeing for coping and healing; including youth development, mental health services, and activities focused on the arts, culture, and the great outdoors.

Grants generally range from $1,000 to $5,000.

This funding must not duplicate other federal or state funding the organization or individuals served have received or are eligible to receive.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible to apply for funding, an organization must:

- be classified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or classified as an organization under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- be located in or provide service to residents of the Town of La Pointe, Red Cliff Reservation, Town of Russell, City of Bayfield, Town of Bayfield, and the boundaries of the
Washburn School District and Ashland School District including Odanah, the central community of the Bad River Reservation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Potential applicants should first submit a Letter of Intent, via the Community Foundation’s website at http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/apply-for-a-grant. Inquiries will be reviewed daily, Monday to Friday, during normal business hours. Staff will contact applicants within 24 hours of receipt and provide direction on next steps within 48 hours.

Based on the outcome of the pre-application, an organization may be encouraged to submit a full proposal through the online portal. Please note: if an applicant cannot meet all of these application requirements because of COVID-19-related limitations, please contact the Community Foundation.

RESPONSE TIMELINE
Because of the urgency of the COVID-19 crisis, proposals will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis beginning immediately. Proposals for these funds begin with a very brief “letter of intent” through the online application portal, as described above. Proposals submitted by noon on Thursday will be included in the next review of proposals. Applicants who are awarded grant funds will receive a notification letter and grant agreement.

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