



**SUMMARY OF FALL 2020
RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCY GRANTS
25 Grants Awarded Totaling \$220,522
November 6, 2020**

FUNDING OVERVIEW

As a community foundation, the [Partnership for Better Health](#) strives to serve as a catalyst, advocate and collaborator to establish health as a shared priority, towards ensuring that everyone has what they need for good health. We work to improve the health of the people and communities in our region, which includes Central and Western Cumberland County, Perry County, Northern Adams County and the Greater Shippensburg Area.

In response to COVID-19, the Partnership for Better Health has made over \$850,000 available through 78 emergency grants between the spring and fall of 2020. The listing below summarizes the newest 25 grants, which were announced in November of 2020. These awards ranged between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and included the funding priorities listed below.

1. **Emergency Response Services:** Grants are assisting nonprofit emergency service responders with the purchase of essential health supplies, protective gear and equipment that is specifically designed to keep responders healthy and effective as they respond to the COVID-19 crisis.
2. **Basic Health & Human Services:** Grants are assisting health and human service organizations in responding to the emergency needs of vulnerable community members by ensuring that they continue to have access to essential health services and related needs. Funds are being used to offer increased mental health, substance use disorder and social-emotional services, and to ensure sanitized, protected or virtual settings for the delivery of services.
3. **Rent & Shelter Assistance:** Grants are helping nonprofits respond to increased demand for emergency housing services and outreach, social distancing practices and safe quarantine environments. Grants are also supporting agencies in providing rental assistance to people who have been laid off, lost income and/or became newly unemployed because of COVID-19.
4. **Safe Child Services:** Grants are assisting childcare and related programs in meeting CDC guidelines to operate safely during the pandemic. Funding supports the purchase of sanitation supplies, personal protective equipment and the additional staffing needed to allow for adequate in-person supervision of smaller groups of children.

GEOGRAPHIC REACH OF 25 GRANTS TALLING \$220,522

- 5 Broader Geographic Service Region Grants
- 7 Central Cumberland County Grants
- 6 Western Cumberland County / Shippensburg Grants
- 7 Perry County Grants

4 GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services

Grant Title: PPE & Operating Support

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: The grant is helping to ensure the safety of Duncannon's first responders and patients by assisting with staffing costs and the purchase of decontamination and air filtration equipment.

Landisburg EMS

Grant Title: COVID-19 Stryker LifePack 15 Monitor

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: The Landisburg EMS company serving Perry County will purchase the Stryker LifePack Monitor and Defibrillator System. This equipment will improve the company's advanced life support services and enable first responders to provide emergency aid with limited patient contact and exposure to COVID-19.

Shippensburg Area Emergency Medical Services

Grant Title: COVID-19 Decontamination Project

Award: \$7,777

Purpose: Shippensburg Area EMS will purchase the Aeroclave sanitation system to support the regular decontamination of the company's ambulances and equipment during the pandemic. First responders and patients will benefit from reduced risk of exposure to COVID-19.

West End Fire & Rescue Company No. 3

Grant Title: Industrial Washer for Decontamination of PPE & Equipment

Award: \$9,450

Purpose: The all-volunteer West End Fire & Rescue Company in Shippensburg has experienced reduced revenue as a result of an inability to hold public fundraisers during the pandemic. The grant will support their purchase of an industrial washer to ensure their personal protective equipment is laundered and disinfected in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association's cleaning standards.

9 GRANTS TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Branch Creek Place Senior Center

Grant Title: COVID-19 PPE, Operating Support & Senior Meal Supplies

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Branch Creek Place will continue to provide drive-thru meals to seniors living in the Shippensburg area, through the purchase of PPE, meal supplies and operational support.

Central Perry Senior Citizen's Center

Grant Title: Stronger Together—Senior Meal Delivery Services

Award: \$9,356

Purpose: The senior center will purchase additional PPE, disinfecting supplies and meal supplies, which will enable them to safely provide in-house meals and meal delivery services to area seniors.

CONTACT Helpline — PA 211

Grant Title: PA 211 Volunteer Training & Emotional Support Listening

Award: \$6,440

Purpose: CONTACT Helpline is a 24/7 listening, health and human service information and referral hotline. During the COVID-19 crisis, their call volume for the 211-hotline serving 11 counties in Central PA increased. The grant supports CONTACT Helpline in increasing staff and volunteer hours during the winter months.

Farmers on the Square

Grant Title: Winter Market Safety, Farmer Support & Project SHARE Assistance

Award: \$9,965

Purpose: Farmers on the Square will increase social distancing during the winter market by supporting online and call-in orders, and curbside pickup services. Farmers on the Square will assist in sustaining the income of local farmers through the purchase of fresh produce that is then distributed to Project SHARE recipients.

JFT Recovery & Veterans Support Services

Grant Title: COVID-19 Basic Needs Assistance

Award: \$9,811

Purpose: Just for Today (JFT) Recovery & Veterans Support is a nonprofit dedicated to providing safe, structured and compassionate housing for people seeking recovery and addiction support. The grant will provide food assistance, hygiene items and clothing to program participants whose incomes have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

Millerstown Senior Citizens Center

Grant Title: COVID-19 Support Project

Award: \$5,219

Purpose: The Senior Center will purchase personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies to maintain a safe environment for seniors and for food preparation. The center will purchase supplemental food to provide hot meals with protein to low-income seniors.

Operation Warm

Grant Title: Warm Up Perry County

Award: \$9,900

Purpose: Operation Warm will manufacture and provide 450 coats (at \$22 each) to be distributed to children, by Join Hands Ministry in Perry County. The coat distribution to low-income families will minimize an added financial expense this winter and offer comfort during an unsettling year.

Shippensburg Produce & Outreach

Grant Title: Emergency Food Assistance

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Shippensburg Produce & Outreach volunteers will purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, lean meats, eggs, milk, cereal and bread, to meet the increased demand of weekly drive-thru distributions.

The Salvation Army

Grant Title: My Brother's Table & Social Services Office

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Funding will provide operational staffing support for the My Brother's Table emergency food program and for case management services being offered through The Salvation Army's Social Services Office.

2 GRANTS FOR ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

Sadler Health Center

Grant Title: Cleaning for Infection Control

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: To meet heightened infection control standards during COVID-19, Sadler will secure additional comprehensive facility cleaning and disinfection services at least twice a day, towards ensuring patient access to timely and affordable health services in a sanitized and safe environment. Staff will also continue to clean exam rooms after each patient visit and wipe down high-touch areas throughout the day.

Spiritrust Lutheran

Grant Title: COVID-19 Home Health & Hospice

Award: \$8,452

Purpose: Spiritrust Lutheran is caring for an increased number of older patients in their homes. The grant will support the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and medical supplies for staff, patients and families being served in the Home Health & Hospice program. The purchase will include 1,500 gowns, 1,500 face shields and 1,920 N95 masks.

6 GRANTS FOR RENT & SHELTER ASSISTANCE

Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area

Grant Title: Rental Assistance for COVID-19 Affected Families

Award: \$1,600

Purpose: Rental assistance will be provided to single parent families in Central Cumberland County who have been affected by lost employment during the coronavirus crisis.

Champions for Children

Grant Title: Housing Assistance

Award: \$9,600

Purpose: Champions for Children works to improve the lives of children with special needs who are served by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. Funds will provide rental assistance to 12 local families that have experienced reduced income due to COVID-19.

Community CARES

Grant Title: Emergency Shelter PPE - Sneeze Shields

Award: \$3,960

Purpose: CARES will purchase 40 free-standing plastic sneeze shields to place between beds during their emergency night shelter, to minimize potential transmission of COVID-19.

Join Hands Ministry

Grant Title: Rapid Response for Rural Outreach & Empowerment

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Provide rent and household expense assistance to 20 or more families in Perry County that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Samaritan Fellowship

Grant Title: COVID-19 Shelter Assistance

Award: \$9,000

Purpose: Samaritan Fellowship will provide shelter assistance for 30 families and individuals who are struggling financially during the coronavirus crisis. Assistance will include approximately 30 weeks of motel rooms for people with financial need.

Shippensburg Area School District

Grant Title: Housing & Food Assistance for SASD Families

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: The Shippensburg Area School District will support families that have lost income due to COVID-19 by providing rent and food assistance to those in need.

4 GRANTS FOR SAFE CHILD SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries

Grant Title: Protecting Youth in Day Treatment

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Diakon will maintain a safe and clean environment for the youth served in their day treatment program. They will purchase remote technology to ensure the continuation of virtual behavioral health, educational and substance abuse recovery services, should the center close due to COVID-19.

Reins of Rhythm

Grant Title: Youth Development Fall & Winter Programming

Award: \$9,992

Purpose: Reins of Rhythm Riding & Horsemanship is a nonprofit organization serving local youth in Greater Shippensburg. This winter, they will engage 50 youth of all abilities in riding, as athletes, companions and therapy partners. The grant provides operational support for youth outreach and programming in a clean, sanitized environment.

Saint Patrick School

Grant Title: Emergency Funding for Safety & Sanitation

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: The grant will assist with the costs of daily disinfecting, fogging and cleaning services to ensure the safety of students and staff in the daily school setting.

Valley Youth House

Grant Title: Independent Living Program for Perry County Young Adults

Award: \$10,000

Purpose: Valley Youth House provides independent living support to young adults, ages 18-24, who are aging out of foster care in Perry County. Amidst COVID-19, clients are experiencing increased isolation, lost income and interruption of plans for further education and employment. The grant will assist young people with grocery gift cards, clothing stipends and cleaning kits. Additionally, it will support transportation to school or work through the purchase and insuring of three \$1,000 vehicles that are made available by local auto-dealers.