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Allegheny County and The Pittsburgh Foundation partner to distribute Coronavirus Relief Funds

Earlier this year, Allegheny County named The Pittsburgh Foundation to oversee efforts to distribute \$1.62 million in rapid relief grants to local nonprofits in response to the human services needs presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the virus has disproportionately affected communities of color and LGBTQ communities, 83 nonprofits led by and serving Black, Brown, Latinx, immigrant and refugee, and/or LGBTQIA communities were invited to apply to the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which distributes CARES Act funding. The proposals were reviewed, and funding recommendations were made, by a joint committee of staff from The Pittsburgh and POISE Foundations.

All 28 nonprofits that applied for funding were awarded between \$1,200 and \$100,000 to cover otherwise unfunded COVID-related expenses incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020. Agencies may use these funds to meet basic needs; provide food delivery; support COVID testing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); disseminate health and safety messaging; work to reduce the disparate impact of the virus and its aftermath on Black, Brown, Latinx, immigrant, LGBTQIA populations and communities; or reduce social isolation by supporting safe community activities. A full list of awardees and grant amounts is available on the [Pittsburgh Foundation's website](#).

"We are grateful to The Pittsburgh Foundation for helping us to rapidly distribute these funds, allowing us to quickly get support to underserved groups in Allegheny County. We are especially appreciative of these agencies who have been working to provide relief to those who have been hit hardest by the pandemic," said Erin Dalton, deputy director of DHS's Office of Analytics, Technology and Planning.