

Exponent Philanthropy COVID-19 Live Funder Discussion 1 Chat

- 14:05:48 From Jenny LaForest to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Hi Madelyn-- I have a colleague trying to call in and getting busy signals...any tips?
- 14:05:56 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jennifer Manise(Privately) : Thank you!
- 14:06:17 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : Hi Jenny- they should have been admitted
- 14:06:26 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : Sorry for the delay
- 14:06:38 From Jenny LaForest to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : All lines are saying busy
- 14:06:48 From Jenny LaForest to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Might it be overwhelmed?
- 14:07:02 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : Weird- we have enough for more people
- 14:07:13 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : Did they register on their own?
- 14:07:19 From Jenny LaForest to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : hmm could you send me which telephone number you would recommend her using?
- 14:07:55 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : yes, give me one second
- 14:11:56 From Valerie Kind-Rubin to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : MOU?
- 14:12:10 From Exponent Philanthropy to Jenny LaForest(Privately) : 312-626-6799 ID 530-484-382
- 14:13:09 From Megan McTiernan : question: has anyone found a mechanism for emergency grants to individuals who are suddenly unemployed- but maybe gig workers so not able to access traditional unemployment?
- 14:13:13 From Jamison Lerner : The Vermont Community Foundation created a COVID-19 Response Fund with similar language to that of Chicago's and Telluride Colorado's.
- 14:13:49 From Celene Peurye : Yes, that is true in Chicago as well as Lake County, IL - new funds not previously set up.
- 14:13:54 From Heather Stohler : We're thinking about the same thing, Megan! We are trying to partner with a nonprofit to manage the funds and disperse them
- 14:13:55 From Jennifer Manise : The National Education Association Foundation has also set up a relief fund for wrap around education services. Send your grantee organizations who qualify to that.
- 14:14:17 From Melinda McAliney : Greater St. Louis Community Foundation has created two relief funds - one targeted to helping NFPs and one to help employees and small businesses.

14:14:44 From Cara Binder-Kopchick : Detroit is modeling a small business stabilization fund (modeled directly off of Seattle's)
https://app.donorview.com/Donation/DonationInfo?prm=S28xJ8BL4gluF5Zf2OAV6q6Ocl8SMY6bxXeVKny_58RsD1KmNDJZa1ZR07EBUWdN9bLPIkuRbyxsqWKm_F3wFAk4y3j05doMONbXOnJWW5Nw7ty13bjU2VKgM70sWOKKN3EA8H_2cWe-EBTrQFAQ0fFWv6YRVynmuVwHwwsu3Gv_CtC8LRNFwfHyMJH_ExCb7qWeRq_Dsm8ilcJNQdmpEdAFU4AIA-72Z85jIEDmwjAcaJi5O8otd8EhB9LZob-70

14:15:13 From Elizabeth Versten to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : I would like to ask how folks are able to provide extra funds or early release / advance of funds WITHOUT sacrificing the ability to fund later in the year, when funds will still be needed?

14:15:17 From Janice Schoos : <https://www.modestneeds.org/about-us/>

14:15:32 From Barry Nobel : Restaurant Workers Community Fund has a COVID-19 fund

14:15:36 From Janice Schoos : Grants to individual workers:

14:16:07 From Julie Moore : Silicon Valley Community Foundation has set up three COVID-19 Response funds. One is to support individuals and families. This is specific to several Northern California Counties and they are working with partners in each county to get the funds to people.

14:16:20 From Jenny Stafford : Is anyone working on a business relief fund

14:16:37 From Brendan McCormick : This article has some initial suggestions on how to make grants to individuals: <https://www.exponentphilanthropy.org/resource/scholarships-and-other-grants-to-individuals/>

14:17:56 From Jamison Lerner : Question: Is anyone else having trouble navigating the myriad Response Funds popping up not only at Community Foundations but also within their grantees? I am wondering if it is best to just fund one larger one so that funds can be allocated from there or if funding smaller Response Funds is a more effective grant making approach in this situation.

14:18:36 From Andrew Shannon : Was wondering if a small business stabilization fund could be set up through a chamber of commerce? just curious

14:18:39 From Jodi Ravel : Hi everyone. Is anyone funding the Emergency Medical Response providers (fire, EMTs, etc.) and/or healthcare delivery system entities? We are looking for a way to do this efficiently in CA (big state!)

14:19:10 From Erin Baird : In Florida we have this for business owners, <https://floridadisasterloan.org/>

14:19:18 From Elizabeth Versten : Yes, our board is really eager to respond, but we feel the need to review all the options and make a responsible recommendation. They are ending up responding personally, and then waiting for info from us staff next week.

14:20:11 From Michael Chatman : The Cape Coral Community Foundation in Florida has the experience and capability of partnering with funders to make grants to individuals dealing with financial hardship, need employee assistance, medical expenses, etc. We can be reached at 239-542-5594.

14:20:13 From Staci Brill : We are making emergency grants for immediate needs (food, medical care) and will make some broad gifts to emergency campaigns but then go deeper with our long-term np partners as they figure out what their needs are

14:21:10 From Ann Dudley Shannon : We are seeing Community Foundations and United Ways setting up Relief Funds in Central Wisconsin. Waiting to see what the parameters and logistics will be.

14:22:22 From Amy Holdsman : Philadelphia Foundation and United Way of Greater Philadelphia created a fund PHL COVID19 fund to aggregate all donor resources and regrant to nonprofits. 100% raised goes into community. As of yesterday, more than \$6.5 million has been raised.

14:25:11 From Lauren Scott to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : thank you! about to jump off. will look for recording and chat log? :) Many thanks to y'all!

14:25:23 From Exponent Philanthropy to Lauren Scott(Privately) : Thank you ,ad yes!

14:25:32 From stephanie schlecht : Curious to know how you all are factoring in the current unknowns related to how the federal government will be supporting. What are your thoughts on what that funding/support might look like and how it could be deployed? I ask because our family foundation board is wanting to hold until more is known about federal support.

14:26:22 From Barry Nobel : Don't wait for fed. Checks. They'll be insufficient anyway

14:27:26 From stephanie schlecht : Yes - that is what I told them. :(

14:28:34 From Andrew Shannon : How can we access the free year membership of zoom? Or is it that only available to the grantee/non-profits? Or funders as well?

14:28:39 From Martha Robb : Were there two more of the 6 Points?

14:28:47 From Jessica Keuskamp : I just got a free Zoom account as I had none. I used my Foundation email address. Perhaps this needn't cost \$\$\$. Someone should tell Mr. Li.

14:29:00 From Jessica Keuskamp : Just go to Zoom.com

14:29:06 From Cindy Alvarado : There are free personal zooms, but they're limited to 40 minutes

14:29:09 From Judy Sneath : Free Zoom is a bit less robust - time & participant limits

14:29:33 From Julie Boudreau : What is the name of Phil's foundation?

14:29:35 From Shona Chakravartty : There is a portal that centralizes proposals from thousands of CBOs across the country called www.justfund.us Just Fund. donors and funders can sign on and access thousands of orgs and sort based on region, issue, constituency etc

14:29:46 From Theresa Robinson : TechSoup has discounted Zoom pricing

14:29:56 From Nicole Follmann : Robert Sterling Clark

14:30:25 From Lisa Jackson : question about zoom - are they opening accounts for everyone, or did they arrange something with Zoom? Free accounts are only good for calls with one other person and for 40 minutes

14:30:41 From Jessica Keuskamp : If I get kicked off after 40 minutes you'll all know why.

14:31:38 From Brendan McCormick : the 40 minute restriction is for the host of the call. Exponent philanthropy is hosting this call, so nobody should be kicked off after 40 minutes.

14:31:53 From Andrew Shannon : ^ correct

14:33:39 From Lori Jackson to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Sorry I have to leave the meeting, really good funder info thank you!

14:34:04 From Sophie Twichell : Is that updated rapid response still limited to \$5k at this time?

14:34:22 From Erin Baird : What is the name of Jenna's foundation?

14:34:41 From Jennifer Kasmier : Ball Brothers Foundation in Muncie, IN

14:34:49 From Melinda Boye : Excellent recommendations to give \$\$ to general funds.. - Melinda Boye Do, The Boye Foundation

14:36:19 From Heidi DUsek : anyone aware of specific legislation or advocacy resources that can be shared so funder might lift up that as an effort to support nonprofits

14:36:38 From Jackie Edwards : ZOOM has extended the 40 minute limit in our area.

14:37:21 From Cindy Alvarado : Is anyone doing rapid response funding focused on advocacy needs?

14:38:08 From Melinda Boye : The Boye Foundation meets once a year around Father's day. no rapid relief policy yet

14:38:48 From Celene Peurye : When will the link to the video of this call be available?

14:39:08 From Jenny Stafford : Has anyone been approached by orgs that see their situation as an "emergency" but aren't in terms of our issues RIGHT NOW, like public radio, conservation, etc

14:39:48 From Cara Binder-Kopchick : I think all orgs are facing their own emergency right now -- whether its for direct-covid services or just sustaining their own organization/employees

14:40:14 From Melinda McAliney : Our team did a virtual happy hour via Zoom yesterday. It gave us an opportunity to relax and re-connect with each other, even though it wasn't in person.

14:40:56 From Jackie Edwards : We are working with NJCommunity Capital to get the interest rates down or interest forgiven for 3 months for small businesses, the backbone of our economy. Our governor is greatly interested in this and his recommendations and convening have been excellent.

14:41:36 From Exponent Philanthropy : The recording to this video will be available next week

14:41:38 From Wendy Jaffe : I'm concerned about the capacity of the internet to handle all of this online communication. Information about this would be helpful.

14:42:32 From Joleen Widmark : Is anyone looking at approving more PRIs?

14:42:36 From Heather Stohler : Is it possible to have a Facebook Group or Microsoft Teams channel set up to continue sharing these kinds of ideas during the week?

14:43:42 From Brendan McCormick : Exponent Philanthropy is working to set up a channel for folks to share information in-between these conversations. We will share widely as soon as it is available

14:45:13 From Heidi DUsek : We also deployed HR and IT experts to be accessible to nonprofits as things were rapidly changing

14:46:47 From John THOMAS : Is there a reason to hand deliver checks rather than sending contributions electronically?

14:47:45 From Deborah Fraize : Good point, John. And what's the best way to handle EFTs to make sure grantee banking info is secure?

14:47:49 From Kim Jones : We are moving our grantees to ACH for the time being.

14:50:34 From Olivia Walters : Our board (small family foundation) approved funds up to a certain amount- and has allowed our staff the discretion to deploy funds as we see fit- with communications for anything about 50K

14:51:27 From Heather Stohler : It does seem that 501c3 public charities can do this!

14:51:29 From Gwenn Gebhard : For totally different reasons than COVID-19, we have just moved to ACH transfers. Ask your bank (where you will be sending from) about the security. My understanding is that it is pretty safe, and many of the big nonprofits (for example private universities) readily send their routing number and account numbers right in an email or a pre-typed page of information.

14:51:37 From Heidi DUsek : there is Emergency Assistance Foundation to support individuals

14:51:42 From Kathy Steinauer Smith : Our town's public-school foundation has created a fund for individual needs, but funds have to be paid to orgs, not individuals (landlords, utility companies, etc.)

14:52:04 From Shona Chakravartty : www.theworkerslab.com is experimenting with direct cash transfer to workers

14:52:12 From Barry Nobel : National Domestic Workers Alliance is providing relief to their members

14:52:26 From Shona Chakravartty : they participated in a UBI pilot project in a few regions and it was very succesful

14:52:58 From Cathy McCann : Many nonprofits can provide financial support directly to individuals. A grant to one of these organizations would help to mobilize funds to individuals.

14:53:18 From Shona Chakravartty : www.domesticworkers.org see Care fund

14:53:43 From Brendan McCormick to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : one question I saw: when will this recording be available?

14:54:27 From Exponent Philanthropy to Brendan McCormick(Privately) : Yess- I responded in the chart

14:54:31 From Exponent Philanthropy to Brendan McCormick(Privately) : sometime next week

14:54:54 From Brendan McCormick to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Thanks! Missed your response in the flood

14:55:10 From Brendan McCormick to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Another one from early on: Question: Is anyone else having trouble navigating the myriad Response Funds popping up not only at Community Foundations but also within their grantees? I am wondering if it is best to just fund one larger one so that funds can be allocated from there or if funding smaller Response Funds is a more effective grant making approach in this situation.

14:55:33 From Exponent Philanthropy to Brendan McCormick(Privately) : yup in my queue

14:55:41 From Kerry McHugh : We have been in collaboration with the six major funders in our county to work on a pooled co-funding opportunity, in which orgs can submit ONE application to all participating funders for review. We're also holding at least weekly funder collaborative calls (that continue to grow) and are looking at hosting standing weekly calls for grant partners to share resources and keep abreast of changes as they arise.

14:56:01 From Chuck Nelson : After a meeting with our county health department last week, our private foundation has provided funds along with a family foundation and the local Community Foundation to form an Emergency Fund of \$500K for the United Way to administer. We felt the United Way was closer to the ground in this situation and has the processes and procedures to handle emergency funding needs.

14:56:10 From Michele Dudley : In Charlotte we have Crisis Assistance Ministries makes payments for individuals for rent, utilities etc... In the past individuals have been limited to once/year but they may be limiting that requirement for a period of time.

14:57:41 From Michelle Parrish : We're coordinating with our local Chamber of Commerce Foundation (501c3) to provide small business support. Is anyone else engaging in business relief (outside of SBA loans)?

14:57:52 From Cara Binder-Kopchick : agree!! go beyond 5%

14:58:11 From Cara Binder-Kopchick : 5% should be minimum, not maximum

14:58:36 From Shirish Dayal : How are Foundations handling Local, National and Global support and Pooled Funds?

14:58:48 From Shona Chakravartty : for info on resources for workers, see this website from Nat employment Law Project (NELP) <https://www.nelp.org/resources-to-support-workers-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

14:59:44 From Nina Houghton : Have to sign off for another call but thank you very much! Very useful! Let us know if there will be more calls!

14:59:47 From Valerie Kind-Rubin : Another way foundation's can help is by offering low interest or no interest loans to non-profits. This can help for immediate needs while they're waiting for other money to come in and/or be freed up

15:00:09 From John THOMAS : Am I right that if a foundation gives more than 5% in one year, the foundation can carry that forward, i.e., use that earlier year's contributions in excess of 5% to meet the 5% requirement in a later year?

15:00:47 From Valerie Rosenberg : yes, re the 5%, it's based on a three-year rolling average

15:00:55 From Nicole Bergeron : in 2008 the push was to have foundations spend 1% more than their usual spend...so if you

15:01:01 From Tina Barber : we started a facebook group to curate resources

15:01:14 From Nicole Bergeron : 're at 5% go to 6, 5.5% go to 6.5%, etc....minimum

15:01:26 From Jennifer Manise : Giving Compass aggregated this list of state/city response funds: <https://givingcompass.org/coronavirus-covid19>

15:02:57 From Joseph Ali : to clarify an earlier question - there is no 3 year rolling average, rather the payout requirement is based on the prior year averages of the foundations assets.... then if a foundation gives above the 5% in any year, yes the "excess carryover" can be used in the following 5 years towards the foundations distribution requirement. hope that helps.

15:03:56 From John THOMAS : It did, thanks.

15:05:06 From Nicole Bergeron : We are moving all existing grantees to unrestricted operating so they can have maximum flexibility to meet the crisis...

15:06:18 From Jennifer Manise to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Lots of great information on this call. Thank you for putting this together. Looking forward to more in the future.

15:06:20 From Cara Donley : We have also discussed the idea of unrestricted operating. Curious to know how many other foundations are doing this and how. Are you eliminating reporting requirements? Certainly, it seems to make sense to at least postpone reporting requirements.

15:06:52 From Floyd Keene : One of our grantees is using the current situation to "move" to more digital services for their clients. This process had been slow but now they are being forced to step up. One silver lining.

15:06:56 From Kelly Gage to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Suggested topic for future - just what was touched on but not answered - International Funding. Also, hearing from Non-Profits on their perspective on the current issues. I have family foundation connection and experience (Carlson Family Foundation), global funding (board member of World Childhood Foundation - Brasil) and I now work for an International non-profit (Nomi Network) so understand all angles off this.

15:07:25 From Cindy Alvarado : We are suspending reporting requirements for the time being

15:07:45 From Suzanne Geary : In response to Cara. We already use a trust-based model for 100% of our grantees. For reporting we ask each grantee to list three things they will tell us about in a year. I imagine we will loosen that up further in response to COVID.

15:07:56 From Cindy Alvarado : And converting all program grants (minus universities and fiscally sponsored projects) to general operating

15:08:03 From Jessica Keuskamp : I would encourage any funders to get in touch directly with their grantees in the social services because they have deep relationships with their clients and may already have cash assistance funds set up for client needs. We have already gotten appeals from grantees.

15:08:34 From Nicole Bergeron : we are creating new grants for all our ed grantees to support their students in getting the remote learning tools they need

15:08:55 From Jennifer Manise to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : The university grants is a particular challenge to consider. The refund on housing/meals for this semester is going to hit many of them w/smaller endowments particularly hard.

15:09:08 From Jennifer Manise to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Whoops - meant to make that comment publically.

15:09:20 From Exponent Philanthropy to Kelly Gage(Privately) : Thank you!

15:09:21 From Barry Nobel : Thanks for going this, Exponent

15:09:46 From Sarah Smallhouse : What about structural pivots that non profits might make to mitigate the crisis?

15:09:48 From Nicole Bergeron : Exponent: please make chat transcripts available

15:09:48 From Jessica Millman : Yes, THANK YOU! Enormously helpful

15:09:51 From KATHLEEN HAYES : This has been very helpful. Thank you.

15:10:01 From Daniel Marzo : Amazing group. Thank you for this!

15:10:04 From Mitchell Yater : Thanks everybody! Very Helpful.

15:10:04 From Nicole Bergeron : THANK YOU!

15:10:04 From Andrew Shannon : Kudos to all of the hard work that you all do at EXPO. Thank you Henry and Maddie!

15:10:13 From Deborah Fraize to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : THANKS!!

15:10:18 From Jessica Keuskamp : Great meeting. If you do this weekly please count me in.

15:10:20 From Olivia Walters : Thank you so so much. Hoping to pull more of our team in for next week's call

15:10:25 From Gwenn Gebhard : Thank you!!

15:10:28 From Martha Robb : You can save chats by clicking on dots to the right

15:10:31 From Linda McDavitt : Very helpful. Thank you!

15:10:33 From Mary Rowe : good job, all. so glad I joined this call

15:10:35 From Betsy Garside : Thanks, Exponent — great fodder and ideas.

15:10:46 From Cara Donley : Thanks Suzanne Geary for the response and thank you Exponent for this discussion!

15:10:55 From Ann Dudley Shannon : Very Helpful. Thank you.

15:10:56 From Andrew Shannon : Is there a contact place to get in touch with everyone? Like a contact "hub"?

15:10:56 From Mary Colas : Thank you!

15:10:57 From Kelly Gage : Thank you everyone. The Chat messages were also fantastic. Hope to get a transcript of those also.

15:11:02 From Kalila Booker-Cassano : Thank you so much!

15:11:08 From Deborah Flood : Thank you, Exponent and speakers!

15:11:13 From Charlene Mancusi to Exponent Philanthropy(Privately) : Thank you so much, looking forward to the next chat. Be well!!

15:11:15 From Jackie Edwards : Thank you.