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COVID-19 Grants Available

REDDING, CA (May 27, 2021) – United Way of Northern California (UWNC) today announced the availability of grants for North State non-profit organizations addressing social services needs emerging from the Coronavirus crisis.

“We are seeing a significant increase in concerns across the human services spectrum, including food availability, loss of jobs and income, loss of health care benefits, and mental health issues relating to stress and isolation,” said Larry Olmstead, President & CEO of UWNC. “This is stretching the capacity of some non-profits, especially as their access to volunteers is more limited and fundraising in this environment is a significant challenge.”

Small Grants (\$500 to \$1,500) will be awarded to agencies that assist in Health Insurance enrollments for lower-income families. Large Grants (\$2,000 to \$10,000) will be awarded for mentoring and tutoring projects for children and families impacted by distance learning. Large Grants also will be given to support mental health outreach for children and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Top priority will be given to programs that support youth. The application deadline is June 18, 2021.

“United Way is prepared to invest tens of thousands from our general fund to support these agencies, but more is needed,” Olmstead said. Donations can be made online at www.norcalunitedway.org; by texting CORONANORCAL to 91-999; or by mailing a check to United Way of Northern California, c/o Coronavirus Relief Fund, 2280 Benton Drive, Building B, Redding, CA.

Donations are tax-deductible and will support the grant program and also 2-1-1 NorCal, which is providing vital, updated information and referrals for free during the COVID-19 crisis. Residents can access phone, web and text services 24/7 by dialing 2-1-1, or texting CORONAVIRUS to 211-211.

Agencies can apply by visiting this link: <https://www.norcalunitedway.org/community-impact-grants>

About United Way of Northern California:

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income and health of all residents in the community. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit www.norcalunitedway.org.

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