

# Main Street Community Foundation surpasses \$1 million in covid response grants awarded

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF) has recently surpassed \$1 million in grants awarded for covid-19 relief in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Since March 2020, more than 100 grants have been awarded to nonprofit organizations to support emerging needs related to the pandemic.

"Grant-making began in March 2020 and will continue so we ensure that our nonprofits have the support they need," said Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer.

Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation said that there was a "significant increase" in demand for nonprofit services during the pandemic. At the same time, many of these organizations saw decreases in revenues due to their traditional community fundraisers being canceled.

"Our residents needed our help to ensure they continued to have access to food, health care, housing and other assistance," said Sadecki. "These were the most transformative grants that MSCF has ever awarded."

Sadecki said that the grants were awarded through several funds at MSCF as well as the COVID-19 Response Fund. The Covid-19 Response Fund was established in March 2020 and built by the community, garnering donations from individuals, businesses, donor advised funds and private foundations.

"The Foundation has only been able to respond in the way it has due to the generosity of our donors," said Sadecki.

MSCF provided grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund in three phases.

The first phase provided rapid response grants to nonprofits to meet the basic needs of residents. The second phase awarded general operating support grants to local nonprofits. The third phase provided grants that built capacity and strengthened recovery efforts related to the pandemic.

Sadecki said that additional funding decisions will be made until all funds raised for the COVID-19 Response Fund have been dispersed. Grants from other funds at MSCF will also continue to support recovery efforts

A full list of the grants awarded can be found at [mainstreetfoundation.org/covid19-response-grants](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/covid19-response-grants).

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