Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund?
A: The Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund (TBRF) is a new strategic collaboration of the Pinellas Community Foundation, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and United Way Suncoast. This unique partnership has been launched to help the critical nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to the most vulnerable of our local residents being affected by the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Q: How much assistance is available through the TBRF?
A: Currently the total of the fund is nearly $1 million. This total comes from the contributions made by the four organizations collaborating to assist the agencies providing help to our communities. Donations and distributions will be made so the total of the fund will change. The organizations will mutually collect donations and provide assistance through this resiliency initiative.

Q: What organizations are able to receive assistance?
A: Nonprofit 501(c) organizations and governmental agencies will be eligible to receive assistance.

Q: Are there specific agencies that the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund will support?
A: Funding allocations will be prioritized generally among the following three categories: protection of life, mitigation of additional harm, and strengthening nonprofits related to critical intervention services to the community.

Q: What are some examples of uses of the funding?
A: Examples of priorities by category are:

1. Protection of Human Life
   - Emergency food, shelter and other basic needs
   - Access to health care services for uninsured and under-insured clients

2. Mitigation of Additional Harm
   - Strengthening community information systems related to safety during crisis (priority to bilingual information delivery)
   - Increasing health system capacity through alternative quarantine locations (ex. providing lodging assistance upon hospital discharge when patient has no viable housing plan)
   - Increasing access to telemedicine
• Providing necessary services to vulnerable and at-risk populations (ex. food delivery for elderly population)
• Critical legal aid services for vulnerable and at-risk populations

3. **Strengthening Nonprofits Related to Critical Intervention Services to the Community**
• Technology and other resources to allow an organization to continue providing critical services (ex. Supporting the work of 2-1-1 services to be provided remotely, supporting telemedicine for nonprofit mental health providers)
• Expansion of service capacity related to increased demand for direct services that aid the community during this COVID-19 crisis

**Q: Is the funding limited to certain cities or counties?**
**A:** This resiliency initiative that will support organizations in Desoto, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota counties.

**Q: How do individuals get help from the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund?**
**A:** The Fund will support existing programs that provide direct support to individuals.

**Q: Has funding already been distributed?**
**A:** Yes. This week the fund made a distribution to Pinellas County to assist in retrofitting vans for transportation of medically vulnerable citizens from homeless shelters and programs to medical appointments. Additional funds were given to provide 14 days of meals for quarantined patients who are discharged from the hospital to safe lodging while they recover.

**Q: How will the fund be managed?**
**A:** This is an evidence-informed response to a public health crisis, and our response will be led by the public health department’s epidemiology and staying abreast of the growing knowledge of best responses. Distribution of funds will be overseen through a collaborative process by the funding partners to ensure the funds are distributed fairly and equitably to address the community’s most serious needs. The Tampa Bay Resilience Fund provides a trusted and reliable way to donate to recovery efforts and 100% of the funds collected thorough this effort will be directed to address immediate and mid- to long-term needs through the provision of grants to select nonprofits.

**Q: How can I get more information on applying for assistance or donating to the fund?**
**A:** For more information or to donate, visit [www.pinellascf.org/TBRF](http://www.pinellascf.org/TBRF).

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