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**Community Foundation for Livingston County
Providing Immediate Grants to Address Needs During the COVID-19
Pandemic**

The Community Foundation for Livingston County is providing seven grants totaling \$75,000 to meet targeted emerging community needs during the COVID-19 crisis.

"The Community Foundation for Livingston County board wanted to proactively address the needs in the County, says Rick Scofield, Chairman, Community Foundation for Livingston County. "We had been hearing from organizations that were concerned about the impact that the pandemic would have on their services."

"These grants will be for general operating support, so that organizations can do what they need to support their staff, individuals, and families they serve," said board member Doris Ostrander.

Among the grantees are the following organizations:

- \$15,000 to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston
- \$10,000 to LACASA
- \$10,000 to Livingston County Catholic Charities
- \$10,000 to The Salvation Army of Livingston County
- \$10,000 to Work Skills Foundation

Another grant of \$10,000 to Livingston County United Way will support United Way's COVID-19 Relief Fund. "We know that United Way will deploy these resources to help more organizations to meet the basic needs in the County," said board member Dan Danosky.



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Finally, a \$10,000 grant to Ann Arbor Spark will help to leverage additional resources for small businesses in Livingston County to help cover immediate fixed expenses and alleviate employee layoff and business viability once the stay in place orders are lifted. Ann Arbor Spark will add the grant to the total recently received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "My heart is full of gratitude for the quick action by the board, and for the impact that these grants will have to help out our community during such a trying time," says Denise Brennan-Nelson, Community Foundation board member.

"We were absolutely thrilled to receive the grant notice, and we are grateful for the trust that the Community Foundation has in this agency," said Mark Robinson, executive director, Livingston County Catholic Charities.

"We are fortunate to have had so many contributors over the years to build the Community Foundation for Livingston County; so that we could be in this position to provide much needed financial help right now to organizations that could not have predicted this." Scofield says. "We are also appreciative of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan where we are affiliated, which also helped to add to the total being granted."

The Community Foundation for Livingston County has awarded more than \$900,000 through more than 150 grants to support and improve public well-being and quality of life in the areas of economic development, human services, arts, civic affairs, education, health and the environment in Livingston County. Since its inception, the Community Foundation for Livingston County has established 19 funds to recognize individuals and businesses in Livingston County, growing the foundation's endowment to more than \$1 million. For more information, please visit www.cflivingston.org.