Together
Building a More Resilient Whidbey

Whidbey Community Foundation 2020 Annual Report
COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund

Launched in March with $25,000 seed funding from WCF’s Board, the COVID-19 Fund supports our most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic. Through the generosity of our local community and beyond, together we have raised over $275,000 at a time when the community needs it most. 100% of the Fund will go back into the community. Some examples of grant funding include:

- Purchasing Air Purifying Respirators for Whidbey Island’s only public-serving hospital
- Supporting increased demand at food banks
- Coordinating meal services to children, families, seniors, and those experiencing homelessness
- Technology to support remote learning for homeless youth
- Tele-health services for nonprofit providing early childhood intervention and therapy for survivors of abuse
- Free childcare for healthcare workers and first responders
- Medical and Dental needs for community members
- Offset costs for reopening needs for local school districts
- Supplying PPE to school volunteers and students, businesses and frontline workers
- Providing relief to homeowners who are past due on their land lease payments
- $25K COVID-19 award to the NW Center for Child Care Retention and Expansion available as emergency grants to licensed child care providers

All in WA

WCF joined the launch of All In WA, a coordinated statewide relief effort that will support workers and families who have been acutely affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

All In WA has issued a $25 million-dollar matching gift challenge for the state. For every dollar raised, All In WA will match dollar for dollar, up to $1 million per unique donor.

Community Nonprofit Training

WCF worked collaboratively with our partners including Washington Nonprofits and Sno-Isle Libraries this year to deliver free and subsidized capacity-building workshops that meet the unique needs of small, rural nonprofits.

We pivoted to virtual meetings and trainings to provide necessary support during the pandemic, including Zoom Community Forums to bring together our network of local nonprofits.

Census 2020 Whidbey Counts

WCF received a grant from the Washington Census Equity Fund which helped us promote a robust and accurate count in the 2020 Census, and we provided:

- 3 targeted training opportunities for local nonprofits
- informational handouts
- a public outreach campaign

Island County’s Self-Response Rate this year was 70%, up from 62% in the 2010 Census!

3rd Annual Grant Cycle

“Through the Annual Grant Cycle this year, WCF wanted to enable nonprofits working on Whidbey Island to focus on long-term mission fulfillment by providing support that is flexible and enables organizations to build critical skills and adapt as work structures pivot due to the pandemic.” Executive Director, Nancy Conard

WCF awarded 30 nonprofits totaling $118,000 with capacity-building and general operating grants this year spanning all parts of Whidbey Island in sectors ranging from environmental conservation and basic human services, to arts & culture and historical preservation.

Fiscal sponsor for Partners for Young Children

Partners for Young Children is a coalition of stakeholders with the mission of improving services and care for families and children. This year WCF stepped in to become a fiscal sponsor to continue our commitment to Early Childhood Learning and Child Care throughout Island County.
**2020 WCF Impact by the Numbers**

- **17** volunteers contributed to **1,000+** community hours
- **15** workshops for **50** local nonprofits
- **5** new donor-advised funds totalling **$260K**
- **175+** COVID-19 Fund donors contributed **$275K+**
- **200+** donors this year generated **$650K+** for grantmaking funds

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**Grants by Type**

- **$333K** in grants awarded
- Animal Welfare $5K
- Arts & Culture $21K
- Education $67K
- Environment $8K
- Food/Farming $4K
- Health $10K
- Historical Preservation $4K
- Housing $27K
- Human Services $99K
- Veterans $5K
- Youth $83K

**Grants by Region**

- North Whidbey: $48K
- Central Whidbey: $38K
- South Whidbey: $95K
- All Island: $152K

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**Community Investment Growth**

- **3** nonprofits, **$37K** grants in 2017
- **14** nonprofits, **$44K** grants in 2018
- **20** nonprofits, **$24K** grants in 2019
- **53** nonprofits, **$333K** grants in 2020

* Information as of 11/18/2020

*Since grants were first awarded in 2017, WCF has provided 115 grants totaling over $438,000*
Your support nourishes our community and helps our neighbors in need. Thanks to you, Whidbey Community Foundation will continue to:

- Provide critical relief through the COVID-19 Fund
- Invest in Early Childhood Learning and Child Care on Whidbey
- Build nonprofit and community capacity through trainings and platforms for community input and connections
- Grow assets to provide more support to nonprofits across all sectors
- Work with our philanthropic partners to identify and combine efforts around key issue areas in our community

It takes all of us to achieve this vision and build a more resilient Whidbey, together. You can help advance these important initiatives by supporting the great work planned for our community with a gift to the Foundation Fund. A contribution is your opportunity to share what is important to you and to protect Whidbey’s future.

Philanthropy has the unique and important role in advancing the greater good when it lives its values and helps the people and communities that are too often overlooked and not heard.

On behalf of Whidbey Community Foundation and our Island community, we are grateful to have you as a partner in this effort. We look forward to our continued partnership as we work toward building more resilient communities.