

SAN DIEGO

Jewish Community COVID-19 Emergency Fund

Making a Difference in our Community

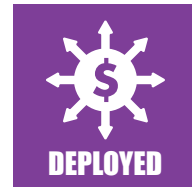
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200+



\$2.2 million



\$850,000

Thank you generous donors!

Community members feel isolated and disconnected. Agencies and synagogues are stepping up to serve them, and need our help to expand and reopen.

Fund News: Phase II Response

In addition to supporting vulnerable individuals and the capacity of Jewish organizations that were immediately impacted by the pandemic, the Fund has activated opportunities to support organizations' reopening and emerging needs. New grants include:

- **Support for PPE, sanitization, and security** to ensure Jewish agencies and synagogues reopen safely to offer preschool for children of essential workers, camps, and summer in-person and virtual programs for all ages.
- **Bridging healthcare costs** for Jewish communal professionals who have been furloughed or laid off.
- **Case management and mental health services.**



“Seacrest residents and families need and deserve to have confidence in our ability to mitigate the risks of this pandemic. With the support of the Emergency Fund, we can comfort and assure them that we will have greater access to the PPE and sanitization supplies that are required.”

— Seacrest Village Retirement Communities

Recent Grant Recipients Include:

- **Seacrest Village** has remained committed to the health and safety of its residents and staff. A grant to Seacrest will support their PPE, COVID-19 testing, and staffing needs.
- **Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center** for PPE and sanitation expenses that are critical to phased, safe reopening. The majority of the grant is for preschool and camp financial aid for families, including many essential workers, who have been pushed to the brink of need due to the pandemic.



Responding to immediate needs offered key lessons in how to support the most vulnerable.

Phase I: Addressing Emergency Needs and Payroll Support

Community members face unprecedented financial realities and must choose between food, housing, medicine, and other essentials.

28 Jewish organizations provide access to food, medical needs, and employment readiness by redistributing funds to vulnerable community members. San Diego's congregational rabbis are crucial in distributing these resources, as they are often the trusted leaders that individuals in need turn to for support.

Over 150 households have received support for basic needs to date.

Interest-free bridge loans for payroll assistance helped to keep Jewish communal staff employed and avoid crisis decisions in the face of significant revenue loss. Loans were distributed to:

- Camp Mountain Chai
- Congregation Adat Yeshurun
- Hillel of San Diego
- Hope Village (Chesed House)
- Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS
- Soille San Diego Hebrew Day School
- Temple Adat Shalom
- Torah High School

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to organizations to access additional public and private resources.

Key Lessons

The Fund learns from our community's experts serving on the frontlines and continues to identify ways to support increasing needs— continued food and housing insecurity, isolation and its psychological effects, employment assistance, capacity to offer expanded and pivoted engagement, and more.

The Process

A task force comprised of senior staff at the three organizations and long-time philanthropists and board representatives governs the Fund. The Task Force considers distributions promptly, always seeking to bridge and add to, rather than duplicate, government or other support.

“A single mother had her hours reduced at one of the hospitals in town. A reduction in income for a few weeks put this family in a precarious situation. Emergency funds sustained them until she found full-time work and could support the entire family again.”

— G'mach



“Thank you for the financial, technical and emotional support. Your help with the PPP loans, reopening funds and unbiased, knowledgeable source of info has been invaluable.”

— Gillian Argoff-Treseder
Executive Director,
Ohr Shalom Synagogue

