Williamsburg COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

ZOOM UPDATE - NOVEMBER 11, 2020

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Created in response to pandemic in March 2020

Focus on supporting basic needs: food, shelter, transportation, financial assistance

Over \$215,000 raised so far from individuals, businesses, and organizations

Will continue to accept and distribute funds as long as there is a need

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Five rounds of grants beginning in April

WCF invited specific organizations to apply based on funding priorities

Streamlined grants process to get needed grants out more quickly

Will offer one additional grant round this year in December



Increase in clients served



Increased need for coordination between nonprofits



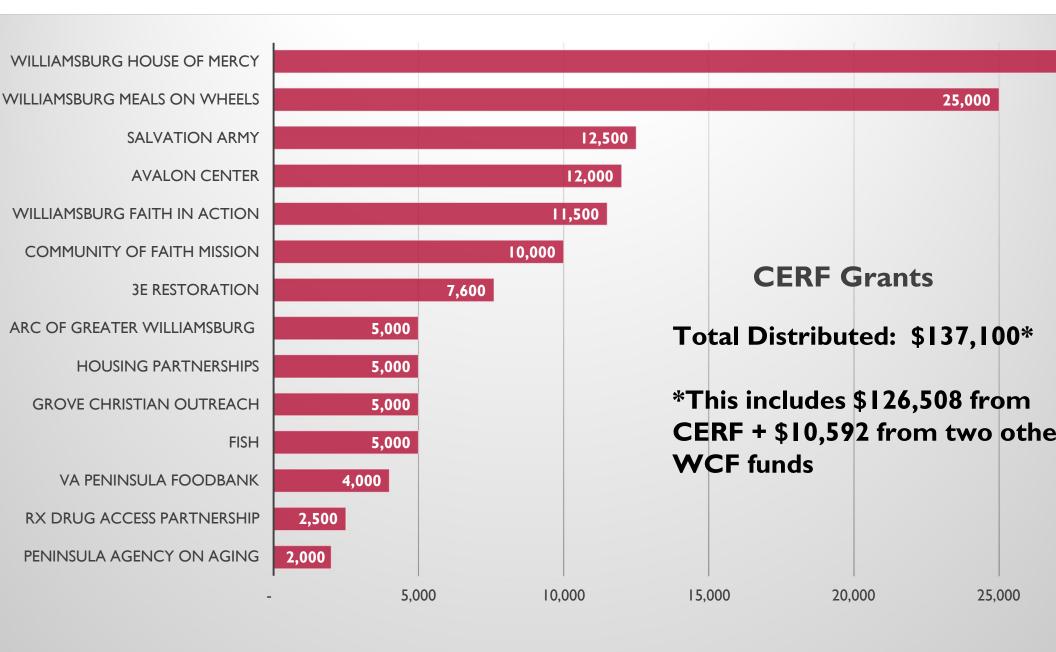


Change in types of services needed

FUNDS REMAINING: \$89,388



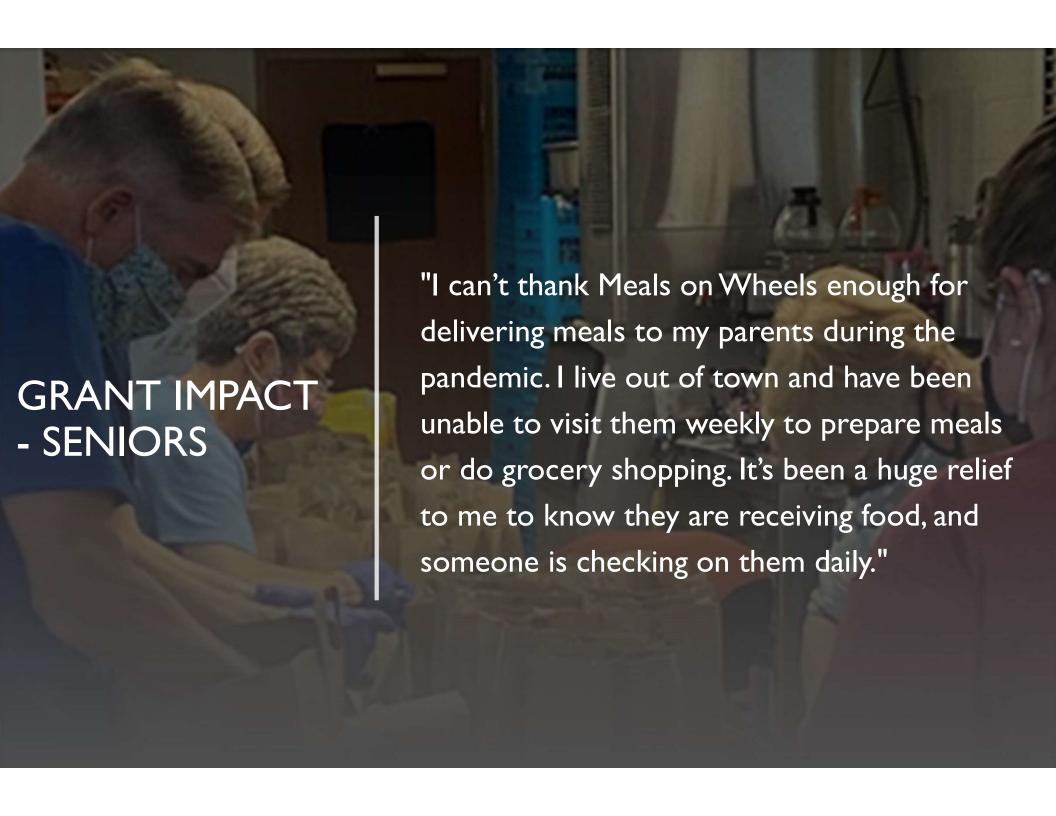
Loss of other fundraising income and volunteer support





GRANT IMPACT – HOUSING & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- For people in crisis, homeless or transitioning out of homelessness shelter/motel rooms
 - 3e Restoration
 - Avalon Center
 - Community of Faith Mission
- For people who have lost income helps with rent, utilities, gas cards, home repair
 - Williamsburg House of Mercy
 - Salvation Army
 - Grove Christian Outreach Center
 - Housing Partnerships
 - Peninsula Agency on Aging



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

HOUSING

United Way is distributing rent/mortgage relief to residents (CARES Act), but residents will continue to need help in the winter/spring with accumulated debt from utilities.

CHILDCARE

There is funding available to help families pay for school-aged childcare, but many daycare centers do not have openings due to increased child-teacher ratios and lack of employees willing to work in high-risk/low-pay environment.

MENTAL HEALTH

WCF Distribution plans to target next round of grants to address mental health as people deal with isolation, increased stress, anxiety during the pandemic.

OTHER GRANT CHANGES DUE TO COVID

- Offered grants for operating support during our fall grant round.
- Allowed organizations to postpone grant reports.
- Allowed organizations to alter the use of funds due to Covid.
- Put a portion of the non-Gala proceeds into grantmaking for 2021.

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND