

COVID-19 Update: April 21 6 pm

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Resource requests from our community institutions listed at the end of this bulletin. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Community Foundation of Central Illinois Accepting Grant Applications

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) announces the first grant cycle for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund will begin accepting applications on April 22, 2020. The Fund will provide flexible financial support to nonprofit partners within the CFCI service area (a 50-mile radius of the city of Peoria, IL excluding Knox and McLean Counties), who are responding to increasing needs as a result of COVID-19. For the first cycle, applications are due Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Organizations may apply for up to \$5,000. More information and the application can be found [here](#).

Save Small Business Fund Application Window Closes After One Day

The US Chamber of Commerce Save Small Business Fund began accepting applications yesterday but received more than 15,000 applications in the first few hours, causing technical difficulties with their system. While they will begin awarding grants this week based on existing donations, they are no longer able to accept applications. Those who did submit an application will be notified if it results in a grant. For more information on the US Chamber's collection of resources for managing in this crisis go [here](#).

DCEO Emergency Relief Webinar for African American Businesses

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Regional Economic Development Team, Office of Minority Economic Empowerment, and Small Business Association will be hosting technical assistance webinars specifically for African American Businesses and Workers on May 8 at 2 pm. More information and registration [here](#).

Get Ready for the Rebound

Orbit Media provides a 26-point playbook to help companies prepare themselves for success after the economy is able to reopen. Article [here](#).

Employers' Guide to COVID-19

Local human resources and benefits firm [The Wyman Group](#) has assembled an 82-page toolkit for employers to navigate the variety of rules and programs concerning COVID-19. Download the toolkit [here](#).

RESOURCE REQUESTS

- **Community Foundation of Central Illinois:** Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information [here](#).
- **UnityPoint Health:** UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event that there is an influx of sick patients. Information [here](#).
- **OSF Healthcare:** OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Information [here](#).
- **Peoria Innovation Alliance:** PIA is gathering the maker community to discuss ways individuals and small companies can make supplies like masks. Information [here](#).
- **Heartland Health Services:** Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. More information [here](#).

- **UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks** – The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details can be found [here](#).
- **IWIRC:** Seeking standard PPE such as N-95/surgical/home-made masks, face shields, gowns, and latex-free gloves. Donated supplies can be dropped off at their downtown Peoria clinic location at 736 SW Washington St. Information [here](#).