

## Community Relief Fund gives money to seven nonprofits in Southern Indiana

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— Seven nonprofit organizations received funding recently from the Community Relief Fund. Established in March by three foundations, the fund is designed to assist organizations that meet the public's immediate needs for basic necessities, particularly during the economic crisis.

The Paul W. Ogle Foundation Inc., Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County and the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana jointly offer the grant program. Contributions from the Ogle and Horseshoe foundations put the value of the fund at \$400,000. The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana serves as the administrator of the program.

Organizations that received assistance are:

- The Salvation Army that serves Floyd County received \$16,024 to purchase walk-in freezer storage for large quantities of frozen food. The food is used for emergency assistance for individuals and families who seek help from organization.
- Interfaith Community Council received \$13,004 to assist with food storage and distribution to the needy.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Jeffersonville received \$4,740 to purchase items to create 1,000 hygiene kits to distribute to local nonprofits for residents of local communities.
- Noah's Ark Children's Village received \$10,000 for basic utilities, transportation and food costs for the foster families served by the organization.
- Personal Counseling received \$9,360 to increase a part-time counselor to full-time status for three months to help handle a significant increase in demand for counseling and psychiatric services.
- Floyd Memorial Hospital Foundation received \$10,000 for funding to help pay for medication for patients who cannot afford it.
- Center for Lay Ministries received \$10,000 to purchase food for the food pantry.

Funding from the Community Relief Fund is still available. Applications are available on the Web sites of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, [www.cfsouthernindiana.com](http://www.cfsouthernindiana.com), under the grants link, and the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, [www.horseshoefoundation.org](http://www.horseshoefoundation.org). Applications are also available at the Community Foundation's office, 4104 Charlestown Road, New Albany.

Organizations applying for funds should serve residents of Clark and Floyd counties as a major portion of their work. Up to \$20,000 per organization is available for nonprofits. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application within 15 days of receipt of the application, and funds are expected to be used within 90 days of receipt.

Individuals who need direct assistance can call 211, the Metro United Way social services information help line which guides callers to organizations that can help them meet their needs, including food pantries and other forms of assistance.

For more information about fund, call 812-948-4662.

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