As a regional community Foundation, we work to serve and strengthen communities across Williams, Divide, McKenzie, and Mountrail Counties every day. We are therefore committed to supporting communities and nonprofit organizations as they deal with the extreme challenges posed by both the downturn of the oil and gas industry and the COVID-19 Virus.

Area individuals, businesses and others have donated to our Relief Fund - a fund created to support residents in need through our partner nonprofit and community organizations. The Relief Fund cannot award grants to individuals. Grants will only be awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; units of government, such as cities or counties; religious organizations - only for non-religious purposes; and other community and volunteer groups.

We cannot anticipate the future needs at this point; however, we are working to respond as needs arise.

Immediate needs that we will currently support include:

- **Access to Food**  Due to school closures, many children are missing out on daily food service and access to weekly backpack programs. Additionally, many are finding themselves without an income and ability to purchase groceries. Organizations providing senior meals are overwhelmed with demand.
- **Human Services Sector Support**  Many families are in need of childcare and other supportive services.
- **Healthcare Sector Support**  The COVID-19 Virus poses unique challenges to educating, diagnosing, and treating patients.
- **Organizations Supporting Individuals and Families to Self-Quarantine**  Stopping the spread of COVID-19 Virus is critical to maintaining the health and wellbeing of our friends and neighbors and
shortening its impact on our economy.

The application is simple; the need is great. While we are attempting to be flexible to meet changing needs, there are legal requirements that dictate our grantmaking. Priority will be given to organizations and groups with a proven track record of direct service and grant management.