WHATCOM RESILIENCE FUND

Board Meeting
Mission Matters | Disaster Preparedness
February 23, 2022
LESSON LEARNED: Resilience Fund

1. An evergreen disaster fund is essential to our community
2. Disasters will vary and require different responses (i.e., COVID-19 vs. 2021 flooding)
3. Fundraising was activated swiftly, as the easiest and quickest way to help (amplified by other leaders, partners)
LESSON LEARNED: Resilience Fund

4. First and most flexible money on the ground in a disaster is from philanthropy.

5. Communication management is paramount and fraught with challenges.

6. People with language and cultural barriers were hardest to find and support.

7. Disaster response significantly taxed WCF staff capacity.
Resilience Fund Pandemic Response*

Primary Funding Recipient Examples:
Brigid Collins, Catholic Community Services, Colectiva Legal Del Pueblo, DVSAS, Lydia Place, Max Higbee Center, Unity Care Northwest, Whatcom Family & Community Network, Whatcom Literacy Council

*as of 04.9.2021

Total COVID Relief Grants
(including Donor Advised & pass-thru grants)

$2,667,481

HELPING DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

RESILIENCE FUND:

- Resilience Funds raised: $2,394,592
- Gifts: 442
- Corp/foundation gifts: $1,292,124
- Matched by All In WA: $700,224
- Orgs funded: 60
- % to BIPOC orgs: 21%

RESILIENCE FUND GRANTS BY FOCUS AREA

- Housing and Shelter: 13%
- Human Services: 20%
- Food, Ag., and Nutrition: 8%
- Childcare: 10%
- Mental Health and Crisis Intervention: 11%
- Education: 12%
- Diversity, equity and inclusion: 10%
- Arts and Culture, Building Community, Economic Development, Local News and Info, Environment, Criminal and Legal, Domestic Violence Prevention, Public Safety and Disaster Relief: 16%

$1,909,735
Resilience Fund
Flood Relief*

Primary Funding
Recipient Examples:
Sumas Advent Christian Church, Valley Church (Nooksack), Haven Church (Everson), First Reformed Church of Lynden, Ferndale Community Resource Center, Food Banks in affected Communities, Catholic Community Services, North Sound ACH

*as of 01.31.2022
## Response Activation: When should we activate?

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ASSISTANCE STRATEGIES:
Preparing for our next Emergency

- Resilience, Risk Reduction, Risk Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response and Relief
- Reconstruction and Recovery
WHATCOM LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP
Now and next time

Disaster Case Management
• Coordination with community partners
• Disaster-specific assistance

CF/LTRG alignment
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Leveraging Existing Resources

- Trained call center staffing pool
- Pre-approved temporary housing facilities
- Memoranda of Understanding

Government
- Health Department
- Transitional housing
- PIO/Communications
- Public Works
- Planning

Nonprofit & Community Groups
- Care coordination/case management
- Transitional housing
- Schools
- Food banks
- Faith groups
- Civic groups
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospital
- Childcare
- Volunteer Center

Residents
- Transitional housing
- PIO/Communications
- Public Works
- Planning
GOALS

1. Ensure safety of the public and response personnel
2. Meet human service needs of those affected
3. Improve preparedness
   • Create & enhance systems – communications, delegation, coordination
   • Minimize & mitigate property damage/loss
4. (Re)build infrastructure
5. Support economic recovery – small business, ag
6. Initiate holistic, community-informed mitigation plan
7. Build community
RISK MITIGATION BEYOND THE DISASTER:
The potential costs of inaction and action without community input

1. Flawed approach
   • Miscommunication
   • Wasted resources
   • Erosion of trust

2. Community action in lieu of government response
   • Life safety
   • Liability
   • Distraction from productive public and private sector efforts
BY THE NUMBERS: Where the money comes from

First and most flexible

0.1 + 9.9 = 10

Philanthropy

Government

Committed to date:
- State - $2.1M
- County - $750k

$1.9M to date for:
- Direct aid
- Immediate needs
- Case management

Plus: Business $40M damages (excl. lost revenue)

>$50M?