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Hastings Non-Profit Relief Program – Apply by October 23

(HASTINGS, MN) The United Way of Hastings (UWH) has partnered with the City of Hastings who has created a grant program to aid local non-profit organizations for consideration by Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority (HEDRA).

The objective of the Hastings Non-Profit Relief Program is to support local non-profit organizations negatively impacted by COVID-19. This program is funded by the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Qualifying non-profits are eligible to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 for necessary expenses incurred due to the COVID-19. Priority will go to non-profit organizations that provide human services or public health services to Hastings residents (such as food delivery, mental health counseling, community outreach, housing assistance, and economic security). Grant funds may be used for payroll, utilities, rent, PPE, technology, training, facility adaptations, and other costs incurred March 1 to November 15, 2020.

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applications received prior to Friday, October 23, 2020, will be ranked based on the program's priorities. After October 23, 2020, applications will be reviewed on a first-come basis to the extent funds remain available. Only one application may be submitted per organization. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The City/HEDRA has contracted with the UWH to process and evaluate applications for eligibility; however, grant applicants do not need a prior funding relationship with UWH. The City/HEDRA will make final determinations about eligibility and awards. Decisions will be communicated to applicants by November 15.

“The United Way of Hastings has the infrastructure in place to help the city with the grant process since we do a similar process in the spring each year via our allocations process,” said Mari E. Mellick, CAE, Executive Director. “Working together is how we can help non-profits in Hastings that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.”

Details about the process and the application can be found at:
<https://www.hastingsmn.gov/city-government/commissions-task-forces/hedra/hedra-grant/-fsiteid-1>.

The UWH is an independent United Way that has worked for over 55 years serving Hastings and the surrounding rural communities within Independent School District #200. Its mission is to build partnerships to improve the lives of people in our community. Donations are accepted year-round. For more information about the UWH and the agencies it funds, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.

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