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TO: Jason Brown, Administrator
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FROM: Michael Kint, CEO
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RE: Possible Uses for CARES Act to the Citizens of IRC

Jason,

Should United Way be a sub-grantee to manage some of the CARES Act funds to the community, here are some of the areas of need that could receive funding:

- Expansion of broadband to assist with telelearning (e.g. – Fellsmere, rural areas)
- Other technology needs for families and nonprofits to utilize telelearning (e.g. – families with multiple children need multiple devices for schooling)
- Mental Health needs are beginning to skyrocket. Areas of need include expanding telemedicine, cost of mental health visits, costs of behavioral health prescriptions, etc.)
- Legal assistance to renters and homeowners about to be displaced by landlords and financial institutions.

Additionally, since mid-March, UWIRC's COVID-19 Community Response Fund has focused its funding in the following most critical areas: (not an all-inclusive list)

- Food Supports (food banks & pantries, food delivery to seniors, emergency Meals on Wheels, food for the homeless and other food insecure populations, etc.)
- Rental Assistance
- Utility Assistance
- Special supports for children
- Special supports for veterans
- Child Care Scholarships for up to 2 months for those returning to work (150% to 300% of poverty)

Should the pandemic extend, CARES Act monies could be used for these critical need areas should we be unable to replenish our COVID-19 Fund monies.

NOTE: UWIRC would utilize an Unmet Needs Committee structure to research and prioritize needs, be part of the decision making process and review reports from those receiving CARES Act funding.