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Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund Phase II Round I Award Recipients Announced

BRYAN, TX (Apr. 17) – The Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund is pleased to announce the grant recipients for Phase II Round I of funding. During this round of funding, the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund is granting \$161,280 to two nonprofits for programs to help Brazos Valley residents and 14 small businesses to assist with payroll or rent.

The review committee will continue to review applications from Phases I and II. More information about upcoming grant cycles and or funding periods will be posted on uwbv.org/covid19 on Apr. 25. Grant recipients are being contacted via email with further instructions on claiming their grant funds.

Phase II Round I nonprofit grant recipients of the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund include:

- Family Promise of Bryan-College Station
- Twin City Mission

Phase II Round I small business grant recipients of the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund include:

- All the King's Men
- BCS Air Solutions, LLC
- Bella Capelli
- Brazos Natural Foods
- Bryan Fat Burger
- Caring Transitions
- Evolve Impact Group, LLC
- Frittella Italian Café
- Health for All, Inc.
- Hull's Texas Legends Steakhouse
- Pickups Plus
- Southwest Homes
- The Strand Hair Shoppe
- University Tire & Service

As of Apr. 17, the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has granted a total of \$593,980 to 10 nonprofits and 45 small businesses impacted by COVID-19 response and containment efforts. Of the funds awarded thus far, \$211,350 are from the City of Bryan's match. For a full list of grant recipients, visit uwbv.org/covid19.

This grant funding is designed to help existing nonprofit organizations and small businesses, therefore individuals are not eligible to receive monies from this fund. Individuals can contact 2-1-1 Texas, by dialing 2-1-1 or by

visiting 211texas.org, to receive referrals to nonprofit organizations receiving a grant from the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund.

The goal of the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund is to provide funds to nonprofits for assistance measures such as food, rent and utility relief for residents along with small business relief as the community follows social distancing and isolation measures to curb the spread of the illness within the community. Small businesses could apply for payroll assistance programs with these funds to help keep workers employed.

The Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has raised over \$425,350 through local businesses and philanthropic donors. The City of Bryan will match these funds 1:1 up to \$500,000 for organizations operating in Bryan city limits.

Anyone can donate to the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund by texting BVCOVID19 to 41444 or by donating online at uwbv.org/covid19.

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