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

BRYAN, TX (May 1) – The Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund is pleased to announce the grant recipients for Phase II Round II of funding. During this round of funding, the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund is granting \$137,050 to one nonprofit for programs to help Brazos Valley residents and 14 small businesses to assist with payroll or rent.

The final application phase closed on Apr. 30. The review committee will continue to review applications and make additional funding decisions until all raised funds have been dispersed. The next announcement of grant recipients is expected within the next two weeks. Grant recipients are being contacted via email with further instructions on claiming their grant funds.

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

• Son Shine Outreach Center, Madisonville, TX

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

- Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach
- Aggieland Automotive
- Aggieland Dirt Works
- Ami Beauty Studio
- Arents Family Dentistry
- Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity
- Elements Massage
- HK Salon
- La Voz Hispana
- Precision Eye Care
- Prodigy Learning Center
- The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley
- Twinz Co. Marketing
- West Plumbing Services

As of May 1, the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund has granted a total of \$731,030 to 11 nonprofits and 59 small businesses impacted by COVID-19 response and containment efforts. Of the funds awarded thus far, \$247,030 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 \$878,083 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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