COVID-19 Relief Efforts

We are investing in what’s most important to Michigan — its people, our planet and Michigan’s prosperity.

Now more than ever, the safety and health of Michigan’s people and communities remains our top priority.

We are committed to assisting our neighbors in need. Since March, we have provided more than $4.8 million to Michigan’s nonprofits to care for our communities during these difficult times.

These nonprofits are providing some of the most critical and urgent needs of Michigan’s people and communities hit hardest by the impacts of COVID-19.

We’re proud to provide funding to organizations who share our commitment to address the challenges the pandemic presents and deliver the support needed to our residents and small businesses.

The Consumers Energy Foundation does not use funds generated from customers’ energy bills. Instead, it uses shareholder funds to support nonprofit organizations across Michigan.

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Caring for Our Communities: COVID-19 Relief Efforts

Basic Needs $950,000
In April we provided $250,000 to The Michigan Association of United Ways who distributed the funds to United Way organizations across our service territory to assist low income and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) residents with basic needs including household supplies, rent, child and health care, transportation, and food. Michigan 2-1-1 also received funds for additional capacity to address the higher demand as a result of COVID-19.

We awarded $450,000 to eight community action agencies providing emergency needs to low- and moderate- income residents in 43 counties in the Lower Peninsula, including increased food distribution sites, home delivered meals and quarantine boxes of food, and hygiene and cleaning supplies.

In early fall, an additional $250,000 was awarded to 24 organizations providing basic needs to Michigan’s residents.

Small Business Support $2,385,000
We donated more than $1.8 million in May to nine organizations providing a lifeline to small businesses across Michigan. In August and September, an additional $585,000 was distributed to 22 organizations supporting small businesses with assistance, with a focus on female- and minority owned businesses.

Local Support $675,000
In April, we distributed $10,000 grants totaling $360,000 to 36 community foundations supporting nonprofits in 59 Michigan counties with emergency relief. An additional $225,000 was distributed in July to more than 130 organizations, as well as an additional $90,000 in September.

Providing Meals $390,000
We donated $390,000 to The Food Bank Council of Michigan to distribute to its regional food bank network to fill gaps where schools were unable to provide food for children, and to support vulnerable seniors and the growing need that surfaced. This also provided 5,000 quarantine boxes for isolated and home-bound senior citizens.

Healthy Michigan $200,000
We contributed $100,000 to Michigan State University to support the work of MSU Extension’s process to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 using commercial ovens to decontaminate used N95 masks. This will help alleviate the shortage of personal protective equipment for health care professionals and first responders and allow masks to be used an additional 20 times.

We also contributed $100,000 to Michigan for All, for the Rona for Real campaign aimed at reducing Michigan’s coronavirus spread.

Matching Employee Donations $260,000
Employee donations of any amount made to 109 qualifying nonprofit organizations (including food banks, homeless shelters, community foundations and United Way) were matched dollar-for-dollar through July 31, 2020, by the Consumers Energy Foundation.

BY THE NUMBERS

$4,800,000 donated by the Consumers Energy Foundation
860,000 Meals the Food Bank Council of Michigan and its partners will be able to provide
68 Michigan counties with nonprofits that received funding
264 Employee donations matched

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