

Public Input on CARES ACT Funding Priorities

Name	Location	Category	Comment
Julie Schwenn	Deerfield(37)	Food Insecurity	<p>As an independent nonprofit in District #37 (Rural, Eastern Dane County), I think it is important to note the work we are doing in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are a full service community center offering Senior Citizen programming, Recreation, Youth Programs and a Food Pantry. During the pandemic, our Food Pantry assi have doubled and we have been delivering meals & groceries to about 60 senior citizens twice per week. We are amazing ourselves with our response during this time, but we know we can only sustain this for so long. We have bills to pay—payroll, mortgage, utilities. We need to be able to properly store and distribute the food we are able to collect from our food banks.</p> <p>Unfortunately, all of our revenue producing programs have been cancelled or postponed resulting in a \$78,000 revenue loss thus far. We recently remodeled an old school into our beautiful new community center & food pantry incurring \$550,000 of debt—not expecting a pandemic just around the corner. We are nervous for our future without the financial support we so desperately need.</p> <p>We have been made aware that there is a portion of COVID-19 federal funding from the CARES Act that has yet to be allocated. I urge you to consider allocating this funding towards independent nonprofits like ours that will fall through the cracks without this support, leaving many Deerfield community members and other Rural Dane County residents without the essential resources they so desperately need.</p>

Emily Steinwehe	Southeast Madison	CARES Funding for Local Farmers	<p>Please use some of the funds to:</p> <p>Support local farmers who are growing food for people to eat, possibly by buying farmland and then leasing it at a good price.</p> <p>Encourage/educate farmers about the benefits of perennial crops, alley cropping, and agroforestry, especially near waterways.</p> <p>Help community gardens thrive by providing more financial support to existing gardens through danegardens.net and possibly setting aside land for new ones.</p> <p>Plant trees and shrubs that provide food (like Aronia, Juneberries, Elderberry, American Persimmon, Pawpaw, Hazelnuts, etc.) and make them accessible to the public. Plant hedges of fruit and nut bearing shrubs on the edges of county properties.</p> <p>Plant hedges of native shrubs instead of putting up and taking down snow fences every year.</p>
LuAnn Leggett	Deforest(District 22)	PPE items for local municipalities	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I would like to respectfully request the County consider using the federal funding to assist local municipalities in Dane County with procuring PPE items such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • masks • hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer dispensers • cleansi

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