



United Way of Chaves County COVID-19 Relief Fund

United Way of Chaves County's COVID-19 Relief Fund is available to families in Chaves County who are experiencing a hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for this program has been provided by the James and Amy Johns Trust, United Way of Chaves County, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, Xcel Energy, and local supporters.

Assistance will be provided for utilities and/or rental assistance.

HOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS:

Support will vary by individual needs. Assistance per household each month will be limited to \$500. Families may apply for assistance in two separate months. Assistance will be contingent upon available funds.

United Way of Chaves County will evaluate every application that is submitted, and extenuating circumstances will be considered. (Circumstances include layoff, reduction in hours worked, other income loss and/or added expenses due to closures.) All required documents must be submitted prior to approval of application. If required documents are not received within 5 business days of the application being submitted, the application will be denied.

Applicants must submit the following to be considered for assistance:

- Online application and upload of required documents
- Identification for all members of the household, adults and children. We will not accept Social Security cards. Acceptable forms of identification include:
 - Driver's License or other State issued identification card
 - Medical cards for children
 - School identification cards
- Verifiable income and source(s) for all adults in the home
- Utility bill needing assistance:
 - Bill **MUST** be in the name of the applicant. Please submit **ENTIRE** bill, not just the payment stub portion.
 - We cannot assist with deposits or bills dated prior to March 2020. This program is for support due to loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot assist with bills for accounts that are no longer in service.
- Rental assistance:
 - You must upload a copy of the rental agreement. Lease **MUST** be in the name of the applicant. Please provide the name, address, phone number, and email address of your landlord.

If requested, United Way of Chaves County may share your application with funding partners to increase access to more emergency funding.

NEXT STEP:

Please apply for funding by clicking [here](#). We will make every effort to fund as many applications as possible, but please be aware that the funds are limited.

NEED MORE INFORMATION:

You are welcome to call the United Way of Chaves County office at 575-622-4150. Laura or Sherry will be glad to assist you. You can also email sherry@unitedwayccnm.org.