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COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funds Accepting Applications through May 26

SPOKANE, WA, May 2020 — Innovia Foundation today announced a second round of grant funding available to community-based organizations engaged in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.

Applications for funding are being accepted through May 26, and grant recipients will be announced by June 12. Approximately \$800,000 will be awarded throughout the 20 counties Innovia serves. Application information can be found at: <https://covid19fund.questionpro.com>

Funding will be prioritized for organizations addressing the health and economic needs of those most likely to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, as well as for recovery efforts to ensure community resilience. Eligible organizations include nonprofit and grassroots organizations, tribal entities, schools and other government agencies.

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funds are hosted at Innovia Foundation in partnership with Empire Health Foundation and Spokane County United Way in Eastern Washington, and Equinox Foundation, Avista Foundation and Idaho Community Foundation in North Idaho. The funds are supported by contributions from local and regional funders. Since March 19, more than \$2.2 million has been raised.

Funds are being released on a rolling basis throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis. A first round of grants totaling \$778,000 was awarded on April 24. Award amounts in the first round ranged between \$500 and \$45,000, with an average amount of \$5,000. Grants in this round are expected to be similar.

Additional information about the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Funds for Eastern Washington and North Idaho at innovia.org/COVID19.

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funding partners: Innovia Foundation, Empire Health Foundation, Spokane County United Way, Avista Foundation, Ballmer Group, Bank of America, BECU, Better Health Together, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Burlington Northern, Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation, Community Building Foundation, Delta Dental of Washington, Equinox Foundation, Health Sciences & Services Authority

of Spokane County, Itron, Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation, MultiCare Health System, M.J. Murdock Charitable Foundation, Mountain West Bank, Perigee Fund, Premera Blue Cross, Providence Health Care, Umpqua Bank, Wells Fargo and Women Helping Women Fund.

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Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities so that every person has the opportunity to thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, we partner with people who want to make our world better. We work together to address and solve our region's problems, help those in need, identify and respond to our greatest opportunities and leave a lasting impact. Each year, Innovia Foundation invests nearly \$7 million into our communities through grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and local students.

COVID-19 Establishing Fund Partners:

