



Report on UWCK and City of Key West COVID-19 Stop Gap Funding

As of February 12, 2021

During the January 5, 2021 meeting, the Mayor and Key West City Commission unanimously approved up to \$500,000 to assist local residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The goal is to keep community members healthy and safe, stabilize households and retain residents here in Key West.

On January 11, United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) entered in an MOU with the City of Key West to provide assistance with rent, food, medical, utilities and basic needs for residents experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. UWCK is pleased to report on the following accomplishments to date as a result of the City's generous funding.

\$27,300 DESIGNATED FOR FREE MEDICAL SERVICES

Guidance Care Center:

GCC served 3 Key West uninsured individuals on the Crisis Stabilization Unit for a total of 12 days at a cost of \$4515.48. Crisis Stabilization is inpatient treatment as part of reducing suicides in our community.

Womankind:

In the first two weeks of the program, there were 12 qualifying patients. They received services totaling \$3,155 at an average of \$262.92. The lowest visit cost was \$59 and the highest \$548. Funds covered diagnostic tests, implantable contraception, blood tests, annual exams, and problem visits.

There were 10 females and 2 male patients.

Executive Director Cali Roberts says, "There is endless gratitude; in the words of one gentleman, 'Thank you so much for saving my life. God bless!'"

\$31,220 DESIGNATED FOR FOOD

SOS:

SOS has exhausted the \$7,220 received. The funding was spent entirely on food for distribution at their Stock Island Food Pantry.

With these funds, SOS served 1,649 households and a total of 2,404 unduplicated individuals between February 1st, 2021 and February 4th, 2021.

SOS continues to see higher than normal demand, and last week SOS served the most clients since mid-July 2020. This heightened demand is likely due to a combination of continued need and the availability of the USDA Farmers to Families produce boxes.

MCC Cooking with Love:

Every Saturday volunteers deliver double portion meals to 363 clients and, of those, 83 also receive grocery bags to last the weekend. To date, approximately \$7,000 has been spent.

FKOC:

To date, FKOC has spent \$4,209 of the \$12,000. They report being well on the way to expending the full amount. Approximately 210 households made up of 365 people have been served, receiving 254 bags of food.

\$19,000 DESIGNATED FOR UTILITIES AND BASIC NEEDS

FKOC:

As of February 10, \$11,165 has been utilized, with \$7,835 remaining. Current applications in the system are more than sufficient to expend the remaining funds within the next several weeks. During the last month, the average request per application was \$458, and the average assistance provided with these funds per application was \$446.

Assistance provided includes:

- Transportation (gas cards) - \$650
- Food Assistance (grocery cards) - \$3,830
- Utilities - \$6,525
- Prescriptions - \$160

25 households have been served; 33 adults, 20 children, and 3 seniors, for a total of 56 residents.

Significant impacts include funding larger utility bills than FKOC was previously able to fund within guidelines for other funding sources to avoid shut-offs, providing assistance with electricity, which has been limited by other funding source requirements, maintaining phone and internet services needed for job-hunting and being able to fully fund application requests that were previously limited to total assistance of \$250.

\$164,000 DESIGNATED FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Under the oversight of UWCK, in a collaborative effort, AH Monroe, Catholic Charities, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Samuel's House and Sister Season are accepting applications and compiling required documentation for rental assistance. AH Monroe is then processing the applications and completing the case management. As of February 12:

- 25 applications have been received with 18 households assisted to date
- Those assisted were comprised of 37 adults and 18 children, for a total of 55 individuals
- Total assistance provided so far is \$46,720
- Average assistance amount is \$2,596

UWCK and the participating agencies are grateful to the City of Key West for their partnership in supporting our residents to meet these greatest needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.