

Thornburg Foundation Announces \$240,000 in Grants to New Mexico Non-Profits Responding to Coronavirus

Rapid Funding to Homeless Shelters, Food Depots, School Support, Social Services

SANTA FE, NM — March 24, 2020 — The Thornburg Foundation, a Santa Fe, New Mexico-based family foundation, today announced \$240,000 in grants to support non-profit organizations serving the homeless, the hungry, children and families in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Foundation accelerated annual grants to these critical organizations, and then doubled each grant with a one-time operational increase in alignment with the Santa Fe Community Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund.

“This unprecedented crisis has put local shelters, food depots, medical centers, and social service organizations on the front lines of the coronavirus fight,” said Thornburg Foundation Executive Director Allan Oliver. “These organizations urgently need funding and support to meet the immediate needs of fellow New Mexicans, especially children, seniors and vulnerable populations.”

“We are grateful for the creation of the Santa Fe Community Foundation's relief fund. We will continue to work on additional ways to make a difference and know that as a community, we will get through this challenging time together,” Mr. Oliver continued.

The Santa Fe Community Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund supports the many nonprofit organizations in Santa Fe that ensure children and seniors receive daily meals no longer provided in schools or senior centers, as well as funding for emergency health services, childcare, rent, and utilities.

“The Santa Fe Community Foundation's launch of the COVID-19 Response Fund is quickly turning donations into action,” said William (Bill) Smith, President and CEO of Santa Fe Community Foundation. “Coordinating our funding responses in partnership with Thornburg Foundation means we can efficiently direct more funds to the non-profits that need help today.”

The following organizations received grants:

- Food Depot, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Interfaith Community Shelter, Santa Fe (\$30,000)
- La Familia Medical Center, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Kitchen Angels, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Communities in Schools, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Esperanza Shelter, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- St. Elizabeth's Shelter, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Youth Shelter, Santa Fe (\$20,000)
- Adelante program, Santa Fe (\$10,000)



- Family Independence Initiative, Albuquerque (\$10,000)
- Roadrunner Food Bank, Albuquerque (\$20,000)
- Heading Home, Albuquerque (\$20,000)
- COVID-19 Response Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation (\$10,000)

About Thornburg Foundation

Thornburg Foundation is a family foundation that makes grants in the areas of good government reform, early childhood education, agriculture reform and community funding. We work to catalyze high impact outcomes using evidence to understand and solve systemic problems, engage stakeholders to drive policy reform, and create meaningful and lasting change.

Thornburg Foundation relies on independent research, data and analysis to guide its work. We collaborate with aligned funders, grantees, experts and stakeholders to leverage resources and create better results. We understand that systemic reform depends on investing in champions and strong organizations as well as acting with decisive and strategic timing. We work with integrity as an organization and as a philanthropic partner. Thornburg Foundation was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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