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The COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund of the Greater Evansville Region, commonly known as the **Greater Evansville Response Fund** (GERF), launched in April 2020. Through 20 rounds of funding (occurring every 3-4 weeks from April 2020 through November 2021), the **fund awarded more than \$5.6 million to 126 nonprofit organizations** serving Gibson (32%), Posey (31%), Spencer (24%), Vanderburgh (64%), and Warrick (41%) Counties. Some organizations received GERF funding multiple times for different or expanded programs or initiatives.

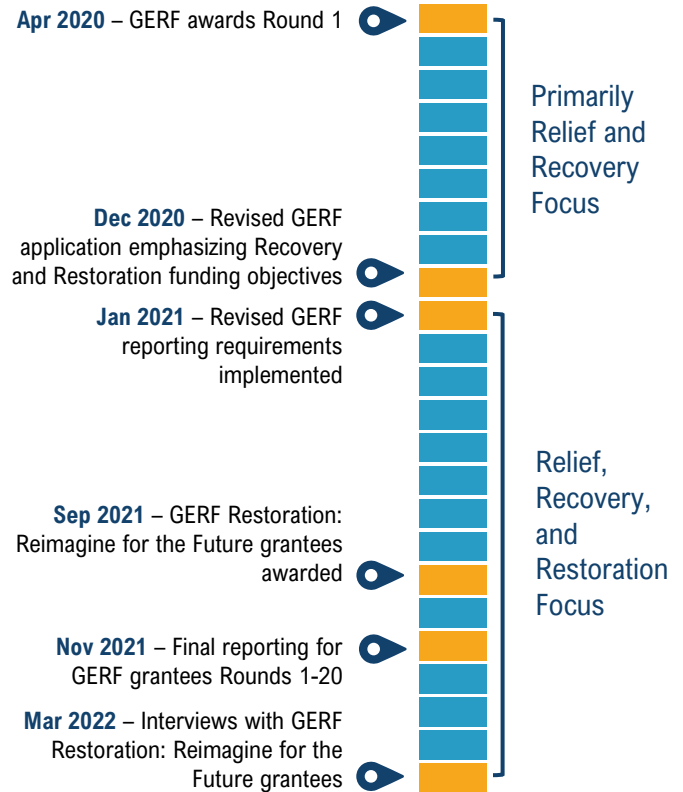
Grantees in Rounds 1-20 submitted monthly reports documenting the reach and focus of their programs or initiatives. The **GERF Evaluation and Reporting Committee submitted monthly executive summaries** of funded activities in Rounds 1-20.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolved, GERF partners released the Restoration: Reimagine for the Future RFP to organizations and collaborations seeking to implement innovative, restorative programs. More than **\$1 million additional dollars** were awarded to **6 programs** through this initiative.

Included directly below are highlights of Rounds 1-20 GERF funding. Additional information related to the Restoration: Reimagine for the Future grantees is provided on the following pages.

GERF MILESTONES

April 2020 through March 2022



GERF Highlights: Rounds 1-20

- ① **The GERF grantees reported immense reach, with nearly 500,000 total individuals served.**
Grantees indicated the total number of individuals they served during their first reporting month and the number of new individuals served during each subsequent month. Combined, these numbers reflect the unique individuals served by each funded program. It is possible that individuals were duplicated *across* programs (i.e., received services from more than one funded program). Further, it should be noted “individuals served” could range from a brief encounter such as a food pickup to a more involved relationship such as financial goal-setting and coaching.
- ② **Relief efforts continued throughout Rounds 1-20, though an increasing number of Recovery and Restoration strategies surfaced as the pandemic evolved.**

Since January 2021 (following a change to the reporting framework), the most common objectives among grantees included:

- 30%--Sustain critical operations and levels of service that meet the basic needs. **(RELIEF)**
- 20%--Help offset revenue loss to nonprofits due to restrictions impacting planned fundraising. **(RECOVERY)**
- 16%--Support needs related to mental/emotional/relational/financial health or healthcare exacerbated by the COVID 19 crisis. **(RECOVERY)**
- 7%--Surface/scale model programming designed to build a stronger and more robust community across all sectors. **(RESTORATION)**
- 6%--Build capacity to lead, govern, grow, influence, and impact. **(RESTORATION)**
- 6%--Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within and across systems, sectors, and environments. **(RESTORATION)**
- 5%--Foster collaboration within and/or across systems and sectors. **(RESTORATION)**

*No other objective accounted for more than 3% of grantees.

COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

RESTORATION: REIMAGINE FOR THE FUTURE OVERVIEW

FUNDING AWARDED: SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT DATE: APRIL 2022

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Six organizations or collaborations received GERV awards in September of 2021 through the Restoration: Reimagine for the Future initiative. Each of the funded projects advances Restoration objectives prioritized by GERV partners, as presented below. In March of 2022, Diehl Consulting Group conducted interviews with each of these grantees to explore the extent to which Restoration is occurring. Results of the interviews are available as an appendix to this summary. For each grantee, the interview results open with a single-page summary.

RESTORATION OBJECTIVE	Paving Access to Hope and Success <i>Community Foundation Alliance</i>	Talent 2025 TMap and Regional QOP <i>Evansville Regional Economic Partnership</i>	CharityTracker <i>For Evansville</i>	Care Mobile <i>Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ohio Valley</i>	Springboard <i>University of Evansville</i>	Coalition for Youth Success <i>YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.</i>
Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within and across systems, sectors, and environments				✓	✓	
Foster collaboration within and/or across systems and sectors	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Inform systems change through research, studies, and analysis that inform systems and sector enhancement	✓		✓			
Surface and scale model programming designed to build a stronger and more robust community across all sectors	✓	✓	✓			