

## COVID-19 Crisis Assistance

### Central Florida LGBTQ+ Relief Fund

The Central Florida LGBTQ+ Relief Fund is meant to assist Orlando area LGBTQ+ community members who are most in need as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. It will support those most marginalized in this crisis, addressing immediate needs that are becoming more critical as each day passes. LGBTQ+ individuals who are close to or have lost work -- in particular transgender, non-binary, gender fluid, and gender non-conforming individuals, undocumented immigrants, and people of color who are self-employed or working in the service economy and were already living paycheck-to-paycheck and housing unstable -- are facing great hardship and need quick access to direct assistance.

The One Orlando Alliance, supported by their 40+ member organizations, shall assess community needs, review applications and collectively fundraise to provide direct assistance to individuals in need. The LGBT+ Center will hold and distribute the funds to individuals that qualify.

Individuals seeking support can apply using this application:

In English: <https://forms.gle/uyVY5iUxwhJU3iQ6>

En español (Spanish): <https://forms.gle/XN5L7u18GsFLPEWG6>

Em português (Portuguese): <https://forms.gle/3P9H2K8hCuZg8NKf6>

kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian Creole): <https://forms.gle/QCnpVUyFG1Q6V6Vd9>

### COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

Orange County Government has made available this one-time benefit for Orange County residents who qualify. The COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program will provide assistance with one month's rent, so residents will be able to use their limited funds on other necessities. You MUST call for an appointment in order to bring the necessary documents.

407-836-6500 | <https://www.orangecountyfl.net/FamiliesHealthSocialSvcs/CrisisAssistanceProgram.aspx#.Xp9DxchKhPY>

### Food Service for Elderly & Disabled

Meals of Love is an emergency response program connecting seniors and disabled adults with fresh, restaurant-prepared meals delivered safely to their homes for free. Made possible due to a partnership between Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Senior Resource Alliance - SRA Florida, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Meals of Love is currently accepting applications via its website at [www.mealsoflove.org](http://www.mealsoflove.org).

### Food Assistance

Residents in need of food assistance can visit Second Harvest Food Bank's online food locator to find a list of feeding partners near their residency. Additionally residents looking to contribute to the area's COVID19 recovery can volunteer.

[https://www.feedhopenow.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=need\\_food](https://www.feedhopenow.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=need_food)

**United Against Poverty** - <https://uporlando.org/>

United Against Poverty operates Member Share Grocery Programs in Orlando, Vero Beach and Fort Pierce – the UP Centers are an essential business and are open Monday – Saturday (9a-6p). If you have recently become unemployed you would be eligible to receive a free membership which gives you access to fresh produce, perishable/nonperishable food, household items and health/beauty products. Each week, thousands of Floridians

are saving 60-70% of their household budget utilizing this program. Bring proof of your employment status to complete your application. UP Orlando – 150 W Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32806

407-650-0774

## Career Source

<https://www.careersourcecentralflorida.com/>

Offices are currently closed but are virtual (8am to 5pm) Fridays (9am to 5pm). Call 1-800-757-4598 for virtual assistance or visit our Coronavirus Support page for career seeker and employer resources during this challenging time.

## Peer Support Space

Where Chosen Family Heal Together

A grassroots organization, led by and for those in recovery from mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, grief, or other obstacles to wellness. We use, and help others use, the power of lived experience to support, educate, and guide one another while providing additional, free options for mental wellness.

They are offering twice daily zoom meetings for support during the pandemic. Link can be found on their website:

<https://peersupportspace.org/covid-response>

## Heart of Florida United Way's Alice Fund

<https://www.hfuw.org/alicefund/>

In response to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, Heart of Florida United Way has established a fund to support Central Florida residents whose financial stability is being impacted. Heart of Florida United Way has made an initial investment of \$100,000 to seed the fund but is seeking financial support to aid as many families as possible. The focus of the fund is to support the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population experiencing hardship due to decreased hours or unpaid leave. Nearly half of Central Floridians are ALICE, living paycheck to paycheck.

“ALICE families are working hard to survive, but one financial emergency away from being sent into a financial tailspin. That emergency is here, and it’s COVID-19,” said Jeff Hayward, President and CEO of Heart of Florida United Way.

Specifically, for residents of Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, the ALICE Fund provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance to help prevent eviction and homelessness. Clients must demonstrate financial need by presenting documentation including but not limited to bank statements, pay stubs, rent agreements, utility bills, etc. For those seeking assistance, contact Heart of Florida United Way’s 211 Information and Referral Crisis Line by dialing 2-1-1, texting your zip code to 898211.

As is the case with many organizations across the state, Heart of Florida United Way’s office is closed, but 211 remains operational. Individuals seeking assistance should reach out to 211 to be screened and gather appropriate documentation. Clients will be fully processed once all documentation is received and Heart of Florida United Way offices re-open.