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The Allentown Rotary Club plans to distribute \$50,000 in grants

The Allentown Rotary Club and the Allentown Rotary Club Foundation have established a \$50,000 fund to distribute to local nonprofit organizations on the front lines dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Allentown Rotary Club Emergency Aid Fund will provide financial assistance to nonprofits supplying food, shelter, medical/emergency care and educational services to members of the Allentown community.

In the first round of funding, the Rotary Club's Emergency Aid Fund awarded grants of \$5,000 each to the Allentown Rescue Mission, Casa Guadalupe, Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley, and the Ripple Community, Inc. The sum of \$2,500 was also awarded to Phoebe Home in memory of the Reverend Dr. Grant Harrity and in honor of Richard M. Snyder, both of whom were long-time active members of the Allentown Rotary Club.

Applications for the second round of funding of up to \$27,500 are currently being accepted and can be found at the website of the Allentown Rotary Club or by sending an email to <mailto:Info@AllentownRotary.org>. Second round grants will range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

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