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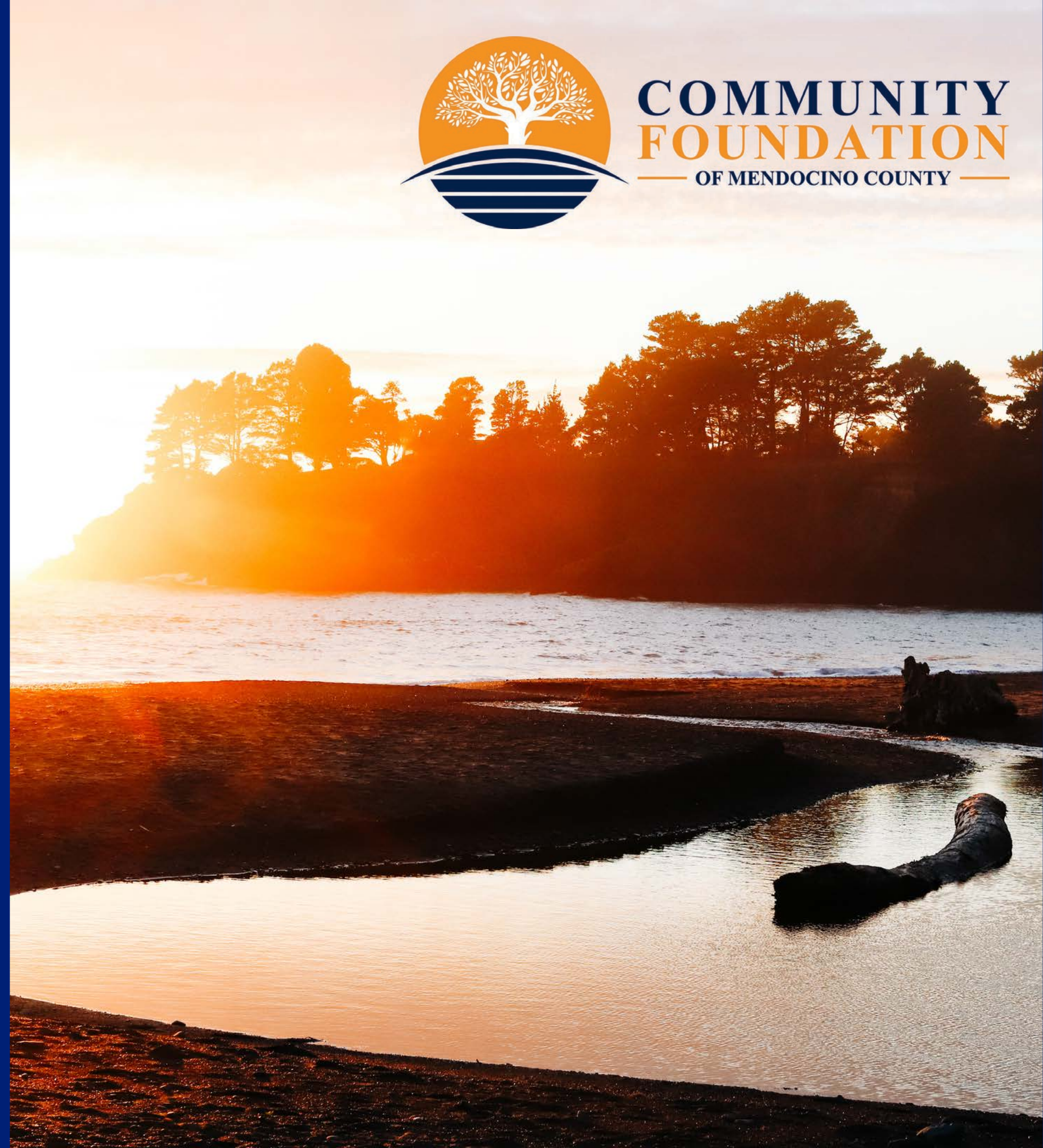
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**COMMUNITY
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— OF MENDOCINO COUNTY —





Introduction

COVID-19 RELIEF

- \$3.4M awarded in COVID-19 Relief since the beginning of the pandemic
 - \$1.5M Hunger Relief including County contribution
 - \$937k Individual Assistance (rent, utilities, groceries, etc)
 - \$628k Nonprofit Relief (overhead, revenue shortage, adapting)
 - \$231k Small Business Relief
 - \$54k Student Relief



Request

HUNGER RELIEF & NONPROFIT RELIEF

- The Community Foundation asks that the County of Mendocino join us in supporting COVID-19 related needs by providing \$500,000 in relief funds: \$200,000 for our nonprofits, and \$300,000 for hunger relief.
- These two areas are most in need of support in fiscal year 2022-23 and will, directly and indirectly, support the residents of Mendocino County as they continue to recover from the pandemic.



Nonprofit Relief

SUPPORTING THE SECTOR COUNTYWIDE

- Since 2020, nonprofits have worked nonstop to support local communities.
 - Social service agencies provided hunger relief and critical safety net services.
 - Arts, environmental, education, and community-based organizations were hit especially hard.
- 560 active nonprofits in Mendocino County, CFMC touched 336 during the pandemic.
- Nonprofits are some of the largest employers, employing approximately 5,000 people, a significant economic influence in Mendocino County.
- \$628k Nonprofit Relief for operating, adapting, and broadening the scope of services.
 - While the pandemic portion of COVID-19 may be winding down, it is clear that organizations have not recovered and that the community still has significant needs as it heals from two years of financial uncertainty.
- We would like to continue to support these efforts with an additional \$200,000 in funding from the County of Mendocino for two additional rounds of nonprofit relief to help organizations continue during the transition to a more endemic state for COVID-19. This would allow us to help sustain the sector through June 2023.



Hunger Relief

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

- \$1,570,653 in Hunger Relief awarded over two years, including FEMA/ARPA and CalFresh funds.
- Hunger relief was a cornerstone of the Foundation's response efforts, and grants were made to support food distribution countywide, including small, rural food pantries, congregate meal sites, senior centers, and food banks.
- Demand has continued, with hunger relief partners reporting a consistent increase of 30-50% on average.
- Inflation has caused food and fuel costs to skyrocket, leaving many small food pantries and congregate meal sites vulnerable as they have to continue to adapt to increased service and provide delivery service.
- Funding gaps as local, state, and federal relief funds have ended, while service demands remain consistently high over pre-pandemic levels.
- To help meet this need and bridge the gap for hunger relief organizations we are requesting \$300,000 from the County of Mendocino to support hunger relief efforts through three rounds of grantmaking to small organizations throughout Mendocino County from July 2022-June 2023.



Conclusion

THE NEED CONTINUES

- Two years later the need for hunger relief and nonprofit relief continues, while our COVID-19 relief funds have been depleted.
- County's partnership has been critical to our success through FEMA/ARPA and CalFresh Funding. Thank you for all you have done to help alleviate the impacts of the pandemic.
- We ask that the County of Mendocino join this next phase of pandemic response by investing County funds in our nonprofit community and continuing to meet the most basic of needs: food.



Thank You

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