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SARATOGA COUNTY ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION NON-PROFIT COVID RELIEF GRANT FUND

Non-Profits Serving Saratoga County Residents Eligible to Apply for Awards up to \$50,000

BALLSTON SPA— Saratoga County officials today announced the creation of the Saratoga County Non-Profit COVID Relief Grant Fund. The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors created the Fund to assist community non-profits that were negatively affected by the pandemic and that continue to experience challenges in an effort to help them continue beneficial programs and projects for County residents. Non-profit organizations that directly serve Saratoga County residents are eligible to apply for a grant.

Grant awards will range from \$500 to a maximum of \$50,000.

Town of Moreau Supervisor and Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chair Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr. said, "Our non-profits have been hit hard by the COVID pandemic and many are still feeling the effects of the statewide economic shutdown. Saratoga County understands the wide-ranging benefits the local non-profit community provide to our residents and the value of their economic impact in our County. This grant program will help them continue their important and beneficial work right here in Saratoga County."

Applications are now being accepted and awards will be announced starting in the 2nd Quarter of 2022. Applications will be reviewed by the Law & Finance Committee of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors with all recommended applications forwarded to the full Board for final approval. Application review and approval will continue until all funds are dispersed.

Clifton Park Supervisor and Saratoga County Law & Finance Committee Chair, Jonathan Schopf said, "Many non-profits in Saratoga County continue to face pandemic-related challenges that make it difficult to continue their charitable and community-focused missions. The Saratoga County Non-Profit COVID Relief Grant Fund will help to ease pressures our non-profits may be feeling so they may continue their good work on behalf of Saratoga County residents."

To be eligible, the non-profit must be currently operating and must identify in its funding request a clear and tangible benefit to the residents of Saratoga County.

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Further, the non-profit must demonstrate one of the following: how the funds will be used to respond to the COVID pandemic and its economic impacts; how the funds will be used to prepare for another emergency; and/or how the funds will be used to replace losses incurred during the pandemic.

Preference will be given to organizations that currently do not receive any form of funding from the County or from other federal or state pandemic relief programs. However, all non-profits serving Saratoga County residents are eligible to apply. If requested, the organization must present acceptable proof of its operating and non-profit status.

Award recipients will be responsible for submitting a brief written overview about the result(s) and impact of the grant within six months of receiving the funding.

All questions regarding the program and application should be submitted via email to CovidNonProfit@SaratogaCountyNY.gov.

For more information and to submit a grant application, please visit the Saratoga County website at www.SaratogaCountyNY.gov/COVIDfund.

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