

# Coronavirus Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)

July 14, 2020 – Weekly Update



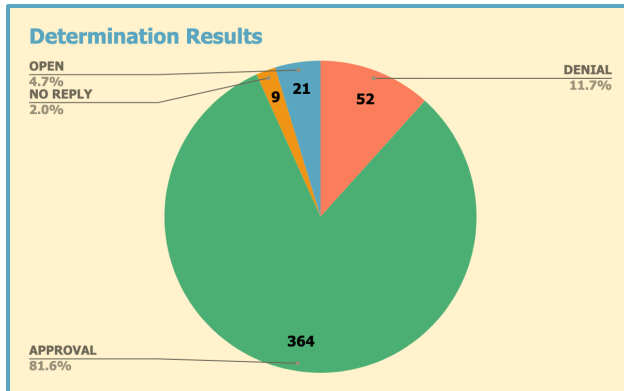
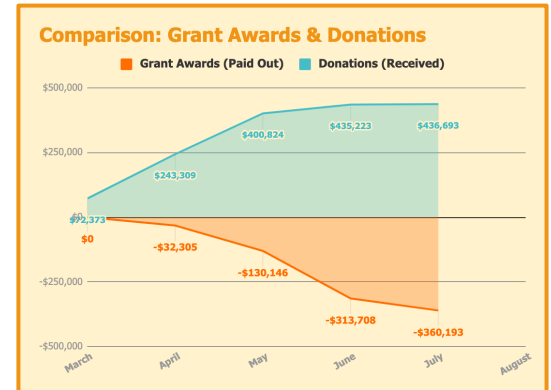
## CERF ETHOS

Our goal is for residents to be able **to stay in their homes** and to maintain access to utility service that enables **students to be connected to school** and enables **all residents to be connected to food resources** and other necessities during this crisis.



## FUNDRAISING – \$436,693 as of July 14<sup>th</sup>

The CERF is supported in part with grants from the **Princeton University Relief Fund** and the **Covid-19 Relief & Recovery Fund of Princeton Area Community Foundation**. We are grateful to the University, to PACF, and to the over **845 donors** who have contributed.



## APPLICATIONS – 446 as of July 14<sup>th</sup>

In the past 18 weeks, we have received 446 applications, 236 of which are renewals and a total of 364 grants have been awarded! The 364 approved applications received awards in excess of **\$360,000** in total. The current average award remained about the same this week at **\$1,006.26**.

We estimate that we have **enough funds to meet rental assistance needs in Princeton for two to three more weeks**. There are currently 21 “open” applications in process, which limits the CERF

reach to no more than 40 additional awards after processing these open applications.



The enrollment period for the **New Jersey COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NJVERAP)** concludes on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We have not received any reports of applicants who were notified that they were chosen in the lottery as of yet, however those notifications may not be sent until the enrollment period ends. As our efforts wind down, we remain happy that we were able to help as many households for as long as we have and grateful to all of the donors who made this mission possible.

## CERF TEAM

**Intake Coordinators** – this team answers the Human Services phone number and helps potential applicants navigate the application process.

- Katherine Cardona\* – Princeton Recreation Department (PRD)
- Kimberly Figueroa-Martinez\* – Human Services
- Sindy Sandoval\* – Corner House

**Steering Committee** – in addition to processing intakes, members check to see if applicants have access to reliable sources of food and refer them to available resources when appropriate.

- Emily Becker\* – friend of PCF
- Zoe D’Eugenio-Pinel\* – friend of PCF
- Andrea Dinan\* – Princeton High School & PCF
- Jordan Goodwin – Princeton Community Village
- Sharon Hurley – Princeton Senior Resource Center
- Christian Martin\* – friend of PCF
- Diane Paulsell\* – Solidaridad Princeton
- Nicole Paulucci – PRD
- Trinidad Rodriguez\* – JW Middle School & PCF
- Angie Vargas\*/Cecilia Avila\* – Arm in Arm

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