



Twirl Assistance Program (TAP)

Our mission is to bring joy and stability to the world (focusing on the Charlotte, NC area) through social advocacy and hardship assistance for the most vulnerable in the LGBTQ community.

Immediate/Emergency Need Program (COVID-19)

Purpose

This short-term immediate/emergency program is to provide grants in the form of funds, services and/or goods for basic necessities to individuals who have encountered financial hardship for reasons beyond their control, and are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility

The current grant is intended for self-identified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ) residents 18 years and older in the Charlotte metropolitan area*, who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and need financial assistance with groceries, medical, and/or transportation costs. Eligible individuals may apply once during this grant period, and all submissions will be considered based on eligibility, need, an objective selection process, and availability of funds.

* The official Charlotte metropolitan area includes the Charlotte–Concord–Gastonia Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, and Union counties in North Carolina; Chester, Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina.

Current Focus

For the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, Twirl to the World Foundation will focus primarily on the following financial assistance:

- Groceries
- Medical (prescriptions, copays, etc.)
- Transportation (to/from appointments, gas, public)

Preference will be for pre-paid/gift cards or direct payment to service provider(s).

NOTE: Applicants should also work directly with state employment offices for unemployment; utility or telecommunication companies for assistance/payment deferrals for each of those specific services; financial institutions for mortgages, credit cards, loans, etc.; landlords for rentals.



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Guidelines and Confidentiality

Per federal regulations, we will follow all governing guidelines (see Federal Guidelines listed below or in [IRS Publication 3833: Disaster Relief – Providing Assistance Through Charitable Organizations](#))

- All applicant information received and documentation submitted will be kept confidential.
- Permission will be obtained from individual applicant(s) before sharing any information (example, to request other additional services or referrals with partner agencies).
- Any reporting requested or required by donors or regulators will follow Federal Guidelines (example, individual recipient names will not be shared).

TAP Grant Period Timeline

- April 30th Deadline for Applicant Submissions (first round)
- May 15th Deadline for Applicant Submissions (second round)
- May 31st Deadline for Applicant Submissions (third round)
- June 15th Deadline (TBD, when/if additional funds become available)
- June 30th Deadline (TBD, when/if additional funds become available)

Application Form

Access the application online from your phone, tablet, or desktop/laptop (recommended):

- <https://form.jotform.com/T2WGives/2020TAPApplication>

Reminder: Eligible individuals may apply once during this grant period.

Note: The form itself is dynamic, meaning additional fields will appear based on your selections. Complete all requests for information accurately and honestly, to the best of your knowledge.

Stay Safe and Stay Connected

Follow updated CDC Guidelines and Dr. Fauci's wellness recommendations for hand-washing, social distancing, and local/federal stay-at-home requirements.

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