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**OneStar Foundation deploys \$920,000 in Texas COVID Relief Fund grants to support organizations vital to the recovery of Texas communities**

AUSTIN, TEXAS (July 31, 2020) — As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Texas communities, OneStar Foundation deploys \$920,000 from the Texas COVID Relief Fund to 16 organizations working to directly support the most vulnerable and underserved across the state. In partnership with Governor Greg Abbott, the Fund was established to provide critical funding to address urgent gaps in available community resources in the areas of health, education, and community development. Priority consideration was given to nonprofits and agencies that provide services statewide or across multi-county jurisdictions and serve areas with limited access to local philanthropic relief funding.

“We received more than 400 proposals totaling over \$32 million dollars in funding requested to provide critical services to Texans. Hundreds of our nonprofit partners are struggling to meet increased needs of our communities. Chances are, a nonprofit you know and advocate for is facing unprecedented challenges right now,” said Chris Bugbee, President & CEO of OneStar Foundation. “These grants will ensure vital organizations remain operational and can continue to provide the core services our local communities depend on.”

The following organizations are receiving grant investments:

- **Meals on Wheels Texas** – \$125,000
- **Texas CASA** – \$100,000
- **2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (Texas Health and Human Services Commission)** – \$75,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs in Texas** – \$60,000
- **Latinitas** – \$60,000
- **Sharing Hands A Respite Experience** – \$60,000
- **Buckner Children and Family Services** – \$50,000
- **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo** – \$50,000
- **Combined Arms** – \$50,000
- **Lone Star Association of Charitable Clinics** – \$50,000
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio** – \$50,000
- **Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas** – \$50,000
- **The Salvation Army** – \$50,000
- **Refugee Services of Texas** – \$40,000
- **Hand to Hold** – \$25,000
- **Southeast Texas Food Bank** – \$25,000

Learn more about the important work of these organizations on the Texas COVID Relief Fund webpage at [onestarfoundation.org/txcovidfund](https://onestarfoundation.org/txcovidfund). The Fund continues to accept donations and encourages interested companies and individuals to contribute as fund partners.

“We are deeply grateful to Governor Greg Abbott for launching this much-needed recovery effort, and we appreciate the incredible outpouring of support from our fellow Texans, including our partners at DentaQuest, The Pfizer Foundation, Ferrovial, and Reliant Energy,” said Mr. Bugbee. “OneStar encourages you to play an important role in the recovery of your community, and our Texas, by supporting your local organizations.”

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*OneStar Foundation was created to support the State of Texas by strengthening the nonprofit sector, encouraging civic engagement through service and volunteering, promoting innovative strategies to address local issues, and facilitating public-private partnerships to expand the reach of the sector. As the Texas State Service Commission, OneStar administers a portfolio of \$18.7 million in federal grant funds for AmeriCorps Texas programs. OneStar also has been designated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to raise and distribute funds to eligible organizations working on the ground to support the economic recovery of Texas communities impacted by COVID-19. Learn more at [onestarfoundation.org](https://onestarfoundation.org).*