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Yolo County Announces COVID-19 Relief Fund

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County and the Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) have partnered to create a Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund (Fund) to assist nonprofit organizations amid the impacts of COVID-19. The Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$250,000 during their March 24th Board meeting and voted unanimously to support the Fund’s creation. The Fund is one piece of a three-pronged approach in response to COVID-19. The other two pieces include a comprehensive donor education campaign to encourage local residents to support local nonprofits and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout the County.

“The creation of a COVID-19 relief fund underscores our deep concerns with how adversely this crisis has impacted our culture, economy, and our residents,” said Yolo County Board Chair Gary Sandy. “This fund will provide an opportunity for our institutions and individuals to re-invest in ways that protect, uphold and restore the value of living in community and of preserving our quality of life in Yolo County.”

The Fund will be guided by a steering committee of strategic and financial partners that will determine how funds will be distributed to organizations in the short- and long-term. Initial strategic advisors include the Yocha Dehe Wintun Tribe, Sutter Health, Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente, and the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland have also expressed interest in joining this partnership. This list is expected to grow as additional donor organizations come onboard.

“Many individuals and nonprofits are in severe economic distress due to the COVID-19 crisis. There are many gaps in funding, including childcare and money for those who do not qualify for other forms of assistance,” said Yolo County Board Vice Chair Jim Provenza. “Some essential nonprofits are facing unprecedented challenges. It is essential that we have a local fund to help those organizations that need immediate economic assistance in order to serve the residents of Yolo County. This fund will help us to protect our community during the Covid-19 crisis and stabilize it after it passes.”

The Yolo COVID-19 Relief Fund website can be found at: <http://www.yolocf.org/covid-19/>. If your organization is interested in financially assisting this effort, please contact Yolo County Analyst Eric Will at: eric.will@yolocounty.org or Yolo Community Foundation Executive Director Jessica Hubbard at: Jessica.hubbard@yolocf.org.

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