Foundation for Community Health (FCH) is committed to addressing the local impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in service of its mission: “to improve the health and well-being of the residents of its service area.” FCH’s service area encompasses the northwestern corner of Litchfield County, Connecticut and parts of eastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia Counties in New York.

The Foundation has adopted a three tiered approach to organizing its response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic:

**Response**
Current efforts are focused on addressing the immediate needs of community members and local non-profits, especially those most vulnerable. We have also initiated conversations with current grantees, as many may have to repurpose their grants to better meet new and emergent needs as a result of the pandemic.

- Grants made to-date can be found on our website under [Past Grants](#).
- Information about the recently launched FCH COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant Program can be accessed [here](#).

**Recovery**
FCH is assessing how it can best assist local non-profits to recover from the impacts of this pandemic. We are also working with other funders to enhance local access to available state and federal stimulus opportunities.

Many non-profits are small businesses with slim operating margins. Many have had to cancel significant fundraisers and others have seen significant drop in revenue due to the new reality of physical distancing. At the same time, new opportunities, understandings, and ways of operating are currently being tested, which may prove to be more efficient and streamlined. New business models are partnerships may emerge. Practices that have quickly started today, such as telemedicine and remote client engagement, may become the norm, tomorrow – drastically changing our approach to social service and health care delivery.

**Resiliency**
Lastly, FCH will be evaluating its grantmaking, program activities, and partnerships to develop a long-term strategic approach to ensure the resiliency of our local communities and network of health and human services organizations. Strengthening this network has always been necessary for our community’s vitality and well-being, but has become essential in times like this when such services are so critically needed.