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## **CHH launches COVID-19 Resilience Fund**

**Capitol Hill Housing has created a fund to help alleviate the financial hardships caused by the coronavirus pandemic**

Seattle, WA – Capitol Hill Housing (CHH) has launched a COVID-19 Resilience Fund to help residents and small businesses impacted by the pandemic. The novel coronavirus has created an unprecedented crisis for CHH and the communities we serve.

To help those most in need, CHH has created a specialized charitable fund. CHH will use 100% of the funding received to support our residents, small businesses, and the vital work of Capitol Hill Housing impacted by the coronavirus. Building on our years of empowering the most vulnerable, CHH will move swiftly to provide support for residents in urgent need and will connect small businesses to resources to help them survive closures.

COVID-19 has devastated incomes for service workers, artists, small business owners, childcare providers, gig workers, and anyone else whose income depends on patrons. Many of these workers are CHH residents, and the impact is already being felt. In a sheer matter of weeks, the economy has taken them from a place of stability to a state of personal financial emergency. Residents have been laid off, are working temp jobs with reduced hours, or are freelancers who are not eligible for unemployment benefits.

We don't yet know the scale of the need in the CHH community, but we do know it will be over one million dollars.

"There is an urgent need for this kind of support as our community faces overwhelming health and financial crises," said Chris Persons, CEO of Capitol Hill Housing. "These obstacles are intimidating, but not insurmountable. We will get through this together, as a community."

Please support us in our effort to create a lifeline for our residents and small businesses as they recover from the repercussions of this devastating pandemic. Investing in Capitol Hill Housing, our residents, and businesses will help our most affected communities overcome the impact of COVID-19, preserving the diverse and vibrant neighborhoods served by CHH in our rapidly evolving city. To help your neighbors in

need, donate at <https://www.capitolhillhousing.org/covid-19resilience/index.php>.

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**Everyone has the right to a quality, affordable home.** At Capitol Hill Housing, this truth drives our work. By embracing community-led development and engaging in deep-rooted partnerships, we're fostering vibrant, equitable communities where everyone has access to safe, affordable and welcoming homes. Today, with nearly 50 apartment buildings – over 2,000 residents – we continue our commitment to build community with and for people. Learn more at <http://www.capitolhillhousing.org>.