

COVID-19 Update: April 27

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Resource requests from our community institutions listed at the end of this bulletin. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Reminder: LISC Small Business Relief Fund Deadline in April 28

The second round of applications for LISC's Small Business Grant program are being accepted through April 29 at 11:59 pm. The program will award \$5000, \$7500 or \$10,000 to for-profit businesses. More information and application [here](#).

Paycheck Protection Program Guidance

On Sunday, April 26 the Treasury Department issued a new FAQ document regarding the Paycheck Protection Program which opened to taking applications this morning at 9:30 am local time. You can read the FAQ [here](#). According to some [reports](#), there have been some technical glitches today as banks raced to upload pooled applications that were not accepted in the first round and had been completed between that round and today. Still, Treasury reports that it processed over 100,000 loans from 4,000 lenders today. The Consumer Bankers Association is [predicting](#) that the second round window (\$310 billion) might run out of funds and close before the end of the week.

Kim Group's Share the Love Program

The Kim Group, in concert with March 2 Ventures, CORE Construction, Montefusco HVAC, JustKidz Dentistry and other anonymous donors, has created the "Share the LOVE" Program to offer some of its client's products and services to frontline workers, small business owners, and single parents for free. Interested individuals need to apply and select which products they need. Application form [here](#) or you can learn more [here](#).

ShelfLove in the News

Pekin native Anna Palmer's [ShelfLove](#) on-line retail site for independent businesses was recently [featured](#) on WMBD television.

FEMA Advisories on Personal Protective Equipment

FEMA has issued some guidelines and advice regarding the use and management of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in non-medical environments. Read the advisories [here](#) and [here](#).

Illinois Humanities Grants for Humanities-Oriented Organizations

Illinois Humanities is accepting applications through Friday, May 15 for general operations grants to Illinois nonprofit organizations with annual budgets less than \$1.5 million whose work consists largely of "public humanities." By this term they are referring to cultural organizations, museums, historical societies, etc. More information and application forms [here](#). An organization is eligible to receive a grant of \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$7,500, depending upon the size of its annual budget. A proportional pool of money is available for organizations outside of the Chicago area.

Philanthropy Roundtable Resource Page

The [Philanthropy Roundtable](#) created a resource page that provides information about private foundations that are making funds available for various aspects of the COVID-19 response. Click [here](#) for more information.

RESOURCE REQUESTS

- **Community Foundation of Central Illinois:** Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information <https://communityfoundationci.org/>.
- **UnityPoint Health:** UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event that there is an influx of sick patients. Information [here](#).
- **OSF Healthcare:** OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Information [here](#).
- **Peoria Innovation Alliance:** PIA is gathering the maker community to discuss ways individuals and small companies can make supplies like masks. Information [here](#).
- **Heartland Health Services:** Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. More information [here](#).
- **UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks** – The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details can be found [here](#).
- **IWIRC:** Seeking standard PPE such as N-95/surgical/home-made masks, face shields, gowns, and latex-free gloves. Donated supplies can be dropped off at their downtown Peoria clinic location at 736 SW Washington St. Information [here](#).