

During this stressful time of Covid19 in our community I know many of you are feeling the stress of financial hardship. We are here to help you through the stresses that your family are dealing with. I have listed the following information to help you find assistance during these times of layoffs and reduced hours and income that may be hitting your family.

- If you are a student – please email financial-aid@wfu.edu for assistance. They are helping students get through this crisis.
- If you are staff – please email me at beckmapp@wfu.edu to let me know what is going on and I will see what the Chaplain's Emergency Fund can help you with.

We want to help you through the financial crisis you may be experiencing. I've made a quick list with links to help with some outside resources. We are here for you!!!

1. For those that need financial assistance and live in Winston Salem: Individuals who want to apply for assistance should call 211 or go to NC211.org. The City has set up a fund that will assist both agencies and individuals. See article below.
2. For assistance in filing unemployment go to: <http://www.unemployment-extension.org/winston-salem-north-carolina-unemployment.html>
3. Second Harvest Food Bank: <https://www.secondharvestnwn.org/>
4. Meals available for children 0 – 18: <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/972452/schools/97467>
5. Love Out Loud – Please note this is a list of ways you can help but also lists the numerous agencies in town that have assistance available: <https://volunteer.loveoutloudws.com/covid/>

Winston-Salem Restaurant Chefs Prepare Meals for Unemployed Food Service Personnel

City Allocating Up To \$1 Million to Help Economic Victims of COVID-19

NEWS RELEASE

Office of the Mayor – Winston Salem

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The city will contribute up to \$1 million to match contributions to the new COVID-19 Response Fund for Forsyth County that community leaders announced today to support residents economically impacted by the COVID-19 virus. The city will match contributions to the fund dollar for dollar.

Mayor Allen Joines and officials with the United Way of Forsyth County, the Winston-Salem Foundation and Forsyth County announced the fund at a news conference today and said that \$600,000 already has been pledged toward the fund, including \$100,000 from both the United Way and the Winston-Salem Foundation; pledges from HanesBrands, Wells Fargo, Wake Forest Baptist Health, Reynolds American; and some large donations from individuals who wish to remain anonymous.

"I feel confident that we're going to get above \$2 million," counting the city's contribution, Joines said. The fund is accepting donations of any amount from city residents. Residents can contribute by going to a new website set up for the fund, COVID19Forsyth.org.

The fund will be administered by the United Way and the Winston-Salem Foundation. Scott Wierman, the president of the Winston-Salem Foundation, said money in the fund will be made available to existing agencies "working with communities who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the outbreak."

Wierman noted that the community's established relief agencies have policies and procedures in place for vetting requests for assistance. "Marshalling additional resources to expand what they are already doing seems to be the most efficient way to distribute assistance," he said.

Agencies will be able to apply for money from the fund on March 27. Individuals who want to apply for assistance should call 211 or go to [NC211.org](https://www.nc211.org).

The city's matching funds are being pulled together from unallocated bond money for economic development that voters approved in 2014 and 2018. Joines said he polled members of the City Council, who agreed that this is an acceptable use of the bond funds because, "we are working to maintain the economic vitality of this community."

More information about the fund is available on the Winston-Salem Foundation's website, [WSFoundation.org](https://www.wsfoundation.org), and at [COVID19Forsyth.org](https://www.COVID19Forsyth.org).

For general information for those that live in the City of Winston Salem click here: <https://www.cityofws.org/2673/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information>

For general information from Forsyth County on the virus click here: https://www.forsyth.cc/PublicHealth/novel_coronavirus.aspx

North Carolina Executive Order 124 (Utilities-Evictions-Financial Services)
<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO124-Utilities-Evictions-Financial-Services.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions: North Carolina Executive Order 124 (Utilities-Evictions-Financial Services)
<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/FAQs-Financial-Leniency-Evictions-Utilities.pdf>

Read this BEFORE filing for unemployment
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/02/politics/unemployment-benefits-federal-stimulus-us-economy/index.html>

Forsyth County Coronavirus Response Fund
<https://www.bizjournals.com/triad/news/2020/04/07/forsyth-coronavirus-response-fund-grants-more-than.html>