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COVID-19 LIVOAD RESPONSE

Philanthropic Subcommittee Call

Monday, March 23, 2020

1:00PM

Call Notes

| LIVOAD STANDING CALLS | |
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| Tuesdays & Fridays 11:00AM | To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://www.gotomeet.me/HWCLI/covid-19 You can also dial in using your phone. +1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 929-959-189 |
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LIVOAD Overview

- The Long Island Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (LIVOAD) is designed to respond during the ongoing crisis and form a subsequent Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to address continuing need in the aftermath of regional disasters.
- The LIVOAD has responded to 4 large scale disasters since its inception: September 11th, the economic recession of 2007-2008, Hurricane Irene, and Hurricane Sandy.
- "If you've seen one disaster, you've seen one disaster." Each disaster is unique and needs its own system of response.
- HWCLI convenes the LIVOAD and will tap on all participating entities to lead and contribute to the response.
- Also important that participants stay in their own lane to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Four C's: Communication; Coordination; Collaboration; Cooperation
- The LIVOAD is currently activated to respond to the public health crisis.

Subcommittee Goals

- The Philanthropic Subcommittee seeks to support Long Island families and the nonprofit sector as the region faces a recession. It will address:
 - o The need for additional healthcare resources
 - o The need for PPE
 - o How organizations can stay operational
 - o Building a long term plan for the region's recovery

Identifying Concerns

- Economic support is so critical to disaster recovery that the 5th "C" of disaster strategy could be "cash."
- Long Island is already seeing massive layoffs.
- Hurricane Sandy saw \$13million (through United Way) in recovery dollars – but since there is more widespread economic insecurity currently, we don't anticipate a similar infusion of dollars.
- It is difficult currently to design a program that will respond to the current need when we don't yet know what will be provided by the federal bill.

Organized Responses

- United Way is developing a number of projects to address need.
 - o Working to make all donations 100% deductible above the line.
 - o Have generate \$500k to launch next week in conjunction with the Dept of Labor for low wage workers who are now furloughed to receive \$100-200 gift cards. Applications are utilizing HEAP guidelines.
- Suffolk County creating initiative to bring food into hospitals without delivery charge for first responders.
- LICF is working to create an emergency fund for the region's nonprofits via minigrants.

Response from Banking Community

- The banks are also in a difficult position now as there is uncertainty as to how this will affect core business.
- Seeking to front load grants with general purpose to ensure dollars reach those who need them.
- Interest in other initiatives that include both public and private contributions so that LI can model off of them.
- \$15 million has been appropriated through UN for Food.
- Share our Strength / No Kid Hungry initiative is examining all 2020 funds and identifying funds that can be reappropriated for current crisis.
- There is interest in combining efforts for general employee relief funds (less by industry).
- New York Community Bank Foundation is working with grantees to ensure that their technological needs are met to be able to work remotely. Also assessing and approving proposed changes to grants.
- Bank of America is giving a worldwide gift in near future.
- PSEG has donated \$45,000 to Island Harvest.

- Bethpage is working with grantees to assess needed changes to grants and increase dollars for food, childcare assistance. In process of developing \$100k to relieve people in the region who are living paycheck to paycheck.
- Regional banks are also working to keep their employees on the payroll, which alleviates financial burden on workforce.

Ongoing Questions

- Is it possible to access similar funding as NYC received, given that many residents are now coming to LI and demographics are very similar?
- Is it possible for the state to pay the interest if LI nonprofits were to pull on their lines of credit?

Next Steps

- Standing calls to be held on Mondays at 1:00PM.
- Build the membership of the subcommittee, tap key players who should be involved with HWCLI.
- Nominate or self-nominate co-chair to serve with Theresa Regnante.