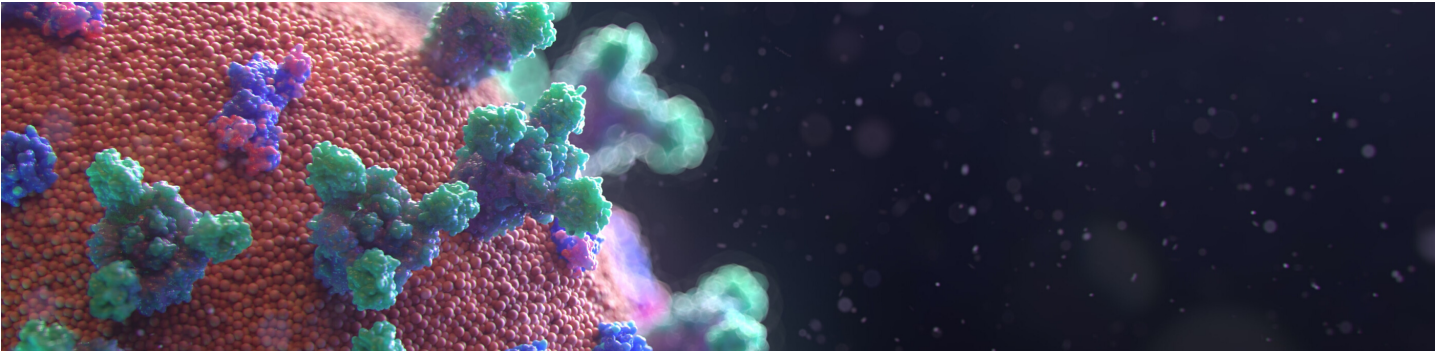


# COVID-19



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE PUERTO RICO

Dear Friends and Philanthropic Colleagues:

My thoughts of well-being and soon recovery from this global pandemic are with all of you. As I know it is extremely difficult for many of us to adapt to this new normal, most of us have step up to the new challenge in different ways. Philanthropy and especially community foundations, play an essential role in providing access to resources for the most vulnerable of our population.

In Puerto Rico, as well as in other Caribbean islands, the COVID-19 pandemic adds up to recent natural events; in our case the recovery process of Hurricane María and the recent January 2020 earthquakes that are still maintaining the south region in a watch as daily tremors continue, making this population one of the most vulnerable in the island.

Since day one, and following all orders of individual and physical distancing, our team became on-board to design and execute **Fundación Comunitaria de Puerto Rico** intervention strategy to address this dire situation. Our Board became the champion by approving \$223,000 as the initial budget to execute the strategy. Since then others have joined: Agua Fund, Amgen Foundation, Central Florida Foundation, Chicago Community Trust, The Miranda Foundation, The Prospect Hill Foundation, Global Giving and individual donors.

Our strategy - **Collective Response to COVID-19** - supports community-based non-profits and community health centers (Centers 330) to undertake the education, prevention, testing and containment with the support of philanthropic institutions like ours.

According to experts, the elderly population is at most risk of death, especially those 65 years and older. In Puerto Rico, this age group accounts for 21% of the population, many living under health, economic and social vulnerability especially after the hurricanes and recent earthquakes.

This group became and continues to be our primary target population. We've added other vulnerable groups and sectors that because of the lockdown situation are facing daily challenges. I'd like to share the extent of our four prong approach strategy:

1. Provide grants and resources to community health centers to strengthen the health and well-being of the elderly population in the community.
2. Provide grants and resources to community based organizations and community groups to implement geriatric health initiatives, including an assessment of needs.
3. Provide grants, resources and capacity building to community based non-profits and community groups to focus on homeless and women population.
4. Establish a multisectoral alliance to expand the reach of these strategies.

I am very sensitive to the particular situation your community is going through, but I truly believe that sharing information is one of the mechanisms we have to face this global pandemic.

Wishing all well being and good health, looking forward to seeing you soon, until then, please receive our warmest virtual hug.

**Dr. Nelson I. Colón**  
President and CEO



# PROGRESS - May 2020



VAMOS  
Concertación  
Ciudadana  
volunteers in  
Guánica

## Grants: \$367,477

- **VAMOS Concertación Ciudadana - Grant: \$24,500**  
The grant allows the organization to work in Guánica - epicenter of January 2020 earthquakes - to acquire at least 100 test kits and for immediate testing and educate on virus prevention, provide sanitizing supplies, activate a referral protocol. This organization will also work in the organization of other communities and community leaders to ensure that every elder is well educated on prevention and containment of the virus.
- **COSSAO (Corporación de Servicios de Salud Primaria y Desarrollo Socioeconómico El Otao) - Grant: \$20,000**  
They will be able to establish a three (3) month outreach program for 120 individuals +70 years old to educate and prevent on virus contagion. This includes providing 120 rapid tests and provide with, at least, 200 grocery bags for this aging population.
- **Migrant Health Center, Inc. Western Region - Grant: \$20,000**  
The Center will hire nurses to coordinate medical services and the application of rapid tests. They serve approximately 2,600 patients within the ages of 70-85 years old that will benefit from their services.
- **Corporación de Servicios de Salud y Medicina Avanzada, Inc. (COSSMA) - Grant: \$34,702**  
They will provide 400 adult individuals with nutritional supplements for 45 days and provide education on virus prevention.
- **Salud Integral en la Montaña, Inc. (SIM) - Grant: \$20,000**  
They will provide adults 65 years and older in the mountainous region with food and at home tests. It will provide for the acquisition of medical supplies.
- **Centro de Servicios de Salud Primaria de Patillas, Inc. - Grant: \$15,000**  
They will educate on virus prevention practices to a population of adults 70 to 84 years old. They will also provide delivery services for medical supplies.
- **Comité Desarrollo Social y Cultural de Daguao, Inc. - Grant \$17,830**  
They will support the needs of the elderly population in their community in Humacao.

## Local Allies

- Asociación de Salud Primaria de Puerto Rico
- Coalición de Sabiduría COVID-19 de Puerto Rico (COSACO)
- VAMOS - Concertación Ciudadana

## Donors

- Agua Fund
  - Amgen Foundation
  - Atlantic College (COSACO Fiscal Sponsorship)
  - Central Florida Foundation
  - Chicago Community Trust
  - Global Giving
  - Miranda Foundation
  - Panamerican Group (COSACO Fiscal Sponsorship)
  - The Prospect Hill Foundation
- **Concilio de Salud Integral de Loíza, Inc. (CSIL) - Grant: \$20,000**  
It will support their **Take my Hand** project that has a call center to provide health advisory and identifying meritorious cases to visit. It will provide for medical supplies and health education to prevent virus contagion.
  - **PryMed Medical Care, Inc - Grant - \$20,445**  
They will support 1,000 adults in the municipality of Ciales by providing grocery baskets to their homes.
  - **Med Centro, Inc.- Grant \$20,000**  
They will distribute groceries to approximately 800 elderly in five municipalities.
  - **Hospital General de Castañer, Inc. - Grant \$25,000**  
They will educate on virus prevention and containment; and will provide groceries and local produce to approximately 1,000 adults, 70 years and older, in the municipalities of Jayuya and Adjuntas.
  - **Centros Integrados de Servicios de Salud de Lares, Inc. - Grant \$20,000**  
They will educate on virus prevention, while providing health supplies to an the elder population, without having to leave their homes. They will also focus on individuals within this population with chronic health problems and mobility problems.
  - **Morovis Community Health Center, Inc. - \$20,000**  
They will educate on virus prevention and will support the needs of approximately 250 adults +70 years old in the municipalities of Morovis, Vega Alta and Toa Baja.
- Grants were awarded to three organizations in the south region of Puerto Rico to provide housing and financial counseling, provide resources to inspect damaged houses and to provide health counseling related to COVID-19.
- **One Stop Career Center of Puerto Rico Inc. - \$30,000**
  - **PathStone Corporation - \$30,000**
  - **Ponce Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. - \$30,000**

