

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

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The UK Employee COVID-19 Response Fund



University of Kentucky employees who have experienced adverse financial effects due to the COVID-19 pandemic can still apply for assistance through the [UK Employee COVID-19 Response Fund](#) and the UK Staff Senate’s CRISIS Fund.

The UK Employee COVID-19 Response Fund was established by UK in May specifically to provide financial support to individuals who are experiencing an unforeseen, temporary financial hardship caused by the pandemic. All funding awards are made from gifted funds; no state funds are used to provide awards.

To be eligible to receive assistance from the UK Employee COVID-19 Response Fund, an individual must:

- Be a current employee (faculty and staff, including temporary/STEPS) or a retired university employee (as defined in UK Administrative Regulation 3:1) at the time of their application and fund distribution. The Advisory Committee may also consider other, unique situations or circumstances.
- Be experiencing a financial hardship due to or connected with COVID-19.
- [Submit an application](#) and supporting documents.

Hardships due to or connected with COVID-19 include: recovery from COVID-related illness; out-of-pocket, unreimbursable medical expenses or co-pays; funeral expenses; caregiver responsibilities for a family member; threat of loss of essential utilities; threat of loss of household; or a major unexpected expense that is not covered by an active insurance policy. Expenses must have occurred on or after March 13, 2020.

Learn more about this important program and submit applications by visiting:

<https://www.uky.edu/hr/hr-home/uk-employee-covid-19-response-fund>



PHOTO FRIDAY – Friends and Family in HealthCare

Our friends and family members in Health Care have been on the frontlines of efforts to combat this pandemic for more than a year now. This week’s collage will be a tribute to these heroes. Submit photos of your family or friends who have worked in health care this year. Include a brief description or your relation/connection with the person. Send to shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight on Thursday, January 21.