CRIC has benevolence funds to assist families in Cache Valley, UT who face financial hardship as a result of the COVID19 crisis and resulting disruption to employment. Funds provided are a gift; they are neither payment for services nor a loan, so they do not require reporting for income tax.

**Funding Source:** CRIC has received an unanticipated influx of monetary donations intended to assist families and individuals affected by COVID19, especially New Americans, for example refugees, immigrants, or undocumented residents. CRIC aims to meet essential, urgent needs that may be impossible for other source agencies to fulfill quickly. CRIC works in partnership with other community groups who have similar benevolence funds. CRIC and other funding providers are committed to protecting applicants’ privacy.

**Purpose and Limits of Assistance**
- **Essential needs include:** housing (rent, mortgage payment); utilities (electricity, water); phone; internet; medications; transportation (automobile loan)
- Up to $1000 may be requested
- CRIC will pay service providers directly (e.g., landlord, mortgage company, municipal utility office, phone service provider, etc.)
- Generally, only one request will be considered, as COVID19 Benevolence Funds are not intended to meet recurring needs. Additional requests will be considered at the discretion of the review committee

**Application Review and Funds Disbursement**
CRIC staff and members of the Benevolence Fund review committee will review applications for funds and communicate with other groups in Cache Valley, who provide similar financial aid. When a decision is made to fund an application, a CRIC representative will process payments with careful attention to due dates. CRIC will retain receipts for payments made with benevolence funds.

CRIC will usually make payments by check, although other payment methods may be possible and more appropriate in some instances, such as paying over the phone.

Applicants are asked to specify deadlines for bills to be paid, and CRIC will process payments as quickly as possible.
Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection
Application for COVID19 Benevolence Fund Assistance

Date: __________________

CRIC contact person: _____________________________________________

Applicant Name:_________________________________________________

Applicant phone number: __________________________________________

Nature of need & date due (rent, utilities, phone bill, etc.):
____________________________________________________________________

(provide account number or service provider name, amount due, and bill due date)

Amount requested: _______________________

Applicant’s employer: ________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Income:
____________________________________________________________________

Has the applicant sought financial assistance from any of the following?
    -- Utah Department of Workforce Services
    -- Bear River Association of Governments
    -- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Hyde Park, UT
    -- Iglesia de Dios, Hyrum, UT
    -- Other

Payment made by (indicate check number, phone transaction, or other relevant information):
____________________________________________________________________

CRIC contact person processing the request: ________________________________________

Date request resolved: _________________________

Notes/follow up needed: ___________________________________________________