



# The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## The Norwood Fund

The Town of Norwood is asking for donations to the Norwood Fund. The Norwood Fund is a combination of four donation funds-three of which the Town already operates and one new fund- to help residents in need during and after the covid-19 emergency.

Donations to the fund are separated into four areas that allow us to maximize the reach to citizens who are in need. We are able to assist any resident but are focusing on seniors, veterans, and those in greatest need. We can cover food assistance, utility assistance, toiletries/hygiene items, small repairs/ancillary items to these services, etc. The fund is not meant to replace existing assistance programs but to complement and add on to those services to provide assistance as we are receiving far more calls for service than typical. These are funds the Town has always operated but we are seeing a huge increase in demand. Residents needing assistance can contact the citizen call center at 781-352-2363.

**COA Senior Citizen Donation Fund-** This existing fund assists seniors with any needs including food assistance and other costs or services needed by seniors.

**Gift of Warmth Fund-** Started by John Carroll many years ago this existing fund provides assistance for individuals with heat and other utility payments as well as similar wraparound services related to utilities including but not limited to small repairs associated with utility payments.

**Norwood Food Security Fund-** This is a new donation fund established by the Town specifically to provide temporary food assistance, primary to those not qualifying for or waiting for other sources of food relief and in need of quick short-term assistance. This will also be managed by the COA staff that in managing similar programs.

**Veteran's Assistance Fund-** Veterans are particularly hard hit; this existing fund provides wraparound and additional services that are not available through the local Veterans assistance program or not available through the Department of Veterans Affairs/VA services.

### How can I donate:

Online at [http://www.norwoodma.gov/online\\_bill\\_pay/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/online_bill_pay/index.php) (Click on link that says Cable, Excise Tax, Property Tax, and Utility Bills and THEN on the left hand side click on COVID-19 DONATIONS)

Mail check or money order to 566 Washington Street ATT Norwood Fund (Makes checks payable to Norwood Fund)

Checks can be dropped off at Town Hall in any of our payment boxes.