



## **W. M. Keck Foundation Granted \$62 Million in 2020 Including \$16 Million for COVID-19 Research and Community Needs in Southern California**

In 2020, the W. M. Keck Foundation made \$16 million in grants for COVID-19 research and emergency relief efforts to USC, UCLA and a host of non-profit groups that are on the front lines fighting the virus in Southern California.

The Keck Foundation's COVID-19 research and emergency grants include:

- \$6 million to USC's Keck School of Medicine COVID-19 Research Fund, to support research and related activities in five major areas intended to rapidly improve our understanding of the biology, epidemiology, treatment, and impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, and to mitigate the impact on patients, communities and society.
- \$4 million to UCLA's W. M. Keck Foundation COVID-19 Research Fund, to support basic science projects aimed at understanding the SARS-CoV2 virus and the mechanisms by which it causes disease, developing new methods to detect infection, understanding why some individuals are more susceptible to life-threatening disease than others, and developing effective new therapies to treat COVID-19 infection.
- \$1 million to the City of Los Angeles' L.A. Emergency COVID-19 Crisis Fund and the Los Angeles County Office of Education's COVID-19 Education Response, through the California Community Foundation. The Los Angeles City Emergency COVID-19 Crisis Fund is supporting families and small businesses, providing relief and equipment for healthcare workers, and services for the homeless. Los Angeles County's COVID-19 Education Response Fund is providing student and family basic needs, devices for online/distance learning, professional-development training and infrastructure for distance learning and delivery of mental-health services.
- \$3 million in Spring 2020 to charities in Southern California, providing immediate assistance and boosting emergency-response efforts that address their vulnerable clients' pressing needs.
- \$2 million in Winter 2020 to charities in Southern California helping individuals and families facing job loss, food insecurity and homelessness.

The Keck Foundation also made research and Southern California grants in 2020 including:

- \$20 million to major universities, independent research institutions, and medical schools to support pioneering biological and physical science research and engineering. Please see the [abstracts](#) listed on our website for more about these grants.
- \$2.3 million to additional charities located in Los Angeles County that support civic and community services, early childhood and pre-collegiate education, health care, and arts and cultural enrichment. Please see the [abstracts](#) listed on our website for more about these grants.
- \$1 million for wildfire relief in the California and the West.
- \$16.8 million towards our major ongoing grants to the Keck School of Medicine at USC, UCLA, Chapman University, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and others.

In 2021, The Keck Foundation plans to continue its nationwide science and engineering and medical research programs and to support the Los Angeles arts and culture, education, health and community service projects it regularly funds.

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The **W. M. Keck Foundation** was established in 1954 in Los Angeles by William Myron Keck, founder of The Superior Oil Company. One of the nation's largest philanthropic organizations, the W. M. Keck Foundation supports outstanding science, engineering and medical research, and undergraduate education. The Foundation also maintains a program within Southern California to support arts and culture, education, health and community service projects and programs. The W. M. Keck Foundation's support of Southern California-based organizations enriches the lives of the region's residents and has expanded and deepened over the years. Programming for children, youth, and their families is supported with the goal of providing safe, healthy, supportive environments that prepare children to succeed in school and in life.