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# CIF COVID-19 Fund Assists Hundreds

*June 15, 2020 - Mechanicsville, VA* - As COVID-19 began spreading across our nation in March resulting in financial impact to businesses and individuals. As the effect became evident, the CIF Board of Trustees sprang into action and created a special fund to provide assistance for those directly affected by the Coronavirus crisis.

Beginning in late March and throughout all of May, CIF received more than 600 applications for assistance coming from 35 different states, the majority of which met the CIF established criteria and were funded. More than \$250,000 has been distributed to these individuals to date.

The initial fund was created using \$100,000 of earlier industry donations to CIF, and that amount was quickly matched by CCC Information Services. Despite the challenging financial times, many additional organizations and individuals contributed generously throughout April and May, including: AirPro Diagnostics, Guy Bargnes, Colette Bruce, Chris Caris, Benjamin Cupelli, Dave's Collision Center/Halethorpe, Kelli Dewberry, Jeff Hendler, Kurt Lammon, Timothy Morgan, PartsTrader, Clark Plucinski, Sean Carey Consultants, Petra Schroeder, Spanesi Americas, Tanya Sweetland, and John Yoswick. Funds were also contributed from monthly donors Meredith Bradshaw and Bill Enross.

When the fund was on the verge of being exhausted and CIF put out a call for help to continue taking applications, Tractable answered in a very big way by donating \$25,000 to the fund.

While the COVID-19 fund is now officially closed for applications, CIF looks ahead to the probable natural disasters that remain on the horizon such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and flooding. CIF President Michael Quinn of AirPro Diagnostics reflects, "As the industry begins to see repair volume increase again, we must

remember that our work is not over. There will be other crises and other disasters, so we ask for your help to replenish the core CIF fund so that we may answer the call and continue to do our important work on behalf of the industry.”

All donations to CIF are tax deductible. To contribute to CIF for future industry support, visit <http://www.collisionindustryfoundation.org>

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**About CIF:** The Collision Industry Foundation (CIF) is the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the collision repair industry. We are dedicated to raising, managing, and donating funds to provide emergency relief to collision repair professionals who have been impacted by natural disasters or other catastrophic events.

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