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Puget Sound Fire has been receiving questions about how to donate to support the efforts surrounding the Covid -19 outbreak. We appreciate the incredible community that is so willing to pitch in and help take care of each other. To streamline operations, we are referring all donations (and request) to the King County Regional Donation Connector website.

King County government is working with regional private and public sector organizations to direct donations to agencies in need – and the people they are charged to serve during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As the response effort moves into a critical phase, people, businesses and non-profits are searching for an effective means to make sure services, supplies and funding reach health care providers, first responders, and social service entities working on the front lines.

Toward that end, the King County Regional Donations Connector has been launched to serve three purposes:

1. Provide a system that allows donations and offers of assistance to be used in the response effort.
2. Provide an online “marketplace” where offering organizations can be matched to those in need.
3. Provide the public with an easily searchable list of resources.

Donating individuals, agencies and businesses are invited to share what they have to contribute (i.e. funding, surgical supplies, masks, counseling etc.) and link up with frontline organizations.

Who is the Connector for?

- Private and public entities with something to donate, community and faith-based organizations with specific needs, and the general public who wants to help in practical ways.
- There are also links to other options for donations of volunteer time through the United Way or financial donations through the Seattle Foundation (serving all of King County)

Donations and volunteering:

- **King County Regional Donations Connector** – www.kingcounty.gov/emergency/donate This new service matches donors of money, food, goods, and services with organizations in need of donations.

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