APEX COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

United Way of Orleans County

"The United Way of Orleans County is extremely thankful for the generosity and support from Apex and the Heritage Wind landowners. The dollars raised will go a long way toward helping the most critically vulnerable people in our county." –Dean Bellack, Executive Director, United Way of Orleans County

About the United We Help Partnership

In April 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, families in rural Orleans County were struggling, and local businesses were forced to close.

In response, Apex employees reached out to the farmers and landowners participating in the local Heritage Wind project. Apex put up a call for donations to United Way of Orleans County's United We Help fund, which provided direct cash assistance to Orleans County residents who lost their jobs during the pandemic and were unable to collect unemployment.

Local landowners answered the call, donating more than \$2,000 to the effort. Those donations were matched by a \$2,500 contribution from the Apex Community Grant Program.



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"Heritage Wind is more than just Apex; it's a family made up of landowners and supporters throughout



the county. We wanted to do something as a group to support our neighbors."

-Kirk and Alice Mathes, Mathes Farms, Barre, NY



About the Apex Community Grant Program

One of Apex Clean Energy's primary goals is to be a dependable, long-term community partner with residents, local governments, and community organizations where our projects are located. One small way we do this is by giving back to host communities through the Apex Community Grant Program. The program supports projects and programs that build healthy communities, create economic opportunity, encourage environmental sustainability, and promote education. Since 2017, Apex has donated more than \$3 million in support of organizations in project communities across the country.

