



## Take Action: Our Community's Assets Resource Guide Graphic Organizer

### What are Our Community's Assets?

**Community assets** come in many forms. Some are easy to identify, for example physical spaces like a park, or resources like libraries. Sometimes they are more abstract, like shared attitudes and beliefs. **Anything that contributes to a community's strength, resilience, support networks, culture, or pride in itself can be considered an asset.**

**STEP 1: Brainstorm** some of your community's assets before COVID-19 for each category. Later in the lesson, we will focus on assets that react specifically to the needs of the community during the pandemic.

Physical Spaces	<i>Ex: Park</i>	
Businesses and Organizations	<i>Ex: Homeless shelter</i>	
Government Officials and Offices	<i>Ex: City Councilor Vargas</i>	
Recurring Events	<i>Ex: Farmers market</i>	
Individuals	<i>Ex: Friend who cooks for elderly neighbor</i>	
Attitudes and Beliefs	<i>Ex: Pride in our community</i>	

## What are Our Community's Assets During COVID-19?

It's common for local governments and community groups to react to crises like a pandemic and provide support to individuals in a variety of ways, but it can sometimes be challenging to get the word out to the very people they are trying to help. Part of the challenge is it's rare for all of the most important information about resources to be collected in one place. We're going to do our best to collect the most helpful information about COVID-19 relief for our community, organize it into one resource, and blast it on social media where people will be likely to see it!

**Step 2: Research** assets and resources to include in the guide.

<p><b>Follow</b> the news on tv or online and use the space below to jot down the resources you learn about.</p>	<p><b>Conduct</b> a Google search. The following suggested search criteria might be helpful:</p>
	<p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19” <i>(Example: Warwick, RI + COVID-19)</i></p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + programs”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + help”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + support”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + events”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + unemployment”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + health”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + childcare”</p> <p>“[COMMUNITY NAME] + COVID-19 + [ELECTED OFFICIAL TITLE OR NAME]”</p>

## Share Your Community Resource Guide for COVID-19

**Step 3: Design** your Community Resource Guide. You can either create your own design using GDocs, GSlides, maybe [Canva \(www.canva.com\)](http://www.canva.com), or simply use the graphic organizer below.

**Step 4: Post** screenshot or photo of your Community Resource Guide for COVID-19 on social media.

- Don't forget to add #democracydoesntpause and tag @generationcitizen on Instagram or @gencitizen on Twitter.
- Consider including a call to action for your followers to retweet, repost, or send their own message.
- **Tag the government office, official, or group responsible for the resources - they may respond!**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE FOR COVID-19				
Resource Category <i>Physical space Businesses/Organization Recurring events</i>	Location <i>Physical address or website address</i>	Source <i>Where did you find this info?</i>	Who in your community might be interested in this resource?	What issue or problem can it help with?
<u>Example:</u> Government	<u>Example:</u> <i>Wyndham Hotel on Post Road, Warwick, RI</i>	<u>Example:</u> <a href="#">Eyewitness News</a> <a href="#">Channel 12 website</a>	<u>Example:</u> <i>Recovering COVID-19 patients and their families</i>	<u>Example:</u> <i>This provides a place for recovering patients to quarantine safely and avoid putting their families at risk.</i>