Response to COVID-19

Webinar on Grants and Emergency Resources
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10:00 am- 11:00 am
Who you will hear from today

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Agenda

1. Grant Updates
2. Give Local Updates
3. Emerging Resources / Rapid Response Grant Round
4. Q & A
New Procedures for Current Grantees

If you currently have a grant from the Foundation:

• If you can complete your grant as anticipated, great!
• If not, there will be no penalties for cancelling, postponing, or being unable to complete program goals
• You are encouraged to cancel or reschedule in-person events and programming
• If your organization is experiencing a hardship, any remaining grant funding can be used to support general operations
• Deadlines for grant reports are flexible
New Procedures for Sponsorships

If you currently have been approved for a sponsorship:

• You are encouraged to cancel or reschedule in-person events and programming
• If you decide to cancel your event, you may use the money already granted to support your organization’s general operations
• Matching Challenge Sponsorships:
  • Register for Give Local by April 6
  • Your sponsorship match will be applied to donations your organization receives during the online campaign
Organizations with Pending Requests

Flexibility is a priority

1. We are accepting updates to pending grant applications
2. You can request funding to be used for general operating purposes
3. To make changes, call or email your Program Officer
4. We do not anticipate delays in our grant process
Give Local Updates

• Still going ahead as planned for April 21-22
• Nonprofit registration closes on April 6
• Give Local can be used to offset losses in revenue
• Consider using the Peer to Peer feature
• Resources available

https://www.givelocalccf.org/info/trainings
https://www.givelocalccf.org/info/nonprofit-toolkit
Grant Questions?
Emerging Resources: Collaboration

• Reaching out to local and regional grant makers to identify and coordinate resources

• What we are exploring:
  • Pooling funding to create emergency grants available for nonprofits and the most in need community members
  • Creating a streamlined and simple application process
  • Increasing connection to technology that will allow nonprofits practice social isolation, work remotely and maintain core operations
Rapid Response Emergency Grants

• May include general operating support for nonprofit organizations that work with residents who will be most affected
  ○ Communities of color
  ○ Older Adults
  ○ Communities with limited access to health insurance and care
  ○ Basic needs supports, such as access to food

• What we cannot fund:
  ○ Individuals who are facing hardship
Emergency Grant Timing

• We are currently:
  • Developing emergency grant guidelines and application
  • Fundraising to increase resources available
• We anticipate it will be a rolling application process
• Our goal is to establish a swift decision-making process
• Our aim is to have the process available as soon as possible
Technology Supports

• Virtual meetings and webinars for up to 100 attendees
• Nonprofits without access may apply for a free license sponsored by the Foundation

Email pmckenna@conncf.org and include:
• Organization name
• Name and email of person who will manage account

• Nonprofit resource page dedicated to working remotely, including a helpful webinar
• Source of discounted hardware of software
Technology Supports

- Offering free Emergency Work Remote Toolkit for nonprofits, including virtual meetings
  - www.gotomeeting.com/work-remote/resources
- Offering free trials of Google G-Suite
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Questions, Suggestions & Concerns