



## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

# RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## Flexibility and use of existing funds

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is very mindful that the current coronavirus public health crisis is putting major stress on nonprofit grantees. We want to be a supportive partner during this extremely difficult time. To that end, we are implementing a range of strategies, including immediate flexibility for our current grantees so you can focus on the pressing priorities before you:

### Grant Reports

**We are waiving all grant reporting deadlines** in 2020 for any active grants with the Foundation, whether for single-year or multiyear grant awards, whether final or progress reports. No new applications or grants this year will be predicated upon receipt of written grant reports on prior awards. If we need specific information from you, we will reach out directly, and aim to keep your time spent on this to a minimum. If you would like to share a report or story about your work at a later date, we would welcome that, but only as your time and other priorities allow.

### Grant Extensions

**Any extensions of time needed to complete work under existing grants are hereby approved.** You do not need to submit a grant change request form. Take whatever time you need to complete planned projects, and please update the Foundation at a later date when time allows.

### Flexible Use of Existing Grants

**Any changes relative to canceled public events, in-person services, or similar face-to-face activities that you need to make for public health reasons are hereby approved.** You do not need to submit a grant change request form to change activities or budget lines when funds are being used within the scope of the same planned project, program or service. We understand that you are likely doing business in new ways, working remotely as staff are able, canceling or postponing gatherings, and so on. Again, please amend your plans consistent with public health guidance, and update the Foundation at a later date when time allows.

**We are open to requests to convert projects grants to completely unrestricted support, but we need you to check with a senior program officer first.** We appreciate that many organizations are responding in real time to changed circumstances, and so we are very receptive to requests that project grants be repurposed and used flexibly for unrestricted operating support. However, many of the funds administered by the Foundation are designated for specific purposes or target populations (e.g. only for children, or healthcare needs, or a specific town or geographic region, etc.), and, by contract, we need to honor donor intent. As such, if you want permission to use project grants for wholly different purposes or for unrestricted operating support, we encourage you to reach out via phone or email to a senior program officer with such requests. We will assess the nature of the funds used in making your grant, and will honor such requests to the extent we are able to do so, on a case-by-case basis. If you know who your senior program officer is for your grant, please reach out directly. If you do not know please contact Wendy Cahill at [Wendy.Cahill@nhcf.org](mailto:Wendy.Cahill@nhcf.org) or Gale Dean at [Gale.Dean@nhcf.org](mailto:Gale.Dean@nhcf.org) and they can direct you.

As the Charitable Foundation takes additional steps to support our communities in the wake of this pandemic, especially the most vulnerable among us, we urge you to keep us informed of emerging needs. We will not be able to meet them all, but we are better able to target our support and engage donors and other partners when we have the benefit of the insights of our community partners in an ever-changing landscape.

Thank you for all you do to make our communities stronger. Wishing all health and safety.