

The West End Home Foundation Response to COVID-19

On March 19, 2020, The West End Home Foundation notified its thirty-seven partner agencies that all 2020 grants were converted to unrestricted funding. The only requirement is that funds be used to benefit older adults in the seven county WEHF service area. Agencies were also notified that interim reporting requirements were waived until further notice.

It is the hope of Foundation leadership that these changes will ease some of the challenges agencies are experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Special Announcement to Nonprofit Partners:

Dear friends and colleagues,

It's hard to overstate what we're facing right now in Middle Tennessee and beyond. This is a most challenging time but we've been heartened by the thoughtful and compassionate response by our nonprofit partners. We applaud your tireless efforts in the tornado rescue and relief operations and your quick and informed action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. You are strengthening our communities not just today but also for the future.

We want to share with you two decisions made by our Board of Directors regarding our grant program:

First, recognizing the fact that many of your programs have been suspended or adjusted due to recent events, we are announcing increased flexibility with your 2020 grant funding. We are waiving restrictions on funding tied to specific program strategies and expenses when circumstances have caused you to cancel or otherwise modify service delivery. We encourage you, whenever possible, to explore creative alternatives for staying connected with and supporting your clients. The only restriction that remains in place is that our funding benefit older adults in our seven county geographic area.

Second, we know you have more important things to do right now than file a report with us, so we are suspending all interim reporting requirements for those of you to which this applies.

We are inspired by the creativity many of you are demonstrating right now. Your work can also move others, so we are compiling a list of ways organizations serving older adults are responding to program suspension. If you are implementing new ideas in your work, please let me know via email or phone. We also want to hear about your needs and challenges. If there's something you think we can help with, please let us know.

I know you are all working hard to serve our communities and I am grateful for your efforts. We are thinking of you. Stay safe and well.

Warmest Regards,
Dianne