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## Lifelong Communities Mini-Grants

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Dear Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant Recipient,

MaineCF understands the stress that nonprofits are under in this time of uncertainty. We have encouraged our donors to make general support grants to nonprofit organizations directly and have made changes to our grantmaking to allow for flexible and expedited funding. As a current Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant recipient, I'm writing to let you know that you may either have an extension of whatever time necessary to use the funds in the way originally intended OR you may use the funds as general operating support for whatever needs you may have during this unprecedented crisis, ideally to support older people in your community. You do not need to ask permission, please go ahead and use the funds as needed.

Just to let you know, we have also established a COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund but are not soliciting individual grant applications at this time. Given that needs are immediate, grants will be made proactively and not through an application process. Our priority at this time is supporting organizations serving the immediate needs of people with particular risk factors. MaineCF is committed to being responsive, so funding strategies may evolve over time.

You can check our COVID-19 response page for ongoing updates: <https://www.mainecf.org/initiatives-impact/covid-19-response/>. The Maine Philanthropy Center also has information about other COVID-19 response funds: <https://www.mainephilanthropy.org/covid19>.

Hope you are all safe and healthy and managing as best you can. We thank you for all that you do for Maine communities.

Be well and take good care,

Laura

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