The COVID-19 crisis is changing the way that all of us live and work. The Medica Foundation is more committed than ever to improving health outcomes by listening to the communities we serve and adjusting to meet organizations where they are during this difficult time. In order to best respond to the many health challenges caused by the crisis, we will be making some changes to the way we typically manage grant making.

**Behavioral Health and Early Childhood Health Grants**

The Medica Foundation will continue to fund initiatives that are innovative and have a high likelihood of creating long-term change. Behavioral Health and Early Childhood Health program grant opportunities will still be available in 2020. We are expanding both of these funding areas to include COVID-19 response as it relates to the overall focus of behavioral or early childhood health.

The deadline for Behavioral Health applications is extended by two weeks from 4/3/20 to 4/17/20. The Early Childhood Health application deadline will remain the same, on 5/1/20. Program grants for Nebraska are by invitation only and do not have a deadline.

**Strategic Initiative**

Our Strategic Initiative will continue to fund one organization at $200,000 in 2020. Please refer to the information on our website for further details on qualifications and on how to apply.

The deadline for the Strategic Initiative will remain the same, on 5/1/20. The Strategic Initiative opportunity is not available for organizations in Nebraska in 2020.

**Rural Health Grants**

We will continue our Rural Health grant opportunity in 2020 in providing $5,000 grants to organizations outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area in Minnesota, as well as North Dakota, South Dakota, western Wisconsin and rural Nebraska. This funding area supports health-related programming that is essential to an organization’s nonprofit mission. Applications may include support for your organizations response to COVID-19.

The deadline for Rural Health grant applications will remain the same, on 8/28/20. Rural Health grants for Nebraska are by invitation only and do not have a deadline.

For questions regarding these changes, or to discuss your proposal, please contact the Foundation at foundation@medica.com.