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TO: Wisconsin County Officials
FROM: Wisconsin Counties Association
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RE: COVID-19 Response Grant Program

The Wisconsin Partnership Program at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health have released information pertaining to a new grant program aimed at helping both community organizations and researchers at the University respond to the immediate challenges that have arisen from COVID-19.

This grant is aiming to support innovative, responsive, high-impact projects that could improve the health of people in the state by lessening the impact of COVID-19 through scientific, medical, or public health approaches. Priority will be given to applicants whose projects take immediate action against COVID-19. The grant will include \$750,000 for community-led projects which includes projects led by government entities.

The following is a list of examples for community-led projects according to the grant's webpage:

- Development of community-based/ community-responsive infrastructure to distribute food, medication or other immediate health-related needs to those experiencing the greatest disparities in access
- Developing and implementing outreach mechanisms to provide mental health support to those at greatest risk for suffering from social isolation
- Development and implementation of outreach mechanisms to provide information about basic health resources to communities
- Training for community health workers to provide remote education on COVID-19 infection prevention
- Innovative community-designed responses to the short-term impact of COVID-19 on the social determinants of health with consideration of the expected health-related socio-economic impacts that result from the pandemic

Request for proposals began on March 30, 2020 with a deadline set for April 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified if they receive a grant by April 30, 2020 with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2020.

For more information on the grant including application materials, please visit <https://www.med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/covid-19-response-grant-program/>.