

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of our team at Ascendium, I want to express my concern and compassion for you, your colleagues and your families at this very difficult time.

As you may recall from a message we sent at the pandemic's early stages, we indicated our intent to be flexible and responsive. After hearing from some grantees as to what would be most helpful, we're now sharing some concrete steps to support our partners:

- We will administer an automatic extension for any grant deliverables or reports due before August 1, 2020.
- We will convert any approved amounts for cancelled sponsorships and convenings to donations.
- We will convert all paid registrations for cancelled convenings to donations.

I know our program officers have already been in touch with some of you personally, and they are available to address any other concerns you may have. We'll continue to be flexible and adjust our response as necessary through the end of the pandemic and into recovery – all so that our grant partners may continue their work on the front lines of helping students from low-income backgrounds.

With gratitude,



Dick George
Chairman, President & CEO