



Request for Applications

Title: Using innovative digital health solutions to improve primary health care delivery for non-communicable diseases in Kenya during the COVID-19 pandemic

RFA number: NCD 07/2020

Issue date: July 29, 2020

Application due date: August 20, 2020 at 1700 Hours East African time. Late submissions shall not be accepted and considered for the small grants program.

Anticipated period of performance: Up to one year (12 months), with possibility of extension based on availability of funding, grantee performance, and compliance to grant terms and conditions.

Grant budget ceiling: Not to exceed Kshs 2,000,000 (Two Million Kenya Shillings) per grant.

Contact: Any questions concerning this request for applications (RFA) should be submitted via email to ncdphcaward@path.org by 07th August 2020. Responses to questions will made available on PATH website on or before 14th August 2020.

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread across the world with devastating results. The virus is highly transmissible, has substantial fatal outcomes in high-risk groups, and has caused huge societal and economic disruption. The highest risk for developing severe and even fatal disease is among the elderly and people with underlying Non-Communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer. These same diseases are the leading causes of death and disability globally, and account for one in every three deaths in Kenya. Alternative channels are needed for providing NCD care Persons Living with NCDs (PLWNCDs) to reduce their chances of contracting Covid-19. Several containment measures have been proposed, including full/partial lockdowns on movement. PLWNCDs have reported challenges with accessing health facilities for care and medication. Some have lost their livelihoods and therefore not able to meet the costs of their care. Transport has become more expensive as fewer people are allowed in a taxi or Public Service Vehicles (PSV) and consequent increase in passenger fares.

In this regard, PATH in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Access Accelerated seeks to engage eligible organizations who will implement novel models for delivering care and medicines to PLWNCDs in their communities and households using digital tools and/or telemedicine interventions through a small grants program.

Further details on the grant and application process can be obtained from the PATH website.