



## **The Nick Littlefield Award for Excellence in Community Health**

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The ***Nick Littlefield Award for Excellence in Community Health*** was established in 2016 to honor Mr. Nick Littlefield's lifelong dedication to public health policy and health care access. The award will recognize an organization making extraordinary contributions to children's health through a one-time, two-year \$100,000 award (\$50,000/year). The grant will focus on health care providers and community-based organizations that serve children under the age of 18.

Nationally recognized as a respected and powerful force in health care policy, Nick Littlefield was the former co-chair of the Government Strategies Group in the Boston law firm Foley, Hoag LLP.

Serving as staff director and chief counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy's Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (1989 – 1998), Mr. Littlefield shepherded a long list of landmark health policy reforms, including the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Ryan White AIDS Care Act; the Child Care Block Grant; the Food Nutrition Labeling and Education Act; the Family and Medical Leave Act; the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; and the Hatch-Kennedy Children's Health Insurance Act (CHIP).

Mr. Littlefield served on the Board of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation from its establishment in 2001 to his retirement in 2014. Throughout his life, Mr. Littlefield never wavered in his commitment to improving health care for underserved populations.

### **Who Should Apply for the *Nick Littlefield Award for Excellence in Community Health*?**

The award is specifically for health care providers and community-based organizations that serve low-income and vulnerable children in Massachusetts. The organization must be based in Massachusetts and tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the IRS code. If an organization does not have its own tax-exempt designation, it must provide proof of tax-exempt designation for a fiscal agent.

### **Who Should Not Apply?**

The Foundation will not accept applications from government entities, religious institutions, for-profit organizations, or individuals.

### **How Will Applications Be Reviewed?**

The grant recipient will be chosen by a committee that will review all applications and choose one recipient. The decisions of the committee are final, and the Foundation reserves the right not to present the award in any given year. The committee will focus on the following applicant qualities:

- Demonstrated impact the organization has had on children's health outcomes
- Emphasis on children under the age of 18
- Specific achievements that distinguish the applicant's work
- Evidence of leadership in the applicant's community
- Description of how the award funding will be used
- Letters of support and commitment

#### **When Are Applications Due?**

Applications are due no later than March 16, 2020. Applicants must submit via the ([online portal](#)). Only complete applications, including all letters of support, will be considered.

#### **When Will the Winner Be Notified?**

The award recipient will be notified of the committee's decision by June 15, 2020.

#### **Questions?**

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