Main Line Animal Rescue (MLAR) is a no-kill, no-fee rescue that relies completely on philanthropic contributions from foundations, individuals, and corporations. Set on 60 acres in Chester County and now in its 23rd year of service, MLAR is devoted to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing some of the most at risk, homeless and abused animals in Chester County and the surrounding region.

MLAR serves hundreds companion animals as well as the Chester County community of adopters, volunteers, friends, organizations, and corporations with its shelter services and outreach programming. MLAR has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by limiting on-site work to essential personnel only, hiring a professional firm for routine deep cleaning, providing disinfection materials to staff and volunteers, placing as many animals as possible in foster homes, and limiting adoptions to reservation-only status.

Main Line Animal Rescue requests consideration of a $5,000 grant to maintain the high level of services and care it provides to the animals at its shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying financial crisis. Specifically, funds are needed in the near term to offset the overall negative impact on philanthropy, cancellation of annual “large group fundraisers,” the decrease in adoptions and accompanying charitable contributions, and the provision of deep cleaning to the facility. This grant constitutes critical near-term relief in meeting these challenges and MLAR’s operating budget of $1,721,864.

Please email grants@chescocf.org

This Brief COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request
Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit
501c3 determination letter

Request letters will be posted on the Community Foundation’s website, in order to share with fund advisors, donors, grant panelists, and other funding sources. Grants will be processed a few times monthly. We estimate mini-grants will range from $500 to $5000.

Please direct general questions & inquiries about the Rapid Response Mini-Grants to grants@chescocf.org. Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.