In a few brief paragraphs, please explain:

1. **What geographic area is served?** *Southern Chester County*

2. **What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?**

   Tick Tock Early Learning Center prepares children from working families for school and life in a loving environment at affordable rates. Our Program offers high quality early childhood education and care to families residing primarily in Southern Chester County. Client tuition is determined on a sliding scale based on income and family size. The population we serve are low income, working families.

   As of Monday, March 16, our Center was mandated by our government to close until further notice. We are losing $26,000.00 a month in tuition, as we are not charging private pay (non-government subsidized) clients. We expect to lose $5,000.00 in food reimbursement from the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Perishable food that was purchased prior to any knowledge of our closure was donated to our families with the most need. While we are currently paying our employees, we anticipate needing to lay them off if the closure continues past April 6th. The future impact is unknown at this time as we could lose clients who have lost jobs or found a different source of care, and we could lose employees to other industries currently hiring.

   Tick Tock has spent the last two weeks reaching out to our most vulnerable families and offered help in the way of food and supplies. We have had three collection and distribution days, helping 16 families. Moving forward we are going to distribute grocery store gift cards that have been donated. We remain in touch with our families while we are closed and hope to be in a position to offer further tuition assistance to families who have experienced a major loss of income.

3. **How much funding is sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget? What will the funding be used for? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds?**

   At bare minimum, it will cost Tick Tock ELC $15,000 a month to keep the center going as far as utilities and insurances. We are working daily to understand any potential government funding that may apply to us and will be ready to act if such funding becomes available. In the meantime, we are seeking $5,000.00 (Less than 1% of our annual budget) from CCCF to help bridge the gap of funding so that we do not have to dip too far into our operating reserves.
Please email grants@chesocf.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@chesocf.org.

Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.