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CCCF COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grants

Per IRS Regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c) (3) certification & cannot be individuals.

Background/Eligibility

The Community Foundation's COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund provides flexible resources to **Chester County nonprofits** that are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak. This is designed as a flexible short-term response fund to provide relief for a variety of unexpected costs. We envision three funding priority levels:

- **Front Line Grants** fund community-based nonprofits that have increased demand for services due to COVID-19. These nonprofits have deep roots in community and a strong track-record serving people who are immediately and disproportionately suffering from this crisis. This includes services to financially vulnerable people who work in industries without sick leave &/or health care; homeless people; and health-challenged vulnerable people. Grants are intended to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address acute needs of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. These grants are NOT of the scale to support larger public institutions that are strained by increased demand for services. Examples of the types of nonprofits in most need of Front Line Grant Support, as service numbers rise: community-based health clinics; food bank & food pantries; meal delivery programs; homelessness programs.
- **Service-Challenged Grants** fund nonprofits that are modifying their in-person service delivery modes extremely rapidly due to COVID-19, and need assistance to do so. These nonprofits likely need additional assistance to upgrade sanitation protocols and obtain cleaning supplies & service personnel. This includes: youth centers, recreation centers, child care, senior services, adult day care, community-based education programs.
- **Collateral Damage Grants** fund nonprofits facing extreme difficulty because of lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges.





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COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

Date:

Contact Information

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In a few brief paragraphs, please explain:

1. **What geographic area is served?** *(If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served)*
Coatesville Area Senior Center served 14 municipalities in western Chester County; largely, the geographic area covered by the Coatesville Area School District. However, more than 65% of all those served live within the 19320-zip code with approximately 65% of those individuals living within the City limits.

2. **What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?**
As a contracted service provider with the County of Chester, Department of Aging Services, Coatesville Area Senior Center takes much of its lead from the County. Senior Centers across the County and the Commonwealth have been shuttered as part of the Governor’s recent mitigation efforts; however, several Senior Centers in Chester County are working cooperatively with the Chester County Department of Aging Services to ensure meals are available for the County’s older adults. Additionally, Coatesville Area Senior Center, given the financial and health vulnerability of nearly 85% of our clients, has activated mass communications to all registered clients. Staff will begin providing 48-hour check-in with our most at-risk clients, and pre-packaged meals will begin being distributed tomorrow. Coatesville Area Senior Center will continue to work with the Chester County Department of Aging Services provided the health and welfare of staff, and the health and welfare of clients, are able to be maintained safely; or until such time mandates from authorities state otherwise.

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?**
Unprecedented times will make it difficult to project actual pandemic impact on financial resources. Several small fundraisers (expected net-proceeds of \$5,000 or more) have been cancelled and unexpected expenses (supplies, additional cleaning, increased staff time) will have an adverse effect on an already tight budget. Respectfully, Coatesville Area Senior Center seeks \$4,000 which represents just shy of 1% of our total budget (\$423,000).

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- 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.