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## COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

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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)

*LCH serves primary southern Chester County – the route 1 corridor roughly from Kennett Square to Oxford/Nottingham – although any resident of Chester County may come to us for care. We serve everyone, whether they are uninsured, privately insured, or publicly insured, and no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.*

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

*LCH served a high percentage of the poor and uninsured residents of southern Chester County. In calendar 2019, we served almost 8,200 unduplicated individuals, or roughly 8% of our community's total population. As the only local resource for care for most of our patients, it is essential to our community that LCH remain open for both health (physical, dental, and mental health) and community services. All three LCH sites (in Kennett Square, West Grove, and Oxford) are open to patients during normal hours, including several evenings each week.*

*We will be challenged to keep our doors open to a rising number of patients, especially as we may have staff that exhibit symptoms and will be asked to stay home. We recently learned that the Chester County Health Department will not be issuing children's vaccinations during this time, so we expect to see an influx of patients seeking this important service. This is just one of the many unanticipated consequences that will impact our sustainability during this difficult time. We are committed to caring for our patients throughout this crisis, and to educating this particularly vulnerable population of mostly Spanish-speaking, low-education individuals with the information they need to keep their families safe.*

- 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?**

*LCH is requesting a grant of \$5,000 to help cover the costs of staying open as a critical front line service provider during this crisis. This is a small percentage of our overall budget of nearly \$8 million – well under 1% - but it will provide important support to pay for unbudgeted expenses at a time when LCH will be providing a great deal of care to our community which is likely to be uncompensated in any way. To stay open during this time, we must invest in sterilizing supplies and enhanced cleaning services to keep our sites as clean as possible and protect both our staff and our patients. We are also currently developing a printed flyer in Spanish and English we intend to distribute to mushroom farms, apartment complexes, and other places where the individuals we serve are likely to be. We anticipate expending the following amounts for the following purposes for the next three months:*

*\$2,400 for accelerated cleaning services (\$200 extra per week for 12 weeks)  
\$1,800 for cleaning supplies, including bleach, spray bottles, and paper towels  
\$800 to develop, print and distribute educational flyers in Spanish and English.*

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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](mailto:grants@chescocf.org).  
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.