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.
3. Accessing equitable care and ensuring patient outcomes not be hindered by socioeconomic determinants of health.

Grantees work to identify patients in need to refer them to our program. They work as a leading hand in the field at our grant sites. Funds will be used to compensate staff to administer the program and support patient assistance in our community. Recognizes that the success of a Patient Assistance Program lies within the hard work of a network of community navigators and workers.

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Today, with an economic recession looming amidst the unprecedented aftershocks of a pandemic, Susan G. Komen Philadelphia recognizes that this impact will only be amplified. We assert that patients should not have to choose between receiving health care and maintaining the cost of daily life. We are committed, more than ever, to ensuring that the basic life needs of patients in these uncertain times are being met.

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

While treatment and care are the primary costs associated with breast cancer, there are other indirect costs that can keep an individual from accessing the care they need. Even with insurance coverage, the out-of-pocket cost for initial treatment can be more than $5,000: an amount nearly five times as much as the average American has in their savings accounts. In reality, many cannot even afford bus fair or a tank of gas to get to their scheduled procedures. In a study of more than 3,000 breast cancer patients, 33% cut expenses by decreasing spending on necessary life goods, such as groceries and transportation, and 21% missed a payment on a utility bill. Today, with an economic recession looming amidst the unprecedented aftershocks of a pandemic, Susan G. Komen Philadelphia recognizes that this impact will only be amplified. We assert that patients should not have to choose between receiving health care and maintaining the cost of daily life. We are committed, more than ever, to ensuring that the basic life needs of patients in these uncertain times are being met.

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Susan G. Komen Philadelphia seeks $5,000 in grant funds from the Chester County Community Foundation to apply towards the Patient Assistance Program to cover the cost of community field staff reimbursement and payment disbursement for approximately ten eligible applicants. Komen Philadelphia is committed to its mission of education, research and service, and in fiscal year 2019-2020, expended $258,301.58 toward programming. This number represents approximately an eighth of Komen Philadelphia’s total expenses for that year. An eligible individual may receive up to $500 during the 12-month period of April 1-March 31, which corresponds to the Komen Philadelphia fiscal year and community grants funding term. Funding must be used for costs of transportation, groceries and/or utilities. Payment forms will be:

- Utilities: paid by Komen Philadelphia directly to the utility via the Gift of Energy program
- Transportation: Uber Health, Lyft Health, gas gift cards and public transit vouchers
- Groceries: Gift cards to stores most appropriate/convenient for the patient. We will encourage patients to pick up gift cards at our office, however if this is not possible, we will send them via certified mail.

A patient may be referred to Komen Philadelphia multiple times during the 12 months period until the $500 cap is reached. Funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.