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)
2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?
3. How much funding is sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget? What will the funding be used for?

1. Philadelphia, Delaware, and Chester – [Relying Townships Area].

2. Population: Low income, and at risk, Senior Citizens, especially, non-English proficient elderly African refugees and immigrants. They are the highest hit yet among the grossly underserved. This aging population is estimated to be over 3,000 in the Philadelphia region. About 102, (and now their families due to the COVID-19 impact), are our clients. The COVID-19 impact include, denial. Most people, especially immigrants, thought a pandemic would not attack or spread in the US. The shut down isolates and create additional hardship as they are usually cramped up (large family) in a house. Keeping social distant is almost impossible. Awareness that COVID-19 is killing more blacks (us) and hearing of /witnessing the COVID-19 related illnesses and death daily in the community create fear and anxiety. These are among COVID-19 impart we are addressing, through creating awareness, counseling, distribution of donated items. The Center is also assisting with cultural grieving. The Center is a 501c3 Faith-Based organization established in 2000. We help the elderly to cope with life, through peer support groups, ESL and Adult Literacy Classes, Immigration assistance, Health education, Advocacy and referral.

3. Due to COVID-19 impact, demand for service has increased we are constrained to rapidly modify in-person service delivery. We are requesting $5,000 compare to our annual operating budget of $150,000 excluding in-kind donations most of which is no longer available due to COVID-19 impact. Money will be used for stipends, buy phone for some clients, Purchase phone sets for needed clients, pay phone /communication bill, office rent, and transportation. Some will be used to buy food gift cards, other project related materials and supplies to include sanitary items.

Please email grants@chesccof.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@chesccof.org.
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.