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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?** The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area including all of Chester County
- 2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?** Baker Industries serves a mix of vulnerable adults: those with disabilities, substance use disorder, ex-offenders, and the homeless. All are low-income, and most are at or near poverty level. Recognizing that this crisis presents a number of unique challenges to already vulnerable adults, we took action immediately when operations were suspended.

Some of the challenges our participants faced included:

- For adults receiving SSI/SSDI, if taxes had not been filed no stimulus funds would be given
- Adults residing in court-ordered halfway houses are not entitled to unemployment compensation or stimulus money
- Those with a brief work history due to disability or incarceration cannot receive unemployment compensation

Here's how Baker Industries responded:

- We continued to pay participants 50% or more of their weekly wages for two weeks
- We provided another week of support for those whose needs were most dire
- We set up a telephone hotline so participants could reach us 24/7
- We reach out via telephone to every participant every week to provide emotional support
- Our crisis counselors set up virtual counseling sessions for those in need
- We send bi-weekly emails with information and encouragement to participants
- We created a Facebook group for participants
- We are providing pharmacy gift cards to all participants in need

- 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?**

- We are requesting a grant of \$5,000 and would be most appreciative of a grant of any size.
- Or annual operating budget for 2020 was set at \$2,320,000 and will undoubtedly fall short of that due to the Corona Virus. \$5,000 represents .2% of our total operating budget.
- The funds will be used to continue to provide a safety net to our program participants with the greatest need.
- Any funds received will most likely be spent immediately.

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.