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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?**
   Good Fellowship (GFAC) is the largest and busiest 911 EMS service in Chester County, serving more than 23,000 households and hundreds of businesses and organizations in over 62 square miles; the company responds to over 6,000 calls annually. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on GFAC’s operations, as new protocols and procedures are being developed and implemented daily, based on directives from local and state officials. The staff and volunteers are continuing to provide top quality life-saving services to everyone in our community, even though such care may put themselves at risk. The crew members are screened at the beginning of each shift regarding any fever, complaints, and travel history. They are using a significant increased amount of Personal Protective Equipment daily as every call with any COVID-like symptoms demands its use. The ambulance crews cannot rule out anyone with any of these symptoms, so to protect themselves and the patient they must wear this equipment. These costs are significant and the “burn” factor on this equipment is high, as they are one-time use.

   An additional challenge for GFAC is that two volunteer EMTs have contracted the disease, and a third has left for a temporary assignment with the National Guard. As a result, our payroll costs have increased by $3,000.

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?**
   Our request is for a $4,500 grant to partially fund the cost of the scores of cases of protective gear and disinfecting products we have needed and will need to purchase since the beginning of this pandemic. This includes: hand wipes, hand sanitizers, isolation kits, gowns, eye protection, gloves, masks, and a variety of disinfectant products. Each time an ambulance responds to a call, the entire vehicle including the cab and all the transported equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before it can be used again. Our facilities and furniture must be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day and night to protect our staff and prevent disease.

   The Chester County is unable to supply every agency with the supplies they need. Only a small fraction can be provided by the County, and only as a last resort if we are unable to obtain them elsewhere. Additionally, due to supply and demand, purchase and shipping costs have increased, making this an even greater burden.

   We recognize that compared to our EMS operating budget of $2.5 million, $4,500 is less than 1% of the overall budget. However, our budget is large because of the significant scope of very expensive, highly specialized services we provide for the greater West Chester area. Despite this larger budget, GFAC functions in many ways like a smaller, grassroots organization; its administration is very lean and the budget is stretched to the limit. These additional expenses represent a significant financial hardship for GFAC at this unprecedented time, and a grant from the CCCF would provide vitally needed support.

   An additional concern is that no one knows how long this pandemic will last, or how severe it will be. Ensuring the availability of high quality, properly prepared and equipped emergency services is necessary for our community and essential in helping to prevent the spread of this disease. We would use the grant funds as soon as they are available to purchase the supplies as noted above to ensure we are prepared for the coming weeks.