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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)**
   
   We serve all 49 of the 73 municipalities that make up Central and Northern Chester County through volunteer staging sites in Coatesville, West Chester, Phoenixville, and St. Peters.

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

   For 32 years, Good Works has helped some of the most vulnerable members of the community. The low-income families we assist live in homes with serious health and safety issues, and many are in danger of losing their home. The condition of their home is that bad. The population we serve is fairly consistent from year to year. In 2019, 22% of the homeowners we assisted were parents with dependent children, 53% were seniors on a fixed income, and 47% of the families had at least one person with a disability. With an average annual household income of $22,663, these families can’t afford the expensive repairs they need to make their homes safe and healthy. The good news is that our repairs combat homelessness and keep these families from a shelter, or worse yet the street. Our services are offered at no cost and every dollar goes a long way because volunteers normally do most of the repairs.

   Normal circumstances are very challenging for the families we assist, but that is especially true during the COVID-19 crisis when many low-income individuals have been furloughed from work, and everyone is being directed to stay home. The degraded condition of their homes introduces physical and health hazards that present an even greater risk than the virus, or make them more susceptible to the virus by irritating their already compromised respiratory systems, as in the case of environmentally induced asthma. The impact from the current COVID-19 pandemic will have the hardest impact on this portion of our population, where the wait for assistance is already more than 18 months because we do not have sufficient resources to keep up with the tremendous demand. That wait will only get worse as volunteers are encouraged to stay home.

   Fortunately, our Repair Supervisor and two Repair Technicians continue to handle the most desperate needs during the crisis. The work we are providing includes roof replacement and repair, plumbing installation and repair, electrical rewiring and code compliance, heating system and hot water heater installation and repair, insulation and drywall replacement, window and door replacement, making homes handicap accessible, mold remediation and floor repairs. We continue to make it so families can remain in their home, and address their need for a safe, healthy place to live. We are prioritizing helping families living with the greatest health and safety issues, seniors, and those who may come in contact with the virus at work.

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 to repair the homes of low-income Chester County families impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Our annual operating budget is $1,298,861, and our program budget (which is made up of repair related expenses but does not include any salary or benefits for our paid repair staff) is $450,900. After each family is approved, we do a complete physical assessment of the home to identify all the health and safety issues. The funds we receive will be used within 30 days to purchase the building materials we will use to make homes warm, safe, healthy and dry.
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.