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## COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

Date:

### **Contact Information**

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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)**  
Ken's Krew serves 470 young adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities in 10 states. We train, place, and support our Krew members in competitive integrated employment. Our primary employment partner is Home Depot with 160 stores in our nine-state footprint. We also have employment partnerships with CVS, Wawa, Wegmans and Boscovs. Here in PA, we have 100 Krew members in 28 Home Depot stores along with CVS, Wawa, Wegmans and Boscovs. In Chester County we have 13 Krew members working with our employment partners.
- 2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?**  
We serve young adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities. The impact of COVID-19 has been that many of our workers have decided not to go into work or are working because they need the income but are without our job coaches supporting them. All Ken's Krew job coaches have been working from home and are not permitted to go into the field. We are continuing to support our Krew members virtually with Zoom meetings, phone calls and emails.
- 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 seeking \$6,500 to retrain each of our 13 Krew members once the state of PA opens (\$500 per Krew member). Our job coaches will need to go into the field to work with and support each Krew member to review skills and social training. This is an unexpected cost due to COVID-19. It has been at least five weeks since most of our Chester County Krew members have been in the stores. For those Krew members who have continued working through COVID-19, they have also been without in person job coaching for at five weeks. Our annual operating budget is \$1,200,000. When PA opens, our job coaches will begin the retraining process with our 13 Chester County Krew members.

Please email [grants@chescof.org](mailto:grants@chescof.org)

- \_\_\_\_\_ This Brief COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request. *Attached*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit. *Attached*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 501c3 determination letter. *Attached.*

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@chescof.org](mailto:grants@chescof.org).  
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.