CCCF COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grants
Per IRS Regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c) (3) certification & cannot be individuals.

Background/Eligibility
The Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund provides flexible resources to Chester County nonprofits that are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak. This is designed as a flexible short-term response fund to provide relief for a variety of unexpected costs. We envision three funding priority levels:

- **Front Line Grants** fund community-based nonprofits that have increased demand for services due to COVID-19. These nonprofits have deep roots in community and a strong track-record serving people who are immediately and disproportionately suffering from this crisis. This includes services to financially vulnerable people who work in industries without sick leave &/or health care; homeless people; and health-challenged vulnerable people. Grants are intended to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address acute needs of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. These grants are NOT of the scale to support larger public institutions that are strained by increased demand for services. Examples of the types of nonprofits in most need of Front Line Grant Support, as service numbers rise: community-based health clinics; food bank & food pantries; meal delivery programs; homelessness programs.

- **Service-Challenged Grants** fund nonprofits that are modifying their in-person service delivery modes extremely rapidly due to COVID-19, and need assistance to do so. These nonprofits likely need additional assistance to upgrade sanitation protocols and obtain cleaning supplies & service personnel. This includes: youth centers, recreation centers, child care, senior services, adult day care, community-based education programs.

- **Collateral Damage Grants** fund nonprofits facing extreme difficulty because of lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges.
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)**
   
   The geographic area that will be served by this grant is Chester County. Resources for Human Development’s (RHD) program, Adesha Village, is located in Malvern, PA.

   At Adesha Village, services and social activities are guided by a holistic and competency-based approach that works to understand the person as a whole — including his or her own strengths, skills, needs and personal goals. The Adesha Village community offers a healthy combination of community living with personalized assistance in an effort to enhance each participant’s physical, emotional and psychological needs, promoting independence and personal growth.

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

   Adesha Village is a therapeutic community program providing individualized residential, day, behavioral health services and job skills supports to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and special mental health needs.

   The impact of COVID-19 has been monumental. The pandemic has brought on an increased need for medical supplies as well as additional housekeeping, maintenance supplies and services to be funneled through our residential facilities on a daily basis. Support for these efforts would be incredibly helpful as we work towards disease prevention. RHD has responded by working tirelessly to ensure the health and well-being of our staff and consumers. We are following protocols provided by local and state government as well as the Centers for Disease Control.

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?**

   $5,000 in grant funding is being respectively requested. The funding would be significant in comparison to our current operating budget. It would also satisfy a priority need. In the current climate of COVID-19, it is our goal to continue community safety nets and help with preparedness and protection such as increased hygiene supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the quarantine. The funds will be used immediately upon receipt and utilized until exhausted. The first six months following the COVID-19 epidemic will be crucial. As an organization, we will ensure that critical resources remain available and readily accessible for those in our community who have the greatest needs and are most disproportionately affected.

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   Please direct general questions & inquiries about the Rapid Response Mini-Grants to grants@chesocf.org. Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.