COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

Loss Due to Modifying In-person Service Delivery

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What geographic area is served?

The Arc Alliance provides early intervention services to all children and their families, and advocacy to all persons, with developmental disabilities, throughout Chester County and beyond.

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

The Arc Alliance Children’s Services provides Early Intervention and support services to children between the ages of birth and three years with developmental delays. Our early Intervention services are designed to afford children the opportunity to actively participate in family and community life.

At the beginning of this crisis, the state of Pennsylvania discontinued face to face contact with our families. During this time, we acted with immediacy and agility by taking it upon ourselves to institute teleservices in order to remain in contact and fulfill our obligations to the children and families we serve. After a week of deliberation, the state and counties did, in fact, agree to approve teleservices for Early Intervention. However, as an organization, we will not be reimbursed for the work performed for that initial week. We have calculated this loss to be approximately $5,000.

At this time, our Early Intervention case load continues to struggle. As you can imagine, it is extremely challenging to convince parents that they can effectively provide services to their
child at the direction of a therapist over the phone. This proves further arduous while having other children in the home. Now at one month into approved teleservices, we only serve ½ the number of children/families we typically assist—thus estimating a total revenue loss of $80,000.

As an organization we are relying on our donor pool as well as foundations, like the Chester County Community Foundation, to assist us in filling our COVID-19 crisis revenue gap. In this crisis, we are truly struggling to continue to provide needed services the best we can while continuing to pay staff and avoid layoffs. Further, we feel it is not the time to be dropping critical services to the many people we serve in the community.

**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 kindly request $5000 from the Chester County Community Foundation to help us close our revenue loss gap and prevent critical service loss for our clients with developmental disabilities and job loss for our staff.

All granted funds will be utilized before the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2020.

The Children’s Services budget is attached. Please feel free to contact, Amy Silver at 215-498-3381 or asilver@thearcalliance.org, with any additional questions.