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)
   Green Valleys Association works in northern Chester County, in Valley, French, Pickering, and Pigeon Creek watersheds as well as the Stony Run. We work with the following school districts – Phoenixville Area, Owen J Roberts, and Pottstown Districts along with some private schools.

2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?
   The education portion of our mission connects children with nature through in-school and after school programming as well as on-site programs at our headquarters Welkinweir. Initially the school districts closed the schools to organizations such as ours which led to the programs we were running for the schools to shut off immediately. While some of the programs were near completion for the year, others had just begun or were scheduled to start shortly. We had already spend funds for supplies needed to run the programs. We offered the students’ parents options of a tax deductible donation, credit toward a future program (we are still hopeful that we will at least be able to offer a few weeks of our summer nature camp, which generates the income to support a full-time environmental educator), or a refund. Many of the students’ parents have been negatively impacted by the pandemic and have chosen the refund which we have been getting back to them as quickly as we can. Our educator is creating videos for young students who would otherwise be attending our on-site classes that are posted twice-weekly on our Facebook page. At this point we are unsure of the impact the pandemic will have on our summer nature camp, which generates the majority of the income needed to support a full-time environmental educator, which allows us to offer low cost programs during the school year.
   To reduce operating costs we have mothballed our building (heat turned down very low, no unnecessary electrical use) and placed a number of services on will-call. Many of these expenses are supported by renting our building and surrounding grounds as a wedding venue. We have fortunately been able to re-schedule all the spring wedding for later in the summer, which allows us to retain those fees.

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 understand the demand is likely greater than the availability. $500 to $1,500 would be very beneficial for us. The loss of income generated by educational programs affects approximately $120,000 of out $638,000 expenses. Funds would be immediately used toward education payroll.
Please email grants@chesocf.org

- x - This Brief COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request
- x - Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit
- x - 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@chesocf.org.
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.