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COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request

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

1. Primarily Chester County, focused in the Unionville, Kennett Square and West Chester regions
2. We serve those who enjoy music, music students, retirement communities, choral members, families and other musicians in the community. Due to COVID-19, we were forced to cancel our spring 2020 activities and concert. Despite the loss in revenue, we honored all of our commitments and obligations, including the full compensation of our accompanist, music directors and section leads through the end of the season. We are currently abiding by all governmental directives and monitoring the changing environment around this unfortunate pandemic. It is our intent to resume operation when allowed so that we can once again fulfill our mission and support the community.
3. We are seeking \$4500 to help us offset lost spring 2020 revenue and expected reduced future revenue for the upcoming season. This represents about 15% of our annual budget. These funds will be used to support our efforts to resume operation and serve the community through quality musical performances. It is our belief that music can provide health and social benefits as we emerge from the dark times. We hope to unitize the funds in our 2020/2021 concert season. However, the exact timing for the use of the funds is currently unknown due to changing directives and guidelines associated with COVID-19.

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.