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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)**

   Good Neighbors serves southern Chester County starting at Chadds Ford and following the Route 1 corridor south to Nottingham and the border with Maryland. 

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

   Good Neighbors’ mission remains to restore hope and dignity to qualified low-income homeowners by repairing their homes as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ. We do not discriminate and serve all who are in need. We serve homeowners whose income is below 60% of the area Average Median Income per the Chester County Department of Community Development guidelines. They are mostly single moms with kids, the disabled, and the elderly. 

   This population had been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The elderly and the disabled are most at risk for suffering severe consequences from the virus. Many people have lost their jobs, including elderly homeowners who still have to work and single moms. Other single moms are essential workers who fear contracting the virus and bringing it home; they are also faced with the need for child care while schools are closed. Many of these people do not have the resources to maintain their homes. Now when a home repair emergency hits, they do not have the funds to deal with those costs when they are facing a loss of income or reduction in savings. They have to decide between food for the family or a working heater. They are forced to live in unsafe and unhealthy homes. This can mean falls for the elderly and asthma attacks for young kids, which causes more medical costs and even less funds for essentials. COVID-19 has pushed many families from just keeping their heads above water to starting to drown. 

   Good Neighbors is still providing home repairs to low-income homeowners at no cost to them. During the pandemic, we are allowed to make emergency home repairs. Our model is to use volunteers to do many of the repairs to keep the costs low, but currently it is difficult to obtain volunteers so our repair costs have risen. We are doing repairs with our in-house staff or with contractors willing to provide us with discounts. Mostly we are working on exterior projects while maintaining social distancing; we are also using masks when we are in close contact with clients or other workers, and we are disinfecting tools and vehicles. We only do indoor repairs if the client is comfortable, all people are masked, and, of course, we clean and disinfect the final surfaces. We are following state safety guidelines for this work. 

   These funds would be used to repair homes that need emergency help. Currently, we have a single woman whose heater no longer works and is dealing with some mental health issues. We have a local man who has had two heart attacks, is dealing with medical bills, and now has significant roof leaks that could cause more medical problems. We have a family whose daughter lost a leg in a car accident and the mom has difficulty walking; the family needs a ramp and other home access changes. The effects of the pandemic (loss of jobs, loss of savings, fear of going to the hospital and getting the virus, fear of leaving the house) have forced many families to live with their problems. While some of these homes are already under repair, you can help people in situations like the ones described above live in safe, healthy homes.
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 $5000. Budgeted expenditures for 2020 were $666,804. Income has slowed for this year due to the impact of COVID-19, however, and spending must slow accordingly. Expenditures for 2018 were $663,507, and for 2019 they were $701,732.

This funding will be used to make home repairs similar to the ones discussed above (leaky roofs, ramps, heating issues, etc.). There are always requests coming in for emergency repairs. This work will improve the lives of each family member and allow them to focus their personal funds on food and medical needs.

With this funding we would make emergency repairs as soon as possible, hopefully completing them within the next 30 days.

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_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@chescocf.org. Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.