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)
   a. The Salvation Army in Coatesville serves specific areas in Chester County. Those locations are Caln Township, City of Coatesville, East Fallowfield Township, Modena, Sadsbury Township, South Coatesville, Valley Township, West Brandywine Township, West Caln Township area.

2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?
   a. The Salvation Army is serving those in the community who are hungry and vulnerable through our feeding programs and rental/utilities assistance program. According to the US Census in 2018, Coatesville had a 28.2% poverty rate. We have attempted to limit the spread of the virus by providing food items in boxes/bags to our clients outside of our facility on a weekly manner and by having social services interviews by phone. COVID-19 has impacted the number of individuals and families coming to our facility for food and social service assistance resulting in 100+ in food distributions per distribution and 30+ social service cases a month. Since March we have served a total of 1,451 boxes of food.

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?
   a. The Salvation Army is seeking $5,000 in funding to help with purchasing food and to help more individuals with rental/utility assistance. Our annual operating budget did not account for additional spending for food. We also have a small $5,000 budget for rental/utilities assistance and with more funds we can expand our budget and help more people in our community. The expected timeframe for use of funds would be over the next two months.

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.