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The Chester County Nonprofit Innovation & Resiliency Fund

Administered by the Chester County Community Foundation

In cooperation with regional funders, donors, united funds and County government departments

Recognizing the importance of the nonprofit sector to the high quality of life throughout Chester County, the Chester County Commissioners have allocated \$3.5M to help nonprofits recover with innovation and resiliency. This funding is from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Per the CARES Act, grants must cover unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. **This includes grants to implement and publicize the safe resumption of programs and services.** The Community Foundation seeks proposals to support innovative, resilient COVID recovery needs, such as:

- Program and service redesign, in light of social distancing and public safety requirements
- Innovative technology to support virtual, mobile and/or pop-up programs and services
- Redesigned and reconceived marketing, fundraising and special events
- Strategic planning pivoting, refinement and revisions in light of COVID-19
- Partnership, merger, consolidation and/or acquisition activities due to COVID-19 impacts
- Infrastructure improvements due to COVID, including plexiglass dividers, technology upgrades, etc.
- Higher operating costs related to cleaning and social distancing requirements
- Other one-time or increased expenses incurred related to COVID-19.

This is a competitive, time-sensitive grants process. Grant decisions will be made weekly, on an ongoing basis. Electronic grant applications are only accepted by e-mail. No paper applications are accepted.

Eligibility

- Nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization formed and active in 2017 or earlier
- Nonprofit must be headquartered and providing services in Chester County, as evidenced by legal address in Box C of IRS 990

Priority Preference for Grant Funding

- Nonprofits that provide clear evidence of how they aim to/are reshaping their programs, services, administration, marketing and fundraising, to safely provide services and thrive in light of COVID impacts
- Nonprofits with substantial costs to comply with COVID public health requirements
- Nonprofits that serve a diverse constituency, and are governed and managed by diverse leadership

Ineligible Entities

- Nonprofits NOT headquartered in Chester County, PA, as evidenced by the legal address in Box C of the IRS 990
- Nonprofits NOT delivering services in Chester County
- Nonprofits that did NOT experience revenue loss due to the coronavirus pandemic and/or nonprofits that have no additional costs associated with the coronavirus pandemic
- Nonprofits that were NOT operational as of December 30, 2017
- Government or government-owned or controlled entities
- Churches or religious organizations with respect to their primarily religious activities and/or their activities which limit participation to members of the church or religious organization
- For-profit businesses
- Private clubs/organizations that limit membership for reasons other than capacity
- Nonprofits primarily engaged in lobbying or political activities
- Nonprofits NOT compliant with all federal, state, & local laws, including taxation
- Nonprofits NOT compliant with current public health guidelines, including coronavirus pandemic phased reopening restrictions ###





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**Chester County Nonprofit
Innovation & Resiliency Fund
Grant Request Form**

Contact Information

Nonprofit Org Name: Chester County Futures	ED/CEO Name: Maria McDonald
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EIN: 31-1822506	Grant \$ Amount Requested: \$5,000
Year Founded: 1996	

In filing this application, the nonprofit certifies that it complies with all federal, state & local laws, including taxation; complies with current public health guidelines; and complies with coronavirus pandemic phased reopening restrictions.

Agreed by: Clarence Johnson	Date: 10/12/2020
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Nonprofit Field/s of Interest

Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation	Education	Health
Community Development	Environment & Animal Welfare	Human Services

Figures	Current	PRE-COVID (as of 1/1/20)
Annual Operating Budget	\$807,165	\$861,094
Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff	8	#9
# Board Volunteers	16	#19
# Committee Volunteers	42	#42
# Active Direct Service Volunteers	280	#280
Annual Volunteer Hours	1860	#

Funding: Please indicate if your nonprofit has received funding from any of these regional sources over the past few years. We will invite them to review this funding request.

Y	ChesCo Comm Fdn	Y	Brandywine Health Fdtn	Y	United Way ChesCo	ChesCo Dept Comm Devel
	ChesCo Fund/W&Girls	Y	Phoenixville Comm Health Fdtn		United Way S ChesCo	ChesCo Dept Health
	Other significant funders:					ChesCo Dept Human Svcs

Narrative: In a few concise paragraphs, please explain:

1. Mission

Chester County Futures provides comprehensive academic support, mentoring and scholarships for motivated economically disadvantaged youth to succeed in school, higher education and life.

2. What geographic area is served? (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served)

- Chester County Futures serves the following school districts in Chester County:
 - Coatesville School District
 - Kennett School District
 - Oxford School District

- Phoenixville School District

3. What population is served? How have your service numbers been impacted by COVID?

- Chester County Futures serves economically disadvantaged students in Chester County. All of our students qualify for their district's free or reduced lunch program.
- Demographics served: Hispanic 57% African American 20% Caucasian 18% Asian 1% Other 5%. Female 66% Male 34%

4. What has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?

- COVID-19 has caused numerous challenges for Chester County Futures.
 - Our students have been forced out of school
 - We have had to cancel all experiential learning engagements
 - We have had to suspend our on-campus partnership with West Chester University
 - All of our site visits have been canceled
 - All of our remaining college visits have been canceled
 - Initial disruption in communication and programming for our coordinators
- Chester County Futures has responded by overcoming a lot of challenges during Covid to continue to provide our students with quality and much-needed services.
 - We have transitioned to virtual and digital programming with much success to report.
 - Our student programming normally occurs in a face to face setting in school. Our Coordinators have successfully implemented the use of multiple forms of communication. We use phone calls, text, video and group chat, direct messaging and email.
 - We have found that the school districts are mainly providing the students with review activities. This has propelled our programming to the forefront in providing essential learning and development skills in this time of need.
 - The students have been very responsive to our efforts and truly appear to be impacted and appreciative that we have managed to continue meeting their programming needs.

5. What would this funding be used for? How does this demonstrate innovation and resiliency in dealing with COVID impacts? What would be the community impact of this anticipated funding? Why is it important to fund this now?

- The funds will help CCF continue to provide our students with vital academic programming through virtual and digital means. It will also help to meet our payroll.
- We are traditionally an after school face to face program. We have taken our entire program offerings and brought them to our students virtually. Teachings and meeting with their CCF coordinators, mentor contacts, classroom presenters, college tours and corporate visits are all now being executed virtually. Our staff, students and community supporters have taken on these challenges and preformed remarkably well.
- Our community supporters are helping us rise to outstanding heights and are given us the platform to meet these obstacles caused by Covid 19. This anticipated funding will allow us to continue absorbing the cost to keep our students engaged and on track towards college.
- The importance of funding our program now is to help ensure the sustainability of our services to help our already disadvantaged students.

6. How much funding is sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget and this years' projected deficit? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds?

- We are seeking \$5,000.00 in funding
- Our annual operating budget is \$807,165. The requested grant would serve as .0058% of our operating budget.
- The funds will be used in the fiscal calendar year.

Please e-mail all materials as a word.doc and/or pdf to grants@chescofc.org:

This Innovation & Resiliency Fund Grant Request cover sheet & brief narrative
Current annual operating budget & most recent audit
501c3 determination letter
Current strategic plan. If none, explain why your nonprofit doesn't have a plan.
Support materials that strengthen the urgency of this funding request + indicate that your nonprofit is innovative and resilient (ie: COVID best practice research findings, consultant proposal/s, bids for COVID-related materials & equipment, etc.)

- Proposals will only be accepted by e-mail, on this grant form available at <https://chescofc.org/covidgrant/>
 - Receipt of grant proposals will be confirmed by e-mail.
- Grant proposals will be posted on the Community Foundation's website, in order to share with fund advisors, donors, grant panelists, and other funding sources.
 - Grant proposals will be reviewed weekly.
- We estimate grants awards will range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.
- For awarded grants, a written report on use and impact of this funding will be due within 6 months.

Please direct questions about **ChesCo Nonprofit Innovation & Resiliency Grants** to

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