

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.** **Only electronic grant applications** are 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 located and providing services in Chester County

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 located in Chester County, PA
- 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. Religious entities with social & human service outreach programs must provide 501 (c) (3).
- 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 ###





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

Contact Information

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EIN: 23-1609968	Grant \$ Amount Requested: \$50,000
Year Founded: 1961	

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: Peggy Eichelberger (CFO & HR)	Date: 10/23/2020
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Nonprofit Field/s of Interest

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

Figures	Current	PRE-COVID (as of 1/1/20)
Annual Operating Budget	\$ 5,782,539	\$ 7,880,657
Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff	49	# 52
# Board Volunteers	10	# 10
# Committee Volunteers	28	# 28
# Active Direct Service Volunteers	0	# 100
Annual Volunteer Hours	0	# 500

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.

ChesCo Comm Fdn	Brandywine Health Fdtn	x	United Way ChesCo	x	ChesCo Dept Comm Devel
ChesCo Fund/W&Girls	x 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

To provide employment opportunities and other supportive services for individuals with disabilities or barriers to be productive workers and develop self –esteem

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

Handi-Crafters serves Chester County (95%), Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

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

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic Handi-Crafters' provided employment to **320** clients working daily to complete projects or receiving employment consultation support. Because of the pandemic and our responsibility for staff and client safety, that number has now been reduced to **130** clients. Additionally, our Older Adult Daily Living Center (OADLC), with a daily pre COVID population of **52** is now averaging **8** participants a day.

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

The reduced client workforce, inability to hold full fundraising events, and shutdowns have resulted in a reduction in our revenues. Our annual special event revenue has been effected as our Spring Gala was cancelled resulting in an estimated loss of **\$200,000**. Our Hankin Invitational was a reduced version of the event, which resulted in a loss of **\$59,000** to a normal-sized event. Over the course of this year, from March to now, **\$25,000** has been spent to professionally disinfect our buildings and construct partitions for our work areas. Because of a positive COVID staff test, the unexpected August 28- September 11 facility closing resulted in a **\$102, 707** lost revenues as well as **\$94,458** in payroll.

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 grant funds will be used to offset the expenses associated with our COVID prevention barriers, lost revenues and payroll costs for the same period. The Handi-Crafters' staff has displayed dedication, resiliency, and a "can do" attitude throughout the pandemic. They worked 4 weeks in June completing production contracts prior to clients return to boost us into motion..

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?

Funding request: \$50,000. These funds will be used in our general budget and offset an expected year-end deficit.

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