



## 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 ###





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

**Contact Information**

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EIN: 27-3189914	Grant \$ Amount Requested: \$15,000
Year Founded: 2011	

*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: James Bady	Date: 10/17/2020
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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	\$45,000	\$95,550
Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff	.5	#1
# Board Volunteers	5	#5
# Committee Volunteers	0	#0
# Active Direct Service Volunteers	5	# 5
Annual Volunteer Hours	15/week	40/week

**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.

None

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

**Mission :** JusticeRain Inc's mission is Partnering for Strategic, Sustainable, and Holistic Works of Justice. JusticeRain INC's primary activity is running Havilah House-a transitional home for women working to overcome addiction. Through the management of Havilah House and the care and services we provide to the residents, JusticeRain INC intends to share care and compassion to some of the most marginalized members of our community.

Havilah House is a long-term residential home with a purposeful family-like atmosphere for women coming out of addiction rehab centers. It places women in a family like living structure to help them navigate and relearn how to live an addiction free life with other women who are journeying along the same path. Havilah House has a permanent House "Mother" who lives in the house and has gone through the addiction journey and is in the process of living a lifestyle of recovery as well.

1. **What geographic area is served?** *Havilah House is located In West Chester and primarily serves residents from Chester county.*
2. **What population is served? How have your service numbers been impacted by COVID?** Havilah House serves women who are working to maintain their sobriety. Our numbers have been reduced in half by COVID-19, as we had to reduce the capacity of our building and many potential residents became afraid to live closely with others.

**What has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?** Everything within the whole organization of JR-INC has come to a complete stop except Havilah House. We've experienced a dramatic decrease in new fundraising which combined with the decreased number of residents at Havilah House, has drained our financial reserves. We cut our expenses as much as we were able without hindering the recovery of those in the house. We've responded by cutting part-time hours of staff, and resources for the house.

Even with these changes, JusticeRain Inc is having difficulty meeting the rental cost of Havilah House.

3. **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?**

This grant would be used to cover housing expenses, so women can continue to receive support in their sobriety. This would include rent, utilities, and insurance for the house. It would also cover part-time staff, and additional cleaning supplies. If money is not available shortly, we will not only have to close the house, putting current residents in an extremely difficult situation, it may make the reopening of Havilah House more challenging in the future. Already, we are working with the landlord of the house to make sure the house can stay open as long as possible.

4. **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?**

To date, Havilah House has lost \$27,000 which has cut our reserves from \$13,000 to 0. Receiving a \$15,000 grant would allow us to cover expenses for approximately 4-6 months, at which time we hope the pandemic's impact will be somewhat mitigated.

*The only female sobriety house in west Chester  
Break even 5  
Running full capacity since inception*

*Opened in 2019  
Capacity =8*

Please e-mail all materials as a word.doc and/or pdf to [grants@chescocf.org](mailto:grants@chescocf.org):

This <b>Innovation &amp; Resiliency Fund Grant Request</b> 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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