CCCF COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grants
Per IRS Regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c) (3) certification & cannot be individuals.

Background/Eligibility
The Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund provides flexible resources to Chester County nonprofits that are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this outbreak. This is designed as a flexible short-term response fund to provide relief for a variety of unexpected costs. We envision three funding priority levels:

- **Front Line Grants** fund community-based nonprofits that have increased demand for services due to COVID-19. These nonprofits have deep roots in community and a strong track-record serving people who are immediately and disproportionately suffering from this crisis. This includes services to financially vulnerable people who work in industries without sick leave &/or health care; homeless people; and health-challenged vulnerable people. Grants are intended to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address acute needs of the outbreak as efficiently as possible. These grants are NOT of the scale to support larger public institutions that are strained by increased demand for services. Examples of the types of nonprofits in most need of Front Line Grant Support, as service numbers rise: community-based health clinics; food bank & food pantries; meal delivery programs; homelessness programs.

- **Service-Challenged Grants** fund nonprofits that are modifying their in-person service delivery modes extremely rapidly due to COVID-19, and need assistance to do so. These nonprofits likely need additional assistance to upgrade sanitation protocols and obtain cleaning supplies & service personnel. This includes: youth centers, recreation centers, child care, senior services, adult day care, community-based education programs.

- **Collateral Damage Grants** fund nonprofits facing extreme difficulty because of lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges.
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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) The Brandywine Valley SPCA serves all of Chester County for pet adoptions, strays, cruelty cases and a low cost spay/neuter clinic.

2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded? We serve pet owners throughout Chester County, many of whom have lost their jobs, their livelihoods or had their hours cut. As soon as non-essential businesses were shut down, we opened our pet food pantries 6 days a week to ensure that people could feed their pets. In addition, we have done many drive through pet food pantries across the county, including Coatesville and Oaks.

3. How much funding is sought? We are asking for $5,000. How does this compare to your annual operating budget? Less than 1% of what was our 2020 budget, however this income is no longer something we anticipate after the cancelling of major fundraisers and the decrease in donations from the public. What will the funding be used for? We will purchase dog and cat food to give to people who are struggling during these difficult time in order to keep their pets fed and in their homes. Otherwise, they will need them relinquished to our shelter to be re-homed. Already, many animals have been relinquished because of Covid related issues, but none because they couldn’t feed their pet. What is the expected timeframe for use of funds? Within less than 6 months. $5,000 will purchase 200 bags of pet food for the public.

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Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.