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.
Date: 11-February-2021

**Contact Information**
- Organization Name: Greenmore Farm Animal Rescue, Inc
- Address: 246 Clonmell Upland Rd West Grove, PA 19390
- Phone: 267-228-5035 / 215-519-1511
- Website: GreenmoreRescue.org
- FEIN: 27-3981325

- ED/CEO Name: Julia Altman
- ED/CEO E-mail: GreenmoreFarm@verizon.net
- Board Chair Name: Julia Altman
- Primary Contact Name: John Merritt
- Primary Contact E-mail: Jack.Merritt.greenmore@gmail.com

- **Mission Statement.**
  - Provide shelter, medical care, and nurturing for animals facing life threatening situations, and ultimately finding them forever-loving homes

- **Description of the organization**
  - Greenmore Farm Animal Rescue was founded in 2010 specifically to save the lives of as many animals as possible. Beginning with a handful of dogs in a kennel converted from a stall in a barn, no paid employees, and a small cadre of volunteers, Greenmore has grown to operate a climate controlled kennel that can handle as many as 55 dogs at one time, several fenced fields to handle donkeys and other barnyard animals, 88 volunteers and four paid employees.
  - **In each of the past three years the volunteers and staff of Greenmore have saved over 400 lives, finding forever homes for nearly ten animals every week.**
  - All projects to date have been to provide care and shelter to the animals in Greenmore’s care. Long term, the organization is planning on dramatically increasing the number of lives saved by concentrating on enabling access to the animals and the adoption process to increase the number of adoptions. In 2020 we began construction of an adoption center, with medical facilities to facilitate the planned increase of annual adoptions to 500 dogs, cats, and domestic animals per year.

1. **What geographic area is served**
   - Most of Greenmore’s adopters are families in the general Philadelphia/Wilmington TriState Metropolitan Area. Many of the adopters are from Chester County, and almost all of its owner surrendered animals are from Chester County

2. **What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?**
   - Greenmore serves two major populations.
     - Families and individuals seeking to adopt a rescued dog, cat, or domestic farm animal
     - Rescues in High Kill areas of the Eastern US seeking to place animals from over crowded shelters
   - Covid-19 has impacted Greenmore in three significant ways
     - Volume of animals in need of adoption has increased due to the economic impact of Covid-19 on many families and demand for adoption has increased due to families who have the means, and are now working from home, desiring to rescue a companion animal
     - Fund Raising opportunities have decreased.
       - Due to Covid-19 restrictions Greenmore has had to cancel its annual Gala, its annual Farm Day visit, and many of the community events we attend soliciting donations
     - Covid-19 specific costs are now a factor
1. Transport Costs have increased due to most volunteer transport ceasing operations due to travel restrictions, forcing rescues to rely on paid transport
2. PPE and other cleaning costs and protocols appropriate to an operation open to the public
   c. Greenmore has risen to the challenge of the increased volume by engaging the services of paid transport groups, increasing the number of volunteers and employees to handle the additional volume, and shifting its fundraising effort from event based to Grant and email solicitations

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. Greenmore is asking for $5,000 approximately 2% of the annual operating budget
   b. The money will be used to defray transportation costs for the animals to Greenmore from High Kill areas of the Eastern US, and payroll and other operating expenses.
   c. All of this grant will be used by Q1 2021.

Please email grants@chescocf.org

- This Brief COVID-19 Rapid Response Mini-Grant Letter of Request
- Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit
- 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@chescocf.org.
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.