CCCFC 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.
COVID-19 Rapid Response
Mini-Grant Letter of Request

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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)
2. What population is served, what has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?
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?

The Care Center Foundation has been a social equity ministry to the members of the community surrounding our location for over 35 years. As the mission evolved the need for child care was identified as a means to secure and maintain employment. For the past 7 years the CCF has had two school programs – Early Head Start and Pre K Counts with extended day care for working parents/guardians. The families that qualify for these schools are below or at the poverty level for Chester County. Our programs of outreach usually run 2 times a month for social activities, food distribution, translation services, birthday celebrations, music programs, and clothing/shoes/jackets for the children. Since Covid started the demand for these services has increased particularly in food insecurity. The CCF has worked with local venues (Split Rail Tavern, West Chester Co-op, Vera Pasta) to work with their supporters to provide hot meals, grocery bagged organic food, and pasta to our families. Due to Covid we have increased our service and are providing food to families once a week in addition to the above programs. Our fundraising activities usually include small group social activities supported by organizational donors, sales of flea market items and CCF logo items, and letter campaigns to dedicated donors. Since Covid started the CCF has not been able to do fundraising activities. Our donors have supported our efforts to maintain our present programs but we have not been able to keep up with the demand for the food program. The CCF requests $5000 to support the collection, bagging and distribution of food items to our families.
Please email grants@chescofc.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@chescofc.org.
Beth, Steph, Cierra or Kevin will answer you.