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**Mini-Grant Letter of Request**

CCCF is seeking grant applications for a fund whose mission is “to provide funds for educational computer hardware or software, and other tools for children of economically marginalized communities who are underrepresented and have been denied the full complement of educational equipment needed to successfully compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” We estimate that each mini-grant will range from \$2000 to \$3000.

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**Contact Information**

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**In a few brief paragraphs, please explain:**

**1. What geographic area is served?**

Chester County – Primarily the greater Parkesburg and Coatesville communities.

**2. What population is served?**

The POINT serves over 400 youth in grades 2nd-12th annually. POINT students primarily come from the Octorara School District; however, approximately 20% of students travel from Coatesville Area School District. Most POINT students come from single-parent households, 90% of which fall below the poverty level and many have experienced homelessness, transient housing conditions, mental or physical abuse, hunger, are struggling or failing academically and have parents addicted to drugs/alcohol.

**3. How has your nonprofit responded to address the question of the “digital divide” and access for the population that you serve to computer hardware, software and other technology needs?**

*“Throughout the pandemic, “Out-of- school time programs (like THE POINT) have been a lifeline for many, providing childcare for working parents, academic tutoring, and social-emotional support; partnering with schools for hybrid learning; feeding hungry children; and linking families to local resources” (After School Alliance, 2021).*

Since the pandemic, it has become increasingly evident that achievement gaps are widened when students lack access to the same quality of technology as their peers. THE POINT initially responded to this need by providing “Access POINT” in the Fall of 2020. “Access POINT” allowed students to attend virtual school at THE POINT where they had access to high speed internet, tutors and computers. Now that school is fully back in session, THE POINT has altered our approach to provide increased one-to-one tutoring for students who need help getting back on track.

While the pandemic generated many challenges for how to virtually support students academically, it also opened the door to new opportunities. Our volunteers have become more comfortable supporting students virtually and this new strategy has not only allowed us to keep volunteers safely engaged amidst the pandemic, but has also increased our capacity to provide academic support to students during non-traditional POINT hours and to extend services to youth who are unable to access THE POINT (due to lack of transportation, childcare responsibilities, etc.)

However, in order to more effectively support our students, new laptops are needed. Math is an area where many of our youth struggle and have fallen increasingly behind. Our current Chromebooks do not support many of the zoom features that are critical for math tutoring. Therefore, THE POINT wants to purchase 15 new HP laptops (15z-ef100 with Windows

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11) to help close the digital divide and enable our volunteers to more effectively empower our students to obtain academic success. A generous donor has pledged to purchase 10 of the laptops, so just the remaining 5 are needed.

4. **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 POINT respectfully requests \$2,400 to purchase 5 HP laptops and Microsoft 365 software for each laptop. The POINT’s 2021 operating budget is \$1,178,232 and the total budget for laptops needed is \$7,500 (15 Laptops) and \$4,800 has been secured to purchase 10 of the 15 Laptops. THE POINT is need of 5 additional laptops as soon as possible and is prepared to purchase them as soon as funding is secured.

|                          | Quantity | Unit Price   | Total Expense  |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| 5 HP Laptops (15z-ef100) | 5        | \$330.00     | \$1,650        |
| Microsoft 365 Software   | 5        | \$150.00     | \$750          |
|                          |          | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$2,400</b> |

*On behalf of our Board, Staff and Students, thanks for the kind consideration.*

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