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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)*

UAC serves eight Chester County Townships including East Nantmeal, West Vincent, Wallace, Upper Uwchlan, West Pikeland, Charlestown, Uwchlan and West Whiteland.

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

UAC serves nearly 70,000 Chester County residents. Initially, COVID-19 significantly impacted UAC resulting in an unprecedented deficit due to a reduction in call volume for ambulance services and reduced human resource capacity due to the loss of volunteers over fear of exposure. In turn, payroll expenses increased with additional overtime hours while billing revenue decreased. Cancellations of community events and very limited continuing education programs resulted in lost revenue, community outreach and fundraising. In 2021, UAC set a new record high responding to nearly 4,400 ambulance calls. However, staffing costs remain high as well as associated costs for decontamination practices PPE (personal protective equipment) and COVID-19 test kits. UAC has responded with an aggressive development plan to include community partnerships, individual fundraising and grant support from foundations, corporations as well as state and federal support. Youth programs, community outreach and social media platforms are being revitalized as well.

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?**

UAC respectfully requests a \$5,000 grant which reflects .17% of our operating budget. If awarded, a generous grant from Chester County Community Foundation would offset our current projected deficit by approximately 3% including associated costs for decontamination practices PPE (personal protective equipment) and COVID-19 rapid test kits for staff. Thank you for your past support and consideration of this request.

Please email grants@chescocf.org

- _____ This Brief COVID-19 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 Response Mini-Grants to grants@chescocf.org.
Steph, or Kevin will answer you.