

# Request for Information

## Healthcare & Economic Relief: Recovery Fund

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### **Background**

As Pennsylvania begins to strategically open and relax its shelter in place guidance, the Brandywine Health Foundation BHF believes its ***Healthcare & Economic Relief: Recovery Fund*** should focus on restoring and rebuilding the safety net and advocacy providers and small businesses to meet the continuing needs to protect the health and safety of the community, address the growing demands of services and ongoing pursuit of equitable policies that so many are now depended upon.

BHF's initial ***Healthcare & Economic Relief: Rapid-release Fund*** provided rapid-release grants in the amount of \$127,247 to support the community's basic needs and frontline responders. Due to many local, state, and federal Relief Funds currently addressing basic needs and small businesses, the BHF's Relief Fund requires us to remain flexible in our grantmaking and now opens the next phase of its ***Healthcare & Economic Relief: Recovery Fund***.

**The BHF's Request for Information (RFI) aims to provide general operating grants to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to ensure the continuation of vital services and programs.**

This RFI will bolster the capacity and organizational effectiveness of nonprofit organizations seeking recovery funds due to the immediate and long-term impact of COVID-19 on their overall operation. It seeks nonprofit organizations that provide viable life sustaining and critical programs and services for the Greater Coatesville's most vulnerable populations. At the same time, the BHF also encourages advocacy focused nonprofits to respond to this RFI. More than ever the advancement of policy and systemic changes must continue to address the persistent

inequities many communities face. This RFI seeks to fund nonprofit organizations that align with the BHF's equity focused mission: *to advance a more equitable, resilient, and healthy Greater Coatesville community.*

### **Request for Information Process**

The BHF is seeking information from nonprofit organizations that range in size from grassroots, small, mid-size and large. If you recently submitted and or was awarded a grant from the initial phase of the BHF's ***Healthcare & Economic Relief: Rapid-release Fund***, you can respond to this RFI. This is a competitive funding opportunity and does not guarantee funding.

**Step 1: Submit Application:** Applicants are required to complete a brief application and submit required support documentation:

- (Itemized Recovery Grant Budget
- IRS Determination Letter
- Most Recent 990 or Audited Financial Statement
- Banking Authorization Form (download form [here](#))

**Step 2: Participate in Invite Only Interview:** In lieu of submitting a written narrative proposal, the BHF will adopt trust-base philanthropy practices by conducting interviews for invited applicants. Upon review of submitted online information, applicants will be invited to participate in a brief 20-minute interview via on-line video conference with the BHF grantmaking committee. If invited to participate in an interview, up to three staff members from each organization must participate in the interview. The Interview will focus the following topics:

- Mission Alignment with BHF's focus on equity and Social Determinants
- Impact of COVID-19 on nonprofit organization
- Need for general operating grant in support of one or more areas:
  - Program Effectiveness (enhancements or expansion to programs/services; partnerships due to COVID-19)
  - Organizational Resiliency (Capacity-Building)
  - Systems Strengthening (policy and or system changes focused on justice for Vulnerable Populations; Worker's Rights; Democracy; Testing and Care Access)

**Step 3: Score and Recommend Grants:** All applicants interviewed will be scored and the BHF Grantmaking Committee will make funding recommendations to the BHF's Board of Directors.

**Step 4: Grants Approved:** The BHF Board of Directors approve Recovery Grants.

## **Recovery Fund Eligibility Criteria**

Due to the competitiveness and increased need of the nonprofit organizations, the BHF's Grantmaking Committee would like to focus its efforts on nonprofits that meet **ALL** eligibility requirements and complete the entire application.

### **1. Must be an Eligible 501(c)3**

### **2. Organizations that are NOT eligible to apply include:**

- Nonprofit Hospitals
- Hospital Foundations
- Public Benefit or B-corporations
- Community Development Financial Institute (CDFI)
- School Districts
- Government Entities
- Universities
- Nonprofit Health Insurance Companies

### **3. Serves in at least one of the Greater Coatesville area(s):**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Townships</b>
City of Coatesville	Caln Township
East Fallowfield	Modena Township
South Coatesville	Sadsbury Township
	Valley Township
	West Brandywine Township
	West Caln Township

### **4. Serves one or more Vulnerable Populations:**

- Older residents
- Those who have lost their income due to stay-at-home orders
- The economically disadvantaged
- Healthcare workers, First Responders and others deemed Essential Workers
- Communities of color
- Immigrants & Refugees
- LBGTQA+
- The medically frail
- The medically uninsured
- People with disabilities
- People experiencing homelessness
- Returning citizens (formerly incarcerated)

**5. Organization's Mission Aligns with One or More of the Social Determinants of Health:**

- Health care
- Behavioral Health
- Mental Health & Well-Being
- Social & Family Supports
- Housing
- Healthy Food Access
- Education
- Employment
- Transportation
- Community Economics (supporting small businesses)

**Recovery Fund Guidelines**

**Timeline**

- RFI Open: May 6, 2020
- RFI Deadline: May 20, 2020 at 12:00pm; (Drafts & Incomplete Applications will not be reviewed)
- Video conference interview with Grantmaking Committee (Invited Applicants Only) on a rolling basis May 7, 2020-May 22, 2020
- Grantmaking Committee Recommend Grants: May 26, 2020
- BHF Board Approves Grants: May 27, 2020
- Notification to all applicants: May 29, 2020
- Grant Awarded: June 5, 2020

**Funding Cycle:** 14 months (6/20-7/21)

**Funding Amount:** The BHF will award \$500,000 to approximately 20-30 nonprofit organizations.

**Equity-lens:**

- Impacts in specific geographic areas with high rates of low-income people
- Impacts on populations with high rates of health disparities
- Low resourced communities

## **Requirements & Publicity**

- Participation in two Bi-directional Learning Sessions with the BHF Grantmaking Committee to strengthen grantor and grant partner relationship with candid feedback on the impact, challenges, and successes of the Recovery Grant and grantmaking process.
- Upon request, submit program photos, quotes, and or participation in videos to highlight how community needs are being met as a result of this Recovery Fund Grant.
- Acceptance of Healthcare & Economic Relief: Recovery Fund implies consent for BHF's use of award results and report information in media coverage.
- BHF requires that funding support appear in Grant Partner publicity releases and in marketing materials, presentations, etc.