

Dear Ms. Moore,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the grants for the CARES Act. I'm unsure as to whether or not the DOD is the correct place for my input. I work for a social ministry organization (nonprofit). We operate 5 residential retirement communities, 1 senior community center in an underserved, vulnerable community, and a disaster response program for Eastern Pennsylvania. Our needs are numerous:

Residential Retirement Communities (costs not budgeted):

- PPE & Hand sanitizer –We're competing with hospitals and governments, and have had the same difficulty in acquiring these items, paying more than usual and purchasing much more than usual
- Deep cleaning services
- Food containers to deliver 3 meals a day to apartments of Independent Living Residents (we have closed our dining rooms, and residents are not leaving the facility).
- Funding alternative daycare for frontline employees with young children who do not have other options
- Providing other incentives to keep frontline employees on the job
- Sending additional communications out to families, and adding technology for Video Calls between residents and families

Senior Community Center:

- The Center was providing daily lunches to older adults in the community. For many, this was the only meal they received daily. With the Center closed, we are offering pick-up, but many of our consumers have to use public transportation to get to the Center. With reduced hours of operation, with added concerns about exposure on public transportation, many are not coming for meals.
- The Center's staff are delivering meals to older adults, thus incurring travel expensed not budgeted.
- Other Centers in the City of Philadelphia have either closed or drastically reduced operations. The demand outside our neighborhood is growing, creating a need for more people. Volunteers have helped fill some of the gap, but not enough are available to help. The Center is contemplating hiring delivery services.
- Food – while the meals are covered through current revenues, the Center is receiving an increased request for help with groceries. The amount of funds available to purchase groceries is not sufficient to meet demand.
- PPE to keep staff, volunteers and consumers safe.

Disaster Response:

- The number one concern we're hearing across Eastern Pennsylvania is food insecurity. The needs are enormous, and many agencies providing these services have had to close their doors for lack of funding, lack of volunteers and lack of food donations. With the volume of unemployment, the need has increased exponentially. These programs need FEMA assistance – as part of disaster relief.
- Funds are needed to purchase food and to potentially hire people to fill the void of volunteers.
- Those providing meals need help acquiring containers for delivery.
- To keep volunteers, staff and consumers safe, they need help acquiring PPE.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this information. Please let me know if my input is better directed with a different department.

Best regards,

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