GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CARES FUNDING

Lehigh County will receive Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. This funding is specific to the support of Pennsylvanians and offsets to the costs of activities directly attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. As directed by the state, a portion of this grant is to be available for behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services, as well as for profit, 501(c’)(3), and 501(c’)(19) organizations providing human social services.

Organizations are invited and encouraged to apply to the Lehigh County Department of Human Services for consideration for funding. It is the intent of Lehigh County to assist as many organizations as possible. Receipt of funding from other sources will not preclude an organization from receiving funding in this round.

Successful applicants must adhere to all relevant laws, orders, and regulations in place during the pandemic. All expenditures to be covered must have been incurred during the period from March 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020. Expenditures to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following: additional costs of providing behavioral health services to county citizens or applicant staff, counseling, PTSD supports for frontline staff, services to those adversely impacted by stay-at-home orders, facility cleaning and sanitization, PPE, and computer hardware or software costs to provide services. Costs incurred from revenue shortfalls will NOT be considered.

Please apply using the attached document. Please submit most recent audit or 990 if available. If information requested is not available please explain the reason. Any provider requesting assistance must indicate that the impacted services are for citizens of Lehigh County and for a site located in Lehigh County. Lehigh DHS cannot consider assistance to a provider for services to those from another County.

**Remember:** Expenses incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 can be charged to the grant. Expenses must have been incurred DIRECTLY as a result of COVID.

The grant cannot replace lost funding.

The intent of Lehigh County is to fund as many requests as possible; therefore, awards are subject to partial funding.

Please return, in person or by mail, the completed application with attachments to:

Melanie Hahn, Executive Assistant  
Room 419  
Lehigh County Government Center  
17 S 7th Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

Or email to melaniehahn@lehighcounty.org

Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on September 14, 2020.