

**Grant Request
Submitted to
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Purpose of funding request

PHILLIPS Programs, a 501 © 3 organization serving youth with behavioral health needs through four special education day schools, home and community based counseling and career and technical education, is seeking \$1500 to purchase 10 chrome books for our students to use at home while school is closed due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. The chrome books will further eliminate technological inequities for these students after the pandemic ends and they return to school as all public school children in the DMV have been provided with laptops and/ or chrome books in a roll out this year.

PHILLIPS teaching and counseling staff are engaged in online learning and individual and/or group virtual counseling. But most of our students do not have computers at home.

For students to best access and benefit from our distance learning models it is imperative they have access to a reliable device. Staff are providing a combination of video instruction, videoconference, and online classrooms to continue to instruct our students. Having a device

will be key to students not regressing in skills already mastered and allow students to move forward in the curriculum.

These devices are also important to the social/emotional well-being of our students. This device will not only allow them to work on their academics, but they will also be able to connect with peers and staff. Staff will be able to provide emotional support as they work through/manage this unprecedented event. Many of our students have great difficulty with changes in schedule-the device will allow for a schedule to be put in place-academic time, meeting with related service providers and a way for students to have contact with staff.

Chromebook Outcomes

We anticipate an increase in the student's willingness to learn new computer technology skills.

Outcome measure #1: We will measure and assess the student's change in computer technology skills, for example, 1) ability to follow instructions on how to use the Chromebook and 2) ability to create and save their work for students who use this resource, focusing on pre- and post-program implementation.

We anticipate increased student engagement with the teacher and PHILLIPS staff such as assistant teachers and counselors.

Outcome measure #2: We will measure and assess the student's engagement, for example, 1) ability to receive and use feedback and 2) ability to communicate with others while using the Chromebook for students who use this resource, focusing on pre- and post-program implementation.

We anticipate increased student engagement with the PHILLIPS course items.

Outcome measure #3: We will measure and assess the student's engagement, for example, 1) ability to ask questions and 2) ability to complete work assignments as requested for students who can use this resource, focusing on pre- and post-program Implementation.