I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Note: If DVG Common Grant Application is used, the CCCF’s Summary Sheet MUST accompany
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Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes X No__ Not Sure__
Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes X No__ Not Sure__
X Donor Advised Fund(s) ____Fund for Chester County ____Don’t know/Not sure

Field/s of Interest:
___ Arts, Culture & Humanities ___ Environment/Animal Welfare ___Education
 ___ Health ___ Human Services ___ Religion

Organization Information:
Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):
All of Chester County
Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:
CVIM provides healthcare to uninsured, low income individuals and families who make less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. In FY2014 we served 2,948 patients during 30896 medical and dental visits.

Mission:
Community Volunteers in Medicine is a community-based, volunteer non-profit organization providing primary medical and dental care to low-income, working people in Chester County without insurance, enabling them to continue to be contributing members of the community.

Proposal Summary:
The overall goal for all of our services and programs is to help adults regain and maintain their health so that they may be productive members of our communities. We also strive to keep children free of dental pain so that they may thrive in school. CVIM goals also include:

- Safeguarding public health by treating food, hospitality and transportation workers.
- Managing chronic diseases and teaching patients to invest in their health
- Minimizing expensive emergency room visits and hospital admissions
- Serving as a regional/national consultant to help replicate the volunteer free clinic model.
- Educating healthcare profession students by serving as a clinical rotation site.
CVIM Proposal
To the Chester County Community Foundation

CVIM’s more than 350 volunteer licensed healthcare professionals and support volunteers coordinated by a core staff of full and part-time employees have continued to experience increases in patient volumes in unprecedented levels over the past few years. During Fiscal Year 2014 we experienced a 6% increase in overall patient volumes and an 8% increase in patient visits (medical, dental, social service, dispensary, eligibility screenings) serving close to 3,000 patients during 30,896 visits. Of these 728 were first time medical patients and 871 sought care in our dental department for the first time.

The most stunning increase is in the conservative estimate of the value of the care that has been administered by CVIM during this current fiscal year. The value of the free care provided has surpassed $5.4 million. This is driven not only by our rising volumes, but also by the increasingly high proportion of uninsured patients with long-term chronic diseases including diabetes, hypertension, obesity, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease who tend to use more resources as they seek life-saving care, life style modification programs and free prescription medications from CVIM. At the close of Fiscal Year 2014, these numbers have climbed to 1061 chronic disease patients being seen during 6478 visits—an incredible 20% increase in service utilization.

Over the past year, our professionals have continued to enhance care protocols and best practices within our model of care that brings together a multi-disciplinary team in order to provide patients with a more personalized approach, while still emphasizing education and family involvement in making informed healthcare decisions and lifestyle choices that help to control chronic disease and promote long-term health and well-being for themselves and their families.

Organizational Impact & Activities

CVIM’s entire budget is supported by philanthropy and through the generosity of our donors, prudent fiscal management and stewardship we have been able to continue to accept new patients, fully develop a chronic disease management program, enhance our internal systems, advance our patient care technology and expand our facility. As good stewards of our donor’s generosity, CVIM is committed to the careful management of these funds and to assuring our continued presence, evolution and expansion as a healthcare home to those in need.
The overall goal for all of our services and programs remains the same today as it was designed nearly 16 years ago—to help adults regain and maintain their health so that they may be productive members of our communities and to keep children free of dental pain so that they may thrive in school. Additional related goals include:

- Provision of coordinated care under one roof
- Increasing access to preventative, acute and chronic disease healthcare services to uninsured women
- Safeguarding public health by treating food, transportation, agricultural and other workers
- Preventing and managing chronic diseases and teaching patients and their families to invest in their health
- Diagnosing and successfully treating and preventing oral disease and other dental issues in adults and children
- Minimizing expensive emergency room visits and hospital admissions for both medical and dental issues
- Clinical workforce development providing hands-on education experience to medical, dental, dental hygiene, pharmacy and public health students

CVIM is recognized for its model of care that treats the whole person with medical and dental services, encourages family involvement, emphasizes self-management of disease and provides all necessary support mechanisms including one-on-one counseling, group sessions and classes. The clinic's wide variety of programs, such as a comprehensive Diabetes Self-Management Education Program, successful smoking cessation program, effective nutrition counseling, walking programs, women's medicine emphasizing prevention and early detection, healthy cooking classes (in English and Spanish) and farm share memberships that enabled patients to receive fresh produce, partnerships with local school districts to provide preventative dental screenings have made a measurable difference in the health of many Chester County families.

CVIM's mission and history is founded in community collaboration and partnership. It is a story made possible because of caring people who volunteer their time and talent on a daily basis, all of whom are focused on providing the highest quality of care delivered with a compassionate, caring touch and with the cultural competency necessary to address a diverse population. CVIM is truly an example of community and societal collaboration that is addressing multiple factors that determine a holistic approach to and ultimately lead to improved physical health, wellbeing and productivity of a community.

CVIM Impact and Evolution

For 16 years, we have effectively addressed the gap in the delivery of healthcare through collaborative relationships with hospitals, healthcare providers, community volunteers, and philanthropists. Our growth and the impact we have had on the health of our community are a direct result of our ability to identify areas of need and to collaborate with appropriate partners to jointly address the urgent health issues facing our shared community. One example of our collaborative programming is the recent launch of a Transitional Care program created in partnership with Chester County Hospital/Penn Medicine. The program is designed to directly and efficiently transition the most vulnerable uninsured patients from the hospital emergency room or upon discharge from the hospital, into our care.

In the fall of 2009, the clinic expanded by adding two additional exam rooms, more efficient workspace for dental professionals and ample space for counseling and education programs. CVIM currently maintains six dental operatories with digital x-ray capability, 10 medical exam rooms and an onsite drug dispensary. In 2014, in order to continue to effectively and efficiently provide free healthcare services for the uninsured, we have embarked on a facility and program expansion project that will provide dedicated areas for wellness and education services; counseling/screening areas; expanded patient care programs
and services; two additional patient exam rooms to ensure timely access to care; and an improved onsite lab facility enhancing efficiency and access for patients and clinical staff. Our patient services include primary medical care, cardiology, orthopedics, gynecology, dermatology and more, as well as comprehensive preventative and restorative dental care. CVIM healthcare professional focus on disease management and patient education as a large percentage of the clinic’s patients suffer from chronic disease such as diabetes and hypertension. CVIM is supported 100% by private philanthropy and is grateful for the annual, capital and in-kind gifts received from generous individuals, corporations and foundations.

CVIM has developed and continues to cultivate an extensive network of partners including local and regional hospitals, physician practices and outpatient centers. Longtime partners Main Line Health and Chester County Hospital/Penn Medicine provide substantial charity care to CVIM patients in the areas of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and therapies. Without these partners, our patients would not be able to afford this often life-saving intervention. CVIM has an uncommonly high profile within the region as providing quality care effectively and efficiently by utilizing a unique combination of the expertise of both retired and currently practicing healthcare professionals (physicians, dentists, nurses etc.) as well as students from several medical and dental schools in the Delaware Valley.

To continue to provide our high level of services and program to the ever expanding number of individuals and families throughout Chester County who have no other place to turn for healthcare, we need the support of our philanthropic partners, who we gratefully thank for their generous donations.