

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

One page only. This page will be shared electronically with Grant Committee Members & Fund Advisors.
Note: If Philanthropy Network Greater Philadelphia's Common Grant Application is used, the CCCF's Summary Sheet **MUST** accompany application. To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit www.chescocf.org

Date:

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Year Incorporated: 13

Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure ___
Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure ___
 ___ 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): Coatesville, PA

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served: The students of Friendship Elementary School, current enrollment 386 and member of the community that use our facilities after hours.

Mission: The mission of the organization shall be to aid the students of Friendship Elementary School by providing support for their education and recreation needs and to promote open communication between the administration, teachers and parents.

Proposal Summary:

Despite numerous fundraisers and community involvement, our PTO is in need of grant assistance to fund the purchase of a new playground to promote physical fitness and add handicap accessibility. Our current playground is aged beyond repair as replacement parts can no longer be ordered. A connecting bridge has been blocked with gates to allow continued use of the playground equipment by the students. Rust and deterioration of the swings has resulted in the playground becoming a major safety concern. If our playground cannot be replaced, these elementary students will lack the social enjoyment and health benefits typically achieved in a playground setting. Studies show that physical activity for elementary school children helps create lifelong physical fitness and decreases obesity, type II diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Having access to a safe playground is an outlet for these young minds which can benefit them by increasing concentration

and minimizing classroom behavioral disruptions. Our current playground is not handicap accessible and as a result, we have students with various disabilities that cannot play on our playground. Our school specializes in educating children with autism spectrum disorder and would like to add an area for our children with special needs to enjoy.

If Capacity Building Proposal:

___ Mission, Vision & Strategy ___ Governance & Leadership ___ Strategic Relationships
___ Fundraising & Development ___ Operations ___ Other: _____

Annual Budget \$ _____ \$19850 _____ 0 ___ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
___ 100 ___ % of budget for program expenses ___ 5 ___ # of Board Volunteers
___ 0 ___ % of budget for administrative expenses ___ 29 ___ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
___ 0 ___ % of budget for fundraising expenses _____ # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Grant Amount Requested from CCCF: \$ ___ \$7500 _____

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

1. Organization's history, goals, key achievements and distinctiveness

Our goal is to enhance the learning environment for the Friendship Elementary School students. Each year we pay for field trips, assemblies of various topics and a \$75 reimbursement for all teachers to use in their classroom. As our school is a diverse population, we have 55.7% of our students on free and reduced lunches. Each year we hold two book fairs. We are the only school in the area that the PTO provides a voucher to all students for a free book to encourage reading.

2. Funding request:

Any amount of funding to help us reach our goal would be greatly appreciated. We are in desperate need of a new playground. Our current playground is a safety hazard and we would love for our students to have a safety place to play that is organically inclusive of all our students. We currently have no sidewalk or access to the playground for our handicap students. We have students with a range of disabilities. Some have walkers and some have wheel chairs. To play on the playground, they have to be carried by an aid or teacher. We would love to add pour in place rubber under our playground so all students can play, but our main priority is a sidewalk so all students can access the playground and replacing the playground equipment as it is deteriorating and a safety concern.

Last year we committed all funds raised for our second annual fun run to our playground fund. We raised almost \$9000, but preliminary quotes are showing we need to raise a minimum of \$30000. Without help, it will take a few years to raise these funds. Since we have such a high population of students living in poverty, fundraising for our regular PTO expenses get increasingly harder each year. Also, our volunteerism is decreasing each year. A project like this has spiked interest in our community and parents to help again.