The Chester County Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter, so their philanthropy makes a difference now and forever.

- The Community Foundation is a collection of Funds: Field of Interest Funds + Donor Advised Funds.
- All Community Foundation Funds accept this grant application form.

**Proposals submitted by nonprofits will be considered for 2 types of grants:**

### 1) FIELD OF INTEREST & DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Proposals received **any time throughout the year** are eligible for funding consideration from the Foundation’s Field of Interest Funds & Donor Advised Funds.
- Grant **awards** typically range from **$500 - $7,500**.
- Grant decisions are made **intermittently** throughout the year, as Fund Advisors desire.
- Proposals are **electronically shared** with Fund Advisors to assist them in making grant decisions.
- **General operating** grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, and measurable outcomes.
- Grants **focus on Chester County** causes and issues, but **are not limited** to Chester County.
- Grants may be made to charitable nonprofits working in **all fields of interest** including arts, culture and humanities; education; community improvement; environment; religion; health; and human services.

### 2) FUND FOR CHESTER COUNTY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

- The goal of the Community Foundation’s capacity building grantmaking is to **strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations serving the Chester County region**.
- Capacity building proposals received by **September 15** annually will be eligible for this special grant initiative.
- Capacity building projects should strengthen a nonprofit, in areas including:
  - Mission, Vision & Strategy
  - Governance & Leadership
  - Strategic Relationships
  - Fundraising & Development
  - Operations
- Grant **awards** range from **$500-$5,000**.
- Nonprofits with budgets $ 750,000 or less preferred
- Grant monies are distributed by **February**.
- Nonprofits must be **located in and serve Chester County** to receive a grant from this special initiative.

A receipt of the Grant Proposal Summary Sheet, Narrative and Attachments.

- Proposals are shared electronically online with Fund Advisors and the Grants Committee.
- The electronic form is available at [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org).

Per IRS regulations, applicants
- must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification
- cannot be individuals

**E-mail proposals are strongly encouraged to grants@chescocf.org**
- Receipt will be confirmed by e-mail.

Please contact Kevin Baffa or Beth Harper Briglia at (610) 696-8211 or [grants@chescocf.org](mailto:grants@chescocf.org) if you have any questions. Thank you.
I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

Date

Contact Information
Organization Name: Buck Cancer Foundation
Address: 1604 Barbara Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335
Phone: 610-761-7472
Website: http://www.buckcancerfoundation.org
Year Incorporated: 2015

Executive Director Name: Lori Nonnemaker
Executive Director E-mail: Inonnemaker@buckcancerfoundation.org
Board of Directors Chair Name: Lori Nonnemaker
Primary Contact Name: Jon Schwartz
Primary Contact E-mail: jonschwa@yahoo.com

Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes ___ No X Not Sure__
Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes ___ No X 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 ___X__ Education
__X_ Health ___ Human Services ___ Religion

Organization Information:
Geographic Area Served (if not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): We currently serve the Greater Philadelphia area. Buck Nonnemaker for whom the Foundation was created lived in Chester County for over 24 years (lived in Downingtown and worked at QVC) and was part of the Penn Medicine network through the Chester County Hospital. In 2016, our Warm Hugs Initiative handed out 125 warm socks to cancer patients in the Penn Medicine network in Center City Philadelphia along with 3 chemo centers in Chester County including the hospital. Our first educational scholarship was provided to a student at the Won Institute in Montgomery County and our main office is located in Delaware County.

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served: The BUCK Cancer Foundation raises funds to provide grants for medical research studies on complementary cancer treatment. These grants are currently being offered to the local research hospitals in the Greater Philadelphia area. Our inaugural medical research grant was approved in August of 2017. The BUCK Cancer Foundation also raises funds for educational grants for students pursuing a degree in integrative medicine or in a complementary cancer treatment (such as acupuncture, nutrition or medical marijuana). We awarded our inaugural educational grant in September 2016 to a graduate student in acupuncture. In early 2016, the BUCK Cancer Foundation handed out warm socks to 125 cancer patients as part of our Warm Hugs from BUCK initiative. These cancer patients were part of the Penn Medicine network including Chester County Hospital and two chemotherapy centers in Chester County. During the summer 2017, we handed out water bottles to over 180 cancer patients.

Mission: The BUCK Cancer Foundation seeks to support and fund opportunities and endeavors that help build a bridge between ALL viable forms of cancer research and treatment (natural, holistic AND conventional) and unite them in one goal: to provide greater comfort to cancer patients during treatment.

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while working toward a cure. The BUCK Cancer Foundation is focused on Bridging & Uniting Cancer Knowledge.

Proposal Summary: Since the Foundation’s inception 3 years ago, our fundraising efforts have been focused on individual events, employee giving campaigns and limited corporate sponsorships. To ensure we have adequate funds to advance our mission into the future, we must increase the amount of funds raised each year. To do this, we would like to secure a person who is well trained in the field of business development for non-profits. This type of position is typically a paid position in a non-profit organization with the person classified as either an employee or an independent contractor. We have not been successful in identifying a qualified person who was willing to volunteer their time to our organization. We are therefore requesting funds to secure a fundraising person (as an independent contractor) for a 3-month period to assist our Foundation to jumpstart our overall fundraising efforts. We expect the cost to secure a qualified person as an independent contractor would be $2,000 per month (or $6,000 for a 3-month period) and would like to request the full $5,000 grant amount.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:
___Mission, Vision & Strategy   ___Governance & Leadership   ___Strategic Relationships
_X_Fundraising & Development   ___Other: ______________________________

Annual Budget $14,475 _______________________ 0 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
66 % of budget for program expenses 12 # of Board Volunteers
20 % of budget for administrative expenses 20 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
14 % of budget for fundraising expenses 1470 # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:
Our top 3 funding sources for 2016 were 1) fundraising events, 2) individual & Director donations received as part of our mid-year and year-end appeals and 3) corporate sponsorships.

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $5,000
II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

Started in August of 2014, after Buck Nonnemaker lost his battle with cancer. The BUCK Cancer Foundation was incorporated in 2015 with the mission to support and fund opportunities and endeavors that build a bridge between ALL viable forms of cancer research and treatment and unite them in one goal: to provide greater comfort to cancer patients during treatment while working toward a cure.

The BUCK Cancer Foundation has two main value pillars upon which we provide services. They are:

- **Education** - The BUCK Cancer Foundation seeks to provide a reputable portal of educational resources for cancer patients and their caregivers on the complementary effects of natural, holistic treatments on conventional cancer care. Our goals include providing educational resources through our online presence, through printed materials distributed at oncologists' offices, and through educational seminars hosted by BUCK and other similarly aligned organizations. The BUCK Cancer Foundation also wants to increase education into integrative cancer treatments by providing educational grants to students pursuing a degree in integrative medicine or a complementary cancer treatment (such as acupuncture, nutrition or medical marijuana). We provided our inaugural traditional educational grant in September 2016 to a graduate student in acupuncture and plan to roll out an innovative pay-back (pay-forward) feature to this educational grant program in 2017. We have received a designated contribution of $10,000 to jumpstart this program.

- **Research Funding** - The BUCK Cancer Foundation seeks to provide necessary funding towards research studies on complementary cancer treatments (i.e., natural and holistic treatments that may complement conventional cancer care). These grants are currently being offered to the local research hospitals in the Greater Philadelphia area (Penn Medicine, Jefferson). Our funding efforts are currently focused on our key funding priorities, which are those treatments that were important and beneficial to Buck Nonnemaker (acupuncture, nutrition and medical marijuana). We have agreed to award our first medical research grant totaling $5,000 in 2017 and most of our fundraising activities over the last 2 years has been focused on meeting this objective.

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2. Funding request

- **Description of key initiatives**
- **Specific needs and issues to be addressed**
- **Organizational impact if initiative is undertaken**
- **How will this grant enhance your organization’s capacity?**
- **How will this increase in organizational capacity be measured?**
- **Activities to implement the initiative. Please include a description of the expected activities; timeline and costs to implement the initiative. If external consulting services are required, include the anticipated costs and expertise of the consultants to be hired.**
• Why it is important to fund this now

We are very excited about our key initiatives (funding medical research grants, Pay A BUCK Forward educational grants and our Warm Hugs program) and want to ensure we have adequate funds flowing into our organization for the long-term. To do this, we need someone who has adequate experience and training to refine and help us execute on our fundraising strategy. This request is important to fund now since we have just approved our first medical research grant and we don’t want to lose the important momentum and excitement from occasion. We believe if we do not secure a qualified fundraising person in the near term that our fundraising goals and ability to grow in the future will be at risk.

3. How impact and results will be demonstrated

The intended result of this funding request is to allow us to secure a person qualified in business development, fundraising for a non-profit. Success will be measure by a substantial increase in our overall Contributions received during the year.
III. ATTACHMENTS

*E-mail or mail this support information*

1. Copy of 501 (c) (3) federal tax-exempt letter
2. List of Board of Directors, with their affiliations
3. Most recent annual report and financial statement, audited if available
4. Itemized organizational operating budget with actual results for prior fiscal year and current fiscal year to date
5. If capacity building initiative, itemized budget (including external consultant’s proposal, if applicable)
6. Current strategic plan. If your nonprofit does not have a current strategic plan, explain why.

*If Philanthropy Network of Greater Philadelphia’s Common Grant Application is used, the Community Foundation’s Summary Sheet MUST accompany application. Available at [www.chescofc.org](http://www.chescofc.org)*

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*Chester County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION*

*Connecting people who care with causes that matter,*

*so their legacies make a difference.*
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROPOSALS

“Capacity building is whatever is needed to bring a nonprofit to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity, in order to more effectively and efficiently fulfill its mission.” *National Council of Nonprofits*

Capacity building initiatives may include (but are not limited to) projects which address:

- **MISSION, VISION & STRATEGY:** Organizational Assessment; Strategic & Business Planning
- **GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP:** Board Development; Executive Transition/Succession Planning; Leadership Development; Staff Training & Professional Development
- **STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS:** Coalition Building; Collaboration; Mergers & Acquisitions; Strategic Restructuring
- **DEVELOPMENT:** Donor Identification, Cultivation, Development & Stewardship; Development Campaigns (Annual, Capital, Planned Giving, Major Gifts); Earned Income Development; Social Enterprise Feasibility & Development; Marketing, Branding & Communications
- **OPERATIONS:** Disaster Recovery Planning; Financial Management; Human Resources; Volunteer Management; Industry Certification; Risk Management; Technology Improvements

Capacity Building Grants have been used to fund the following initiatives:

- Strategic Analysis, Plan development and implementation
- Technology enhancements, including donor tracking and development software
- Website Design & Development
- Marketing Materials
- Development of Financial management and control systems

**Please Note:** @99% of the grants issued by the Community Foundation are through the generosity of the Fund Advisors who created donor advised funds. @$2+ million is granted annually to nonprofits in Chester County and beyond.

The Community Foundation has a small pool of unrestricted funding to support capacity building initiatives. A separate grant proposal (using the same application format) must be submitted to be considered for a capacity building grant.

To inform donors of grant proposals that have been received by the Foundation, the grant proposal cover sheet and narrative are posted on the Community Foundation’s website with a link to the nonprofit’s website. Quarterly, our donors are mailed a written list of all grant applications received, and directed to the grant proposal webpage so they can review active grant proposals. Community Foundation staff also discuss active grant proposals during donor meetings, when donors are interested in the causes served by the nonprofit.

E-mail completed proposals to grants@chesocf.org

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