

**MARJORIE L. AND ARTHUR P. MILLER FUND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FUND FOR OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Across Chester County, local citizen groups are emerging as stewards of their local land resources while other organizations with an environmental focus are forming as issue groups, non-profit agencies, and municipal land trusts. Other non-profits serve as stewards for important parcels of land being used in creative ways for education and demonstration purposes. Each community has valuable resources that are worthy of being preserved—streams, wetlands, green space, areas important to wildlife, scenic vistas, and areas of historic or community significance.

The Chester County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller Fund. **One challenge grant of up to \$2,500** is available each year to support a non-profit organization which provides creative solutions to open space preservation and the wise use of environmental resources. The challenge portion of this grant can be met through such diverse means as new forms of in-kind donations and volunteer support and/or new grant dollars. The Miller grant can be used for the following:

- **The creation of a park, trail, or recreation area**
- **A public or school-based environmental education effort**
- **Research and publication about an important environmental issue**
- **Environmental enhancement and preservation of a significant site**
- **Volunteer and leadership development**
- **A demonstration project with wide-use application**

Successful projects will be those that:

- **Involve collaboration with environmental agencies & organizations**
- **Demonstrate high impact relative to the dollars expended**
- **Are of a lasting nature.**

Programs with a significant educational component are encouraged.

Proposals will be accepted until September 15. Upon review of the initial proposals, a site visit may be conducted of the finalists. The grant will be awarded in November.

Please use the attached Grant Proposal Format to apply for the grant. Please explain how you will meet the challenge component in your grant proposal narrative. Grant applications should be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M., **September 15** to: grants@chescofc.org . **Subject:** Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller Fund Grant Application

For more information, please contact Beth Harper Briglia, Vice President of Philanthropy Services at the Chester County Community Foundation at 610-696-8045 or at beth@chescofc.org. Thank you!

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SUMMARY SHEET (One page only) Note: If Philanthropy Network Common Grant Application is used, this Summary Sheet MUST accompany application. Please visit our website at www.chescocf.org to obtain an electronic version of this application.

Date: August 15, 2018

Contact Information:

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| Address: 631 Berwyn Baptist Road | Contact Title: Dir of Development |
| Devon, PA 19333 | Contact E-mail: janet@jenkinsarboretum.org |
| Phone: 610-647-8870 X152 | Fax: 610-647-6664 |
| Web Address: www.jenkinsarboretum.org | Year Incorporated: 1976 |

Have you previously received the Miller Grant Award: Yes X_ No _

If "Yes", please indicate date and amount of each grant, if any, received from the Foundation:

(1) Year: 2008 Amt Rec'd: \$ 2,000 (2) Year: _____ Amt. Rec'd \$ _____

(3) Year: _____ Amt Rec'd: \$ _____ (4) Year: _____ Amt. Rec'd \$ _____

Organizational Information:

Geographic Area Served (*If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County municipalities served*):

Annual # of Clients & Description of Population Served: Annually, it is estimated that Jenkins receives approximately 20,000 to 30,000 visitors. We serve people from all locales and all walks of life with no discrimination of any kind. We are open free of charge for all from 8am to sunset 365 days a year. This makes Jenkins unique among area gardens. This past year we have created a Children's Garden, which has increased visitation by children and families.

Mission Statement: The mission of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is to preserve natural tranquil woodlands for community enjoyment, to showcase native plants and a world class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, and to promote environmental horticulture through learning, research, and conservation.

Organization Description: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a carefully planned botanical garden established in 1968 through a bequest from H. Lawrence Jenkins to preserve the property as a public park to be used for horticulture and scientific study. The Arboretum, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization, is committed to conserving 48 acres of the once bountiful Pennsylvania woodland and nurtures one of the state's major horticultural showcases of native trees, shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, laurel, blueberries, ferns, and wildflowers. Without places where people can establish relationships with the natural world, each successive

generation loses another opportunity to learn appreciation for and the stewardship skills necessary to protect the resources that sustain their physical and emotional well-being. At Jenkins, members and visitors alike form a close relationship with the Arboretum. Many express a feeling of immediate “ownership”. Gardens are always a partnership, sometimes simply with nature, but more often with other people as well.

The Arboretum serves as a public open-air recreational, educational and environmental model for the appreciation and stewardship of nature. A visit to Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens convinces residents and visitors alike of its increasing value as a natural sanctuary in the midst of a densely populated, heavily trafficked suburban area.

The Arboretum’s preservation of natural habitats and a watershed presents a compelling model for others to follow.

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| Annual Budget \$ <u>1,117,000</u> | <u>7</u> | # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff |
| <u>80</u> % of budget for program expenses | <u>23</u> | # of Board Volunteers |
| <u>10</u> % of budget for administrative expenses | <u>45</u> | # of Active Non-Board Volunteers |
| <u>10</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses | <u>about 3,000 hrs</u> | # of Volunteer Hours |
| <u>100</u> % total | | |

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Proposal Information:

Grant Amount Requested: \$ 2,500

Description of Grant Purpose:

POND AERATION PROJECT

Aeration is key to predictable performance from a pond. Our pond environment receives life-supporting oxygen from the atmosphere at the surface where the air and water contact each other, as well as from the photosynthesis of algae and plants below the water surface. These processes are both affected by weather: available wind energy (wave action) and sunlight. Weather is unpredictable and that can create stagnant water and low oxygen levels. When there is no sunlight, there is no photosynthesis to create oxygen. In stagnant water, there is no physical energy to help the water and air exchange gases and water forms well defined layers of different temperatures. Poor environmental conditions in the pond for fish and other organisms are the result.

In 2017, the Arboretum staff began a pond renovation process in preparation for the replanting of the bog. Several months were spent thinking, planning, and researching our plant options. After acquiring several new and exciting species, the staff raked out, replanted and mulched the entire bog. Many of the new plants are real show-stoppers. There are 3 species of native orchids (grass pink, ladies’ tresses, and rose pagonia), 3 species of pitcher plants, bog Labrador tea (a rhododendron) and even a Marsh milkweed (asclepias perennis). Even with all these

beautiful additions, the star of the show might just be a plant new to us called Plymouth Rose Gentian (*Sabatia kennedyana*). This plant features 2" wide, fragrant, pink, daisy-like flowers that bloom all summer long. We are thrilled about this new and improved experimental garden area and are looking forward to watching through the years as these plants mix and mingle to fill in all the gaps.

Funding from the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller Fund would be very helpful as we would surely be able to sustain the health of the garden area, the plants and the fish and turtles living in the pond with an aeration system and we would thus demonstrate to the community excellent environmental practices.

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GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please provide the following information clearly and concisely.

Proposals of 1 or 2 pages are strongly encouraged.

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

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens was created by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins in 1968. His home and 20 acres of natural landscape were bequeathed to establish a public park, arboretum and wildlife sanctuary in memory of his wife, Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins. Three years later, the Jenkins' friend and neighbor, Louisa P. Browning, gave her home and 26 acres of untouched Pennsylvania woodland to more than double the Arboretum's holdings. In 2011, the 2 acre Wood property situated like a donut hole in the middle of Arboretum property, was purchased from Dr. Elizabeth McGee Wood, widow of Dr. David Wood, the Arboretum's first Board President.

Thoughtfully planned by the respected landscape architect, George Patton, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens was developed to complement, not compete, with existing area botanical gardens and arboreta. The soil, climate and natural environment were determined to be suitable for ericaceous plants, including native azaleas and rhododendrons. While the Arboretum preserves 48 acres of rapidly disappearing natural environment, it nurtures one of Pennsylvania's major horticultural showcases of native trees, shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, laurel, blueberries, ferns, and wildflowers. The Arboretum's preservation of natural habitats and a watershed presents a compelling model for others to follow.

Through the efforts of Dr. David W. Wood, the Friends of Jenkins Arboretum was formed to supplement the limited funding of Mr. Jenkins' original bequest and to support the expanding collections and programming of the Arboretum. Now incorporated as Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, the group has grown from its modest beginnings to boast of a membership approaching 1000 and is a thriving public botanical garden with gardens for all seasons.

In 2009 the completed John J. Willaman Education Center, a Gold LEED certified facility was opened to the public. Our programming has been dramatically enhanced by having this space for members and the entire community.

2. Funding request:

A. Specific Chester County needs and issues addressed

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is providing a great community resource and open space in Chester County for the enjoyment and education of all. With close proximity to the sprawling King of Prussia Mall, Jenkins is an oasis of tranquility and beauty, offering much, free of charge for all.

B. Organizational impact (for general operating proposals) or project impact (for project proposals)

The pond aeration project will have a huge impact as the pond is a focal point of attraction for our visitors and because of the aquatic plantings and wildlife, the pond environment contributes greatly to the biodiversity of the gardens.

C. Overall strategies to implement the organization's mission (or project)

The Board of Directors has created a long range plan for the gardens with emphasis on growth and sustenance.

D. Why it is important to fund this now

Ideally, it would be beneficial to install the pond aeration system as soon as possible.

E. How do you intend to meet the challenge component of this grant?

We will seek funding from other foundations and individuals. The entire project will cost approximately \$3,500.

2. Timetable, with anticipated outcomes and their relevance to the nonprofit's mission

We hope to have the project completed within one year.

3. How impact and results will be demonstrated

The results will be self-evident in the health of the pond environment.

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following 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. Itemized project budget (if applying for project-specific grant)

Note: The Philanthropy Network Common Grant Application may be submitted with CCCF Summary Sheet.

Please visit our website at www.chescocf.org to obtain an electronic version of this application.

E-mail applications are strongly encouraged.

Please send completed applications to:

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West Chester, PA 19382

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THANK YOU!