

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 of Greater Philadelphia's Common Grant Application is used, the Community Foundation's

Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.

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Date 8/8/18

Contact Information

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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):

PA-Chester, Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Berks, Delaware, Philadelphia counties; DE, CT

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:

Founded in 1905, KenCrest Centers and our affiliate agency, KenCrest Services, support more than 11,500 people in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Connecticut, through Early Intervention, Head Start, Early Head Start, PreK, homes for medically-fragile children and adults, community group homes for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), employment training, and autism services.

Mission: KenCrest supports community development by exploring possibilities, mobilizing resources, and empowering dreams.

Proposal Summary: KenCrest requests a matching grant of \$10,000 for renovation of our Chester County Day Program for Adults with Disabilities. To improve the safety and quality of life for the people we serve, we are moving from an older, isolated site in Malvern to a new accessible location in the community, at 479 Thomas Jones Way in Exton. The new location requires renovations to support 50 adults with complex physical disabilities and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

Mission, Vision & Strategy Governance & Leadership Strategic Relationships

Fundraising & Development Technology Other: _____

Annual Budget \$ 4,500,000 18 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff

90 % of budget for program expenses 16 # of Board Volunteers

8 % of budget for administrative expenses 50 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers

2 % of budget for fundraising expenses 500 # of Volunteer Hours

100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Fund for Quality, Pew Charitable Trusts, Barra Foundation

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 10,000

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

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Throughout our history, KenCrest has pioneered services. The Kensington Dispensary was founded in 1905 to serve people with tuberculosis. In 1911, River Crest Farm was purchased as a "preventorium" for children at risk of TB. In 1955, KenCrest terminated TB service due to local eradication of the disease, redirected our mission, and opened the first community-based educational programs for children with I/DD in Pennsylvania.

In 1965, KenCrest opened the first homes in the Philadelphia community for people with I/DD. In 1983, we opened the first family-style homes in Delaware for people with I/DD. In 1985, KenCrest opened the first inclusive community-based programs in Philadelphia for preschool children with and without disabilities. In 1991, KenCrest opened the first community-based residential program in the U.S. for medically fragile infants and preschool children. In 1995, we hosted the first national conference on medically fragile, technology-dependent children. In 2017, following the closing of state institutions, we opened the first community homes in southeastern PA for medically-fragile adults.

2. Funding request

Description of key initiatives

Request: \$10,000 for Renovation of KenCrest Chester County Day Program for Adults with Disabilities. The program serves 50 adults with I/DD; 21% also have autism; 20% have cerebral palsy; 5 have Down syndrome; and 17 use wheelchairs. The individuals range in age from 30s to senior adults.

The project budget is \$212,280. KenCrest is contributing an initial \$25,000 for the renovations. We are requesting matching grants from Chester County Community Foundation, The John Lazarich Foundation, The McLean Contributionship, The William B. Dietrich Foundation, Oxford Area Foundation, The Hankin Foundation, The Charter Foundation, The Huston Foundation, Bank of America, The Stabler Foundation, and Brandywine Health Foundation. Foundation grants for renovations will allow us to provide more funding for enhancement programs and staff to assist our Day Program clients in the community.

Specific needs and issues to be addressed

The Day Program for Adults with Disabilities is currently located at 2593 Yellow Springs Road in Malvern, which KenCrest inherited in our acquisition of Lynch Services in 2011. The building is old, has little natural lighting, and is at an isolated industrial site near the turnpike. To improve the safety and quality of life for the people we serve, we are moving to a new location in the community, at 479 Thomas Jones Way in Exton. The new location requires renovations to support adults with complex disabilities and I/DD, including ceiling tracking to help move clients, resilient, hygienic wall covering, and special flooring for wheelchairs and walkers.

Why it is important to fund this now

Due to a mandate from the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (the Final Rule), nonprofit agencies like KenCrest must provide work opportunities at competitive wages, and take clients into the community for volunteer work and social opportunities. However, there are no designated funds available for renovations to help make this possible. Day (Community Participation) Programs are not HUD sites and therefore ineligible for federal renovation funds.

3. How impact and results will be demonstrated

Our goal is for the renovations to be completed by mid-November. We are signing a 5-year lease and planning on a longer residence. We own some of our 400 operating sites and rent others. For example, we have rented our Lehigh Early Learning Center in Philadelphia for 30 years, and the program is an important part of the community. This move and renovation project will enable our Chester County Adult Day Program to be located in an accessible part of the community.