

GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

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.
- 99% of the grants issued by the Community Foundation are made possible through the generosity of the Fund Advisors who grant through their Donor Advised Funds.
- \$2.5+ million is granted annually to nonprofits in Chester County and beyond.
- All Community Foundation Funds accept this grant application form.

Proposals submitted by nonprofits are considered for 2 types of grants:

FIELD OF INTEREST & DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (No Deadline)

- ◇ 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.

FUND FOR CHESTER COUNTY CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS (Due 9/15)

- ◇ 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 annually by **September 15** are eligible for this grant program.
- ◇ Capacity building projects should strengthen a nonprofit, in areas including:
 - Mission, Vision & Strategy
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Strategic Relationships
 - Operations and Technology
 - Fundraising & Development
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$5,000**.
- ◇ NPO's 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 grant program.

- A proposal is considered "complete" when the Chester County Community Foundation has confirmed receipt of the **Grant Proposal Summary Sheet, Narrative** and **Attachments**.
- Proposals are shared electronically online with Fund Advisors, Donors, and the Grants Committee.
- The electronic form is available at www.chescocf.org.
- Per IRS regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification and cannot be individuals
- **E-mail proposals to grants@chescocf.org**. Receipt will be confirmed by e-mail.
- Please contact Grants Administrator Kevin Baffa at (610) 696-8211 grants@chescocf.org with questions.

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.

To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit www.chescocf.org

Date

Contact Information

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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

___ Education

___ Health

X Human Services

___ Religion

Organization Information:

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

More than one-third of our services are provided for Chester County residents. We provide food, clothes and shelter assistance to underprivileged children, locally. This service is provided year-round.

A little less than 1/3 of our services are provided for underprivileged children nationally (includes Chester County, but not limited to Chester County). We provide a "Gift a Garden", which is all the supplies and reference material needed to plant a garden, to underprivileged families with children. We provide this service and program once a year.

A little less than 1/3 of our services are provided internationally, to the poorest among us, in 3rd world countries. We provide a bundle of items (livestock, seeds, a bicycle and sewing machine to underprivileged families with children in the poorest parts of the world). We provide this service and program once a year.

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:

We serve underprivileged children, and families of underprivileged children. In 2018, we served over 270 needy children.

Mission:

Our mission is to stamp out childhood hunger, nakedness & homelessness by providing food, clothes, and shelter assistance to underprivileged children, regardless of race, color, religion or creed.

Proposal Summary:

Initiative – Food, clothing, and shelter assistance to underprivileged children in Chester County area.

We provide food and drinks for the after-school program at the Melton Community Center in West Chester. PA. We feed 22 children daily. In 2019, Dayna’s iCare Foundation hopes to pick up the after school program at a community center in Phoenixville, PA in September.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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

Annual Budget \$ 50,000.00 0 (zero) _____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
 50 % of budget for program expenses 3 # of Board Volunteers
 5 % of budget for administrative expenses 3 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
 45 % of budget for fundraising expenses 15hrs/month # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

- Fundraiser Events**
- Donations**
- Merchandise Sales**

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 5,000.00

GRANT PROPOSAL

1.) NON PROFIT'S HISTORY, GOALS, KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND DISTINCTIVENESS:

Dayna's iCare Foundation was started 1/1/2018, in West Chester, PA, Chester County, to combat childhood poverty, specifically in the area of food, clothes, and shelter. We provide food, clothing, and shelter assistance to underprivileged children locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 2018 we helped over 220 children. We provided food for a local afterschool program at the Melton Center; We provided clothes for a children's service that provides shelter for displaced families; we took over 200 pair of "shoes that grow" (that last 5 years and grow 5 shoe sizes) to Haiti.

To date, in 2019 we've provide food daily for a local after school program in West Chester, PA. We are looking to provide another after school Program in Phoenixville with food assistance. We've distributed \$1500.00 to needy children for clothes.

What makes us different is we hand deliver all of the assistance we provide, so that recipients know that the foundation and its partners aren't just giving handouts, but we are sharing what we have with them.

2.) FUNDING REQUEST:

DESCRIPTION OF KEY INITIATIVES-

Food for after school programs: Requesting financial assistance to provide food for afterschool programs in Chester County (Costs: \$Costs \$3600 per year for each afterschool program)

Gift a Garden Program: Provide seeds, tools and reference material for needy families to plant a vegetable garden. (Costs: \$3600 to provide gardens for 12 families)

SPECIFIC NEEDS AND ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED -

We are looking for financial assistance for our food assistance program. We are currently providing food for the Melton Center's after school program in West Chester. We are looking to provide a Phoenixville Community Center with food daily, as well.

We are currently looking for financial assistance for our "Gift a Garden" program. We provide all of the seeds, tools, and resource material families with underprivileged children need to plant a garden. This program helps families help themselves to produce healthy, nutritious food.

We are looking for financial assistance to provide clothing awards to children without parents.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO FUND THIS NOW -

We are starting to prepare for the upcoming school year, in terms of preparing to distribute food to 2 programs, monthly.

We would like to provide gardens this Spring to needy families so they'll produce healthy food by harvest.

HOW IMPACT WILL BE DEMONSTRATED -

Our foundation will track all the children we feed. We will also track those that receive gardens, and we will follow up with each recipient to survey how many vegetables were produces, how the gardens helped, and how long.