

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 5/28/19

Contact Information

Organization Name: The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services

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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):

All of Chester County. Additionally, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Berks, bucks, Delaware and Lycoming/Clinton Counties

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:

The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services assists individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in navigating systems, gaining access to services, monitoring services, and ensuring the individuals' health and safety is protected. We provide advocacy at multiple levels: individual, legal, systems, professional and legislative in the effort of fostering and supporting each individual's quality of life.

The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services employs Supports Coordinators that link the individual with a disability to services and supports. This can include Medicaid funded waiver services, community resources, and natural supports that enable the individual to grow and live in the community. The main role of the coordinator is to locate, coordinate, and monitor services. Currently, 126 individuals receive supports coordination services in Chester County. The total 1,321 people are being served to date in all of the counties and the number served continues to grow each month.

Mission:

The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services draws on its knowledge and skills as effective Supports Coordinators to empower people with developmental disabilities to achieve independence, community involvement and quality of life.

Proposal Summary:

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We are requesting **\$2500** to assist with the cost of providing informational sessions and community outreach.. Currently, we serve 1500 individuals throughout Southeastern PA. Your support will enable us to reach even more families this year.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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

Annual Budget \$ ___ \$3,198,873 _____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff- 41
84 % of budget for program expenses ___ 8 ___ # of Board Volunteers
___ 16 ___ % of budget for administrative expenses ___ 0 ___ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
___ 0 ___ % of budget for fundraising expenses ___ 100 ___ # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

- State Funding
- Individual Contribution
- Fundraising Events

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 2500 _____

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services is an affiliate of The Arc Alliance, The Arc of PA, and The Arc of US, with nearly 700 state and local chapters nationwide, is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc is on the front lines to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the support and services they need to be fully engaged in their communities. The Arc works with its federation of state and local chapters to create an impressive network of human service agencies ensuring they have the strongest civil rights advocates promoting and protecting their needs at all levels.

Since the late 1970's, The Arc Alliance's primary mission was to provide early intervention services to all children and advocacy to all persons with developmental disabilities. The Arc Alliance, The Arc of Pennsylvania, and The Arc of the United States all were founded in the early 1950's by parents of children with a disability.

The purpose of The Arc Alliance is to promote the welfare of persons with developmental disabilities, foster and support the development of public policy, increase public knowledge and facilitate improvement in the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc Alliance provides leadership in all areas of advocacy for and by persons with developmental disabilities, provides assistance so persons with developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to make decisions concerning their lives, and to help persons with developmental disabilities become self-advocates. Additionally, the Arc Alliance assures that the life experiences of persons with developmental disabilities are similar to those of persons without developmental disabilities, to strengthen the communities' commitment to persons with developmental disabilities, and to solicit and invest funds for the accomplishment of the aforementioned.

In 1998, The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services was formed to provide supports coordination services to people with disabilities. The mission: The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services draws on its knowledge and skills as effective Supports Coordinators to empower people with developmental disabilities to achieve independence, community involvement and quality of life. The purpose of The Arc Alliance Advocacy Services is to provide advocacy at multiple levels: individual, legal, systems, professional and legislative; to promote the general welfare of persons with developmental disabilities; to foster and support the development of public policy, increase public knowledge and facilitate improvements in the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities and their families, to provide leadership in all areas of advocacy for and by persons with developmental disabilities, to provide assistance so that persons with developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to make decisions concerning their lives, to help people with developmental disabilities become self-advocates, to assure that the life experiences of persons with developmental disabilities are similar to those of persons without developmental disabilities, and to strengthen the community's commitment to persons with developmental disabilities.

Currently, 1,321 individuals (126 in Chester County) who have an intellectual disability (IQ of less than 70) or autism are receiving supports coordination. The goals for the organization are to provide supports coordination services to 1200 individuals, host at least 2 supports coordination informational sessions, and

to conduct at least 25 community outreach events. The key achievement over the past two years is the doubling in size of individuals served through supports coordination.

We are requesting \$2500 in financial support to assist with the community outreach events and informational sessions. These sessions are required by the state, our current funder, and are paramount to the success and continued growth of our agency. We currently receive funding for staff to provide services, but we do not receive any funding for the outreach/awareness events. Examples of community outreach events are events at the YMCA, Chester County Intermediate Unit, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Brighter Futures Expo. The informational sessions will be held at convenient locations throughout the counties, such as libraries, community colleges, or other places who will donate space. The informational sessions will require staff time, travel costs, and give away items so families are reminded of our services. The informational nights will require a presentation and a nutritious meal for the families.

From July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020, our goal is to host 1 informational session in each of the 7 counties we serve and attend 25 community outreach events. Impact will be tracked by collecting the output for these sessions such as number of families attending, number of people reached at each event, and number of new caseloads for the year.

Thank you for reviewing this proposal and our request for \$2500.

