

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: 9/12/19

Contact Information:

Organization Name: Chester Co. Council, Boy Scouts of Amer
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Year Incorporated: 1919

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

Arts, Culture & Humanities Environment/Animal Welfare Education
 Health Human Services Religion

Mission: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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

All of Chester County & a portion of Ceil County Md.

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:

5,700 youth ranging in age from age 5 (kindergarten) through age 17. 2,600 adult leaders. We serve mainstream youth, youth with special needs, and at-risk youth through our ScoutReach Program. Scouting is now open to boys and girls in Cub Scouts and as of November 2019 in the older program now known as Scout BSA.

Annual Budget \$2,473,012	<u>22</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>82</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>41</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>3.3</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>2,600</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>14.7</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>140,000+</u>	# of Volunteer Hours

100% total.

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Several who prefer to remain anonymous.

IBX, Exelon Generation, Hoxie Harrison Foundation, CCRES Foundation.

Is the grant proposal for: Capacity Building or General Operating? ?

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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

Grant Amount Requested from The Community Foundation: \$5,000

Proposal Summary:

We respectfully request a \$5,000 grant to support our efforts to serve all youth, especially those who are at-risk and would otherwise not be able to participate because of their family situation. Your support provides a means for youth to successfully become a part of the American social system, grow into productive members of society, and have an alternative to the many negative choices our children are faced with each day. Your \$5,000 investment will enroll 23 new cub scouts in the program for 12 months or provide 11 at risk-youth an entire year of Scouting that includes a week-long camping experience at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

Celebrating 100 years of service in 2019, The Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America was chartered in 1919. It is one of the most successful of the nearly 250 Councils in America and is consistently ranked in the top 5% of Boy Scout Councils nationwide in percentage of the population served and for its award-winning camping programs. The Council serves 5,700+ youth annually.

2. Funding request:

Description of key initiatives--SHORT-TERM at least one or more years:

Youth learn to be accountable and on time.

Youth & parents rely on each other to complete common goals.

Youth experience pride, are appreciated by others and learn the value of helping others.

Youth learn the value of working together and are rewarded for doing so via the advancement / recognition program.

Youth apply the skills they have learned during weekly weekings and realize the value of learning and being prepared.

Team pride, sportsmanship, and recognition are realized and become a part of the youths' persona.

LONG-TERM Five years or more-- Scouts with five + years tenure are more likely to:

Assume leadership roles in clubs and organizations.

Have higher self-confidence.

Value family relationships and place the needs of others before their own.

Have greater success in resisting peer pressure and taking part in delinquent or dishonest activities.

• Specific needs and issues to be addressed

Scouting lasts a lifetime, enduring through the ever-changing culture of the nation and transcending through family, group, and community involvement. A study conducted by the Harris Interactive Group notes that youth involved with Scouting are more likely to:

- Graduate from high school and college
- Have positive family and peer relations
- Engage in community service
- Have higher incomes

• Organizational impact if initiative is undertaken

A critical benefit for youth involved in Scouting is the sense of belonging and community that arises as a result of their inclusion in the Boy Scout program, both in their own neighborhoods and the community at large. Research has shown that this sense of belonging to a positive, supportive group is a significant deterrent to gang activity, and helps to build self-esteem and self-confidence. We have observed these benefits in the Scouting program at all age levels.

• How will this grant enhance your organization's capacity?

This grant will provide the resources needed to keep and attract additional youth into the program.

• How will this increase in organizational capacity be measured?

The number of youth and adults enrolled. Advancement by youth. Training by adults. Program participation & service hours provided by our membership.

- **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**

Our mission is implemented in using the following methods:

Meetings

Youth meet weekly as a group with adult leaders. Once per month, the entire pack or troop conducts some type of outdoor activity to test their physical, mental, and leadership skills.

Ideals

The Scout Oath and Law are not only repeated but become a guide in which a Scout lives and his actions evaluated.

Adult Association

Leaders, merit badge counselors and camp staff serve as role models for youth to look up to. Leadership requirements assure adults are qualified for this responsibility. Various family situations make this an important fact of Scouting. Many activities also stress family involvement, particularly in Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts.

Personal Growth

Service projects and religious awards develop a framework for positive future contributions to society.

Leadership Development

Various offices and leadership opportunities develop a young person's ability to appropriately manage others and work as good citizen in a democracy. Funding is needed now to support our annual budget which drives our goals and mission.

Timeline and Cost to Implement

The Scouting program at all age levels is implemented on a 12-month program. On average it will cost \$234 to support one youth for a year of traditional Scouting. Supporting at risk youth will cost \$400-\$500 for a year of Scouting.

- **Why it is important to fund this now**

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3. How impact and results will be demonstrated

In evaluating our programs, we include both qualitative and quantitative data. We utilize the observations of group leaders, volunteers, and staff; participant surveys; pre and post assessments; and informal interviews with parents and community members. Evaluation meetings with the volunteers and staff, combined with surveys, allow us to make program adjustments as necessary. Evaluation results are shared with staff for planning purposes, and with the Board of Directors to ensure our programs are consistent with the Council's mission, vision and strategic goals. Future program objectives and activities are revised according to the evaluation results.

III. ATTACHMENTS

E-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.

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- E-mail completed proposals to grants@chescocf.org Receipt will be confirmed by email.
 - Please contact grants administrator Kevin Baffa at (610) 696-8211 or grants@chescocf.org with questions.

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so their legacies make a difference.*