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

Contact Information
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FEIN: 23-6462914

Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes _X_ No__ Not Sure__
(We applied successfully last year to be added to your website for donor-advised funds.)
Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes ___ No_X__ Not Sure__
____Donor Advised Fund(s) ___X__Fund for Chester County _____Don’t know/Not sure

Field/s of Interest:
_X__ 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):
Chester County, Delaware County

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:
The Society serves the general population. Approximately 15,000 members of the local community
attend our annual events, including The Great Pumpkin Carve, Chadds Ford Days, our summer camps,
and educational Tavern Talks. In addition, the whole community benefits from the preservation of the
historic structures we preserve.

Mission:
Through the support and generosity of our members, visitors, and the community at large, we will serve by:
Preserving and broadening access to our properties and resources; Interpreting, recording and cataloging Chadds
Ford’s unique history; Educating residents and visitors alike about Chadds Ford’s past and present; Hosting
community gatherings that promote and celebrate the spirit, beauty and history of Chadds Ford; Collaborating
with local organizations to prepare Chadds Ford for the future.
Proposal Summary:
In 1990, the Chadds Ford Historical Society launched its oral history project. The goal of this program is to record important local history through the eyes of locals who spent their life in the Chadds Ford area, and have first-hand accounts to share. Once this oral history is recorded, it is transcribed into a computer so that we have both an audio and text copy.

This program is coordinated by our volunteers, and has been very important to the community. While the Society is most famous for the colonial buildings we preserve, more recent history is also part of our mission.

Through the years the technology that we use has become somewhat obsolete. Our hardware is breaking down and we need some upgrades to keep this project moving. We seek help in purchasing a new desktop and laptop computer, associated software, audio equipment, and a color copier/printer. The total cost of these items is $4,805.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

- Mission, Vision & Strategy
- Governance & Leadership
- Strategic Relationships
- Fundraising & Development
- Technology

Other: ______________________________

Annual Budget $____$229,000__________  2  # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
74.7 % of budget for program expenses 12 # of Board Volunteers
21.1 % of budget for administrative expenses 117 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
4.2 % of budget for fundraising expenses 1,800 # of Volunteer Hours

Note: Above data from our 2018 IRS Form 990

Top 3-5 funding sources:
1) The Great Pumpkin Carve 2) Chadds Ford Days 3) Membership Fees

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $____$4,805_______
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GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

1. Nonprofit’s history, goals, key achievements and distinctiveness
The Chadds Ford Historical Society was founded in 1968 by local residents to save the historic home of John and Elizabeth Chads. The Society has been the caretaker of our community’s history ever since. Fifty years later, we are still hard at work preserving both the Chads and Barns-Brinton Houses, two important buildings which are approaching their three-hundredth year.

The Society offers education programs for students, including a popular summer camp with an American Girl Doll theme. On summer weekends, volunteers dressed in Colonial garb can be found in the Chads House baking bread in the beehive oven. The Society has developed innovative and engaging history programs geared towards adults as well. The Tavern Talks are a monthly series that focuses on a particular theme in colonial life, such as heading to the market, or the types of meals people enjoyed. Escape Brandywine is a very popular program that has an escape room theme, but with the twist that Revolutionary War coding and spy techniques are featured.

The Society also serves the community with major events like Chadds Ford Days (Late Summer), The Great Pumpkin Carve (Fall), Valley Jamboree (Spring), and the Candlelight Christmas Tour (Winter). These events are a key source of funding for the Society. But, perhaps more importantly, they also help to foster beneficial interaction among the many diverse groups who make up our community in Southern Chester County in Pennsylvania.

2. Funding request

The Oral History Project was launched in 1990 with a recognition that the history of the area didn’t end with the Battle of the Brandywine. More recent history that we strive to record includes: Reminiscences of our rich local artist community; Impressions of the local lifestyle when the entire area was dedicated to agriculture; Memories of community recreation including Chadds Peak Ski Area and Lenape Park.

This program is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who conduct interviews and then transcribe the interviews into a computer so that we can save both voice and text. While the enthusiasm of the community and volunteers continues unabated, the technology that we have dedicated to this effort has fallen out of date. We have grown concerned that the computers we use are about to die, and the supporting infrastructure (printer/copier, audio equipment) is also in need of an upgrade.

It is important for us to address this issue soon because we would hate to have the program delayed by a failure of technology. Interviews can be difficult to schedule, and it would be tragic to lose the memories of some of our older residents due to a hardware malfunction.

We are asking for help with the purchase of a new desktop and laptop computer, associated software, some audio equipment, and a color copier/printer. The total cost for this equipment is
estimated at $4,805. The impact of any grant would be felt immediately since this equipment can be purchased quickly.

These items will help us maintain the stability of the current program. They will also open up new avenues for sharing the results with the local community. Our current computers are incompatible with our meeting room projection system, so it is difficult to give presentations to our members and the community at large. We don’t want this history to sit quietly on a hard drive. We want to be able to share it with the community through the use of the latest multimedia technology.

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