

## 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

### Contact Information

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Executive Director/CEO Name: Tom Tindall  
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 Board of Directors Chair Name: Joe Carlin  
 Primary Contact Name: Patrick Walker

Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure X  
 Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure X  
 \_\_\_ Donor Advised Fund(s) \_\_\_ Fund for Chester County \_\_\_ Don't know/Not sure

### Field/s of Interest:

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

### Organization Information:

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

West Grove and surrounding areas

**Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served:**

Youth age 11-18

**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.

**Proposal Summary:** We are respectfully requesting \$7,500 to replace our aging utility trailer with a safer, more capable trailer. To wrap the trailer with our logo and with the names of the boys from our troop that have attained the rank of Eagle Scout and to outfit the interior of the trailer with shelves for our camping equipment.

### **If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:**

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

<b>Annual Budget</b> \$	<u>\$5,466</u>	<u>0</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>90</u>	% of budget for program expenses	<u>12</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>5</u>	% of budget for administrative expenses	<u>0</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>5</u>	% of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>@5,000</u>	# of Volunteer Hours
<i>100 % total</i>			

**Top 3-5 funding sources:**

Troop 30 Spaghetti Dinner

Parking Set up at Willowdale Steeple Chase

WL Gore

Hunt Club

Lions Club

**Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:** \$ 7,500

## II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

*Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.*

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

Troop 30 was originally chartered as Troop 2, and was first organized in 1918, the same year as the Chester County Council and eight short years after the founding of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in 1910.

It was a hardy band, dedicated mostly to hiking and camping skills and adventures. In 1921, the troop hiked for two days and nights to Camp Icedale near Honey Brook. With just their backpacks, the scouts took everything needed for two weeks of summer camp. The gear was mostly World War 1 surplus, acquired with the assistance of the local US congressman.

There were several false starts in the early years, with charters won and lost. In 1925, a new BSA charter was presented to West Grove Troop 1 and this is the charter under which we operate today. In 1928, the Chester County Council renumbered all of the council troops according to the age of the troop. Even though the original 1918 charter was only the 2nd, hence Troop 2, the renumbering was based on the current original charter of 1925 and so we became Troop 30.

The Troop remained focused on skills training and outdoor adventure and presented the first Eagle Scout award in 1927. The new Council Camp, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, was opened in 1928. Troop 30 Scouts were present to open the new camp and we have been a regular ever since.

Camping, backpacking and high adventure bases have become more of the focus for our troop. In recent years we have sent crews to Sea Base in the Florida Keys, Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico and we are planning a possible trip north to Maine or Minnesota for a canoe trip in the summer of 2020.

Over the decades, almost 1,000 scouts have called Troop 30 home, of these, 60 have earned the rank of Eagle. For many decades, the troop has been sponsored by many community organizations and individuals and is currently sponsored by the West Grove Presbyterian Church. This support has made possible the continued growth and success of not only the troop, but more importantly, of the young men who have participated in it. The alumni of Troop 30 have for generations been the leaders our community.

Your support today ensures the continued success of all that Scouting stands for and for the success of the youth in our community.

With sincere appreciation, The scouts, leaders **and alumni of Troop 30**

### 2. Funding request

#### • Description of key initiatives

We take seriously our roles as adult leaders -especially as we provide safe and fun opportunities for the scouts, outdoors and away from computer/phone screens. The key initiative is to replace our aging Scout trailer (pictures attached). Typically, an adult leader pulls the trailer to monthly camping trips and to our week at Summer Camp.

In addition to the trailer, leaders often transport scouts in the same towing vehicle. In April, 2019, we had a near-miss when the trailer hit a bump and separated from the truck causing a serious safety situation for all involved. The trailer was properly attached but the attachments are old and worn and not designed for that type of stress load. Luckily and with the skill of the driver the incident was successfully and safely handled and the trip continued without further incident.

- **Specific needs and issues to be addressed**

Safe transportation of the troop and scout's personal equipment (stoves, fuel, water, tents, tables, backpacks and footlockers).

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

In recent months, because of its condition, it has become more difficult to safely attach the trailer to the different tow vehicles parents use to transport the trailer to campsites and other scouting events throughout the year. This has never been more apparent than on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 when the trailer came off the hitch while traveling down Rt. 1 south while being towed by a parent and with several other Scouts in the towing vehicle. Luckily the safety chains held and with the expert experience of the driver, the truck and trailer were able to safely pull off the highway with sparks flying and onto the shoulder to make temporary repairs and continued on with the camping trip. In addition, our National Dues and insurance have increased 81% this year per scout.

- **How impact and results will be demonstrated**

If awarded, the new and improved trailer will enable Troop 30 to safely transport scouting equipment for adventures for years to come. In addition, the logo'ed exterior will help generate interest and excitement in Troop 30 at campouts and special events.

- *For capacity building grant proposals:*

- *How will this capacity building initiative impact your nonprofit?*
- *How will this impact be measured?*
- *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. Include external consultant proposals if applicable.*

### III. ATTACHMENTS

#### *E-mail or 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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## WHAT IS CAPACITY BUILDING?

**Capacity building helps bring a nonprofit to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity, in order to more effectively and efficiently fulfill its mission.**

Capacity building may include (but is not limited to) projects which address:

- **MISSION, VISION & STRATEGY**

Organizational Assessment - Strategic Planning - Financial Planning

*Vision Statement*

*The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.*

- **GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP**

Board Development - Executive Transition/Succession Planning - Leadership Development - Staff Training & Professional Development

- **STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS**

Coalition Building – Collaboration - Mergers & Acquisitions - Strategic Restructuring

- **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Major Gift Donor Identification, Cultivation, Development & Stewardship - Development Campaigns (Annual, Capital, Planned Giving) - Earned Income Development - Social Enterprise Feasibility & Development - Marketing, Branding & Communications

- **OPERATIONS**

Business Continuity Planning - Financial Management - Human Resources - Volunteer Management - Industry Certification - Risk Management - Technology Improvements

Capacity Building Grants have been used to fund:

- Strategic plan development
- Technology enhancements, including website design; donor tracking software; computer hardware
- Marketing plan & marketing materials development
- Financial management and internal control system improvements

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