I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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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 05/20/2020

Contact Information
Organization Name: BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK ASSOCIATES
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Year Incorporated: 1971
FEIN: 23-2143174

Has your nonprofit ever applied to the Community Foundation? Yes _X_ No__ Not Sure__
Has your nonprofit ever received funding from the Community Foundation? Yes _X_ 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  ___Environment/Animal Welfare  _X_ 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 and surrounding areas in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Describe Population Served and Annual Number of People Served: During the past year we served 5,044 people. Children in grades K-12 attended the educational programs. Those served come from many different backgrounds and economic status including individuals, families, school children, seniors, historians and those serving in the military.

Mission: The mission of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates (BBPA) is to preserve and interpret for visitors and citizens the Battle of the Brandywine and its impact on the course and outcome of the American Revolution, focusing on the Philadelphia Campaign, and the Battle's effect on the local community. BBPA brings to life the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War, through our Education Programs. To enhance the learning experience about this historic battle, the revolutionary war and historic preservation of the Brandywine Battlefield, BBPA offers educational and historic programs.

Proposal Summary: Emergency Operating Support: BBPA provides a wide variety of educational, historical and recreational activities to all members of the community. All BBPA programs have been cancelled from March 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Cancelled programs include Colonial Days for School Children, tours and lectures. These are revenue generating programs. Additionally, we are faced with the very real possibility that we will need to cancel our Summer History Camp program that is also a major source of revenue. We are currently developing and providing virtual programs at no cost. BBPA is seeking Emergency
Operating Support to enable us to continue remote operations and position ourselves to resume services once this crisis has ended.

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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

Annual Budget $ 162,500  
70% of budget for program expenses  
27% of budget for administrative expenses  
3% of budget for fundraising expenses  

2 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff  
7 # of Board Volunteers  
40 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers  
2000+ # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources:
The Wyeth Foundation $20,000
Connolly Foundation $ 5,000
Crystal Trust $ 5,000

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $ 3,000
II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK ASSOCIATES
EMERGENCY OPERATING SUPPORT

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

The Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates (BBPA) was founded in 1971 by a dedicated group of volunteers to help support the Brandywine Battlefield Park. BBPA duties and responsibilities have changed over the decades. BBPA is responsible for managing the office and gift shop, conducting tours, educational programs, special events and providing museum oversight. BBPA also manages Park operations and visitor services. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission maintains park facilities and historical content. The Battle of the Brandywine occurred in an area of ten square miles. Currently only 215 acres have been preserved. The Brandywine Battlefield Park site maintains fifty-two (52) of the 215 acres. BBPA strives to keep these 52 acres open and available for everyone to enjoy. BBPA serves over 6,000 people each year. Those served come from many different backgrounds and economic status including individuals, families, school children, seniors, historians and those serving in the military. Our Education Programs include Colonial Days, Colonial Days Outreach Program, Summer History Camp and the Summer History Camp Scholarship Program. Four Annual Events are held each year including Charter Day, Encampment - Living History Day, 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony and Patriots Day. Special Events include the Revolutionary Dining Series, Kids Days and History in the Neighborhood. BBPA also conducts tours throughout the year including Guided Battlefield Tours, Staff Rides for military personnel and cadets, The Benjamin Ring House, The Gideon Gilpin House and Self-Guided Tours. NOTE: Effective March 23, 2020 Colonial Days, Colonial Days Outreach Program, Revolutionary Dining Lecture Series and all Tours have been cancelled through June 30, 2020.

The Brandywine Battlefield Park was closed on March 21, 2020 in response to Governor Wolf’s social distancing recommendations. The Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates responded immediately by changing from our Park location to working remotely. BBPA has continued to maintain the staff who are working to provide virtual programming.

During the past eighteen months BBPA has continued their efforts to fulfill the mission and keep the park open, all with a limited staff and many, many volunteers. These accomplishments were made possible with funding from the philanthropic community. Our achievements include:

- Over 2,000 hours of volunteer time have been given to keep the park open, assist with events and educational programs. Over 6,000 visitors benefited from BBPA’s activities and programs.
- The Summer History Camp Scholarship Program was expanded and now enables 25-40 campers from low-income families the ability to participate in Summer History Camp each year.
- BBPA developed and implemented a comprehensive Strategic Plan in 2019.
- The Membership Development Program resulted in an 84% increase in membership.
- Revolutionary Dining Series is a newly implemented program receiving positive reviews.
- Publication of an Annual Report

Our Current Goals:
BBPA is currently working toward the goal of maintaining the organization while continuing to serve the public during this time of crisis. The present focus of BBPA is to maintain remote operations while providing virtual programming for the public.

- Objectives of Social Media during Temporary Closure: BBPA will adhere to our Mission by:
  - Engaging and educating the public/followers about the Battle of Brandywine, American Revolution, and 18th Pennsylvania life