

GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The Chester County Community Foundation *connects people who care with causes that matter, so their philanthropy makes a difference now & forever*. The Community Foundation is a collection of **Field of Interest & Donor Advised Funds** with **\$3.2+ million granted annually** to nonprofits in Chester County & beyond. **99%** of the grants issued by CCCF are made possible through the generosity of the Fund Advisors, who make grant decisions throughout the year.

Proposals submitted by nonprofits are considered for 2 types of grants:

Field of Interest & Donor Advised Funds (No Deadline)

- ◇ Grants **focus on Chester County** causes & issues, but are not limited to Chester County.
- ◇ Charitable nonprofits working **in all fields of interest** are considered for grant awards. (I.e. arts, culture, & humanities; education; community improvement; environment; religion; health; & human services)
- ◇ **General operating** grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, & measurable outcomes.
- ◇ Proposals can be submitted **anytime throughout the year**.
- ◇ Grant decisions are made **intermittently** throughout the year, as Fund Advisors desire.
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$7,500**.

Fund for Chester County Capacity Building Grants (Due 9/15)

- ◇ For eligibility in this grant program, nonprofits must be **located in & serve Chester County**. NPO's with budgets of \$750,000 or less are preferred.
- ◇ The goal of CCCF's capacity building grantmaking is to **strengthen the effectiveness of NPO's serving the Chester County region**, in areas including:
 - Mission, Vision, & Strategy
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Strategic Relationships
 - Operations & Technology
 - Fundraising & Development
- ◇ Proposals must be submitted by **September 15** to be eligible for consideration.
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$5,000**, with monies distributed by **February**.

- All Community Foundation Funds accept this grant application form. An electronic form is available at www.chescocf.org.
- **Email proposals to grants@chescocf.org**; Proposals are considered "complete" when CCCF has **confirmed** receipt of the **Grant Proposal Summary Sheet, Narrative, & Attachments**. Proposals are shared electronically with Fund Advisors, Donors, & Grants Committees.
- Per IRS Regulations, applicants **must be** charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification & **cannot** be individuals.

Please contact Portfolio Administrator, **Kevin Baffa**, at **(610)-698-8211** or grants@chescocf.org with any 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.chescof.org

Date 5/19/2020

Contact Information

Organization Name: The RADAR Project.org*
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*A Child's Light is Phase II of The Radar Project

Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission:

The mission of A Child's Light is to fund psychological treatment for children who have experienced trauma.

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

Chester County

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

A Child's Light (ACL) serves children, ages 2- 18, who have been victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. ACL intends to assist up to 45 children per year in this initial stage.

Annual Budget \$ <u>79,644.00</u>	<u>1</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>56</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>6</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>40</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>4</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>4</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>120</u>	# of Volunteer Hours

100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Private donations, Beccaria Charitable Fund, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation

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

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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

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

Proposal Summary:

A Child's Light is requesting general operating funding from the Chester County Community Foundation in 2020 to provide children, who have been abused, access to trauma-focused treatment regardless of a family's financial resources. Funding will enable A Child's Light to underwrite 12 weeks of therapy (\$900) with a licensed counselor for each victim. ACL intends to identify/assist a minimum of 45 children within the first year.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

The Radar Project, founded in 2016, is the first database that allows adult victims to globally report the location and circumstances involving their rape and domestic violence experience. In 2018, A Child's Light, Phase II of The Radar Project, was established to provide outreach to children who have been victimized by sexual assault or domestic abuse. A Child's light funds psychological treatment for these victims.

2. Funding request

Key initiatives:

1. Disseminate information about A Child's Light to police stations, hospitals, doctors' offices, schools, churches, etc.
2. A Child's Light seeks to identify child victims who need therapeutic intervention to begin healing from their trauma
3. Once a child victim is identified, the caregivers and victim are interviewed to determine what therapy mode would be most beneficial to the victim and how receptive the victim and caregivers will be to the treatment
4. A Child's Light will select the trauma-informed counselor best suited for the victim and set up the sessions
5. A Child's Light will oversee the progress of the children and arrange for additional treatment sessions if warranted

Specific needs & issues to be addressed:

A Child's Light is focused on how trauma affects a child's brain leaving victims susceptible to performing poorly in school, unable to manage their emotions or to trust, and at risk for depression and substance abuse. Through therapy these child victims can learn to integrate these traumatic experiences into positive coping skills so that they can grow into stable, responsible adults.

A Child's Light realizes that a number of child victims never get the psychological help they need due to their family's limited financial resources and, therefore, is committed to providing child victims with the funding needed to access therapeutic treatment. The cost for one child to receive therapy for 12 weeks is \$900. Trauma therapy has been proven necessary. Without it, there are lifelong repercussions for the victim.

Why funding is important now:

Funding is critical now because law enforcement, child victim advocates, teachers, and other mandated reporters fear that, due to COVID-19, there are children sheltering at home who are being abused (possibly by someone in their household), but have no opportunity to disclose to someone outside the home or to be observed by authority figures (i.e. teacher, minister, coach, etc.) who are obligated to report any suspected abuse. Child abuse hotlines are reporting lower than average calls during this COVID pandemic, but anticipate much higher volumes once schools reopen. A Child's Light wants to be prepared to handle the number of child victims who will need therapeutic intervention, while also serving those victims who have been identified currently.

How impact & results will be demonstrated:

The impact of A Child's Light will be demonstrated by the number of children identified/receiving counseling and how they progress in therapy. The goal is to have 45 children in counseling in the

next year. Each child's behavior and coping skills will be assessed periodically and further therapy will be recommended if the counselor finds it necessary. Improved grades, being more communicative, better self-esteem, and less shame and/or guilt about the crimes perpetrated on them are all signs that therapy is having a positive effect.

Currently, ACL works with a group of six counselors all experienced working with children having experienced trauma. ACL will follow each child's progress in counseling and keep in communication with the each child's caregivers (parents, other relatives, etc.) to learn how the children are acting in their home environments.

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 & financial statement, audited if available
4. Itemized organizational operating budget with actual results for prior fiscal year & 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 & 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
- **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 & internal control system improvements

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