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Contact Information

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EIN: 23-2243445	Grant \$ Amount Requested: \$1,000
Year Founded: 2007 (food pantry)	

In filing this application, the nonprofit certifies that it complies with all federal, state & local laws, including taxation; complies with current public health guidelines; and complies with coronavirus pandemic phased reopening restrictions.

Agreed by: Tim Anderman	Date: Nov. 21, 2020
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Nonprofit Field/s of Interest

Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation	Education	Health
Community Development	Environment & Animal Welfare	X Human Services

Figures for the Food Pantry	Current	PRE-COVID (as of 1/1/20)
Annual Operating Budget	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff	# 0	# 0

# Board Volunteers	# 0	# 0
# Committee Volunteers	# 3	# 4
# Active Direct Service Volunteers	# 15	# 10
Annual Volunteer Hours	# 800	# 350

Funding: Please indicate if your nonprofit has received funding from any of these regional sources over the past few years. We will invite them to review this funding request.

ChesCo Comm Fdn	Brandywine Health Fdtn	United Way ChesCo	ChesCo Dept Comm Devel
ChesCo Fund/W&Girls	Phoenixville Comm Health Fdtn	United Way S ChesCo	ChesCo Dept Health
Other significant funders:			ChesCo Dept Human Svcs

No	Yes	Federal Single Audit
X		<i>Is your nonprofit subject to a federal single audit (formerly known as the OMB Circular A-133 audit)?</i>
		<i>If yes, did your nonprofit's most recent federal single audit disclose any issues?</i>
		<i>If yes, have these issues been adequately addressed?</i>

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1. Mission

Our mission is to help address the issue of hunger in our community by providing nutritious food to any who have need.

2. What geographic area is served?

Most of the individuals and families coming to us live in the West Grove, Avondale, and Oxford areas; however, we serve anyone who visits our food pantry.

3. What population is served? How have your service numbers been impacted by COVID?

Prior to the pandemic, we were serving mostly senior citizens, unemployed and disabled persons. Since COVID, we have seen a big uptick in families with young children. The majority of these families are from the LatinX community in Southern Chester County. The number of individuals/households served in past years was generally 6-10 per week. This year we peaked at 70 families in July and have consistently averaged 30-35 families the past two months.

4. What has been the impact of COVID-19, and how has your nonprofit responded?

Due to the increase in numbers and the need to practice social distancing, we decided, to move from a self-select model where the clients were coming in to our pantry, twice a month, to a weekly drive-up model. Initially food donations were high from church members and the community, but that has tapered off to a degree during the course of the pandemic. Fortunately, we became a Tier 2 provider through the Chester County Food Bank, in the spring and have been receiving the bulk of the food we distribute from that agency.

5. What would this funding be used for? How does this demonstrate innovation and resiliency in dealing with COVID impacts. What would be the community impact of this anticipated funding? Why is it important to fund this now?

We have incurred expenses related to the pandemic in numerous ways. To safely store, package and distribute the increased volume of food we serve, using the CDC guidelines, a fogger was purchased for sanitization purposes. We are asking for funding to cover half the cost of the fogger and the chemicals needed to use the fogger. The fogger is also being used to sanitize other areas of the church, besides the areas associated with the food pantry. By expending this money, we are able to effectively operate our food pantry, while keeping volunteers safe, during their time in the church building. We bought two carts for moving the boxes and bags of food from the prep area to the curbside. The carts allow the volunteers to be more efficient and move heavy boxes safely. Since we have changed our hours from 2:00-4:00 to 4:00-6:00, to accommodate working adults, it is now dark during a portion of our distribution time frame. We had no illuminated signage to help clients find our church. Consequently, we purchased solar lights for the existing sign. Illumination of our sign is critical to being invitational and clearly letting people know our location.

6. How much funding is being sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget and this year's projected deficit? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds?

We are requesting \$1000. Below is a breakdown of the costs:

2 carts - \$280

Lighting for the sign - \$200

Fogger and chemicals (1/2 of the purchase price) - \$520

Our annual budget is \$3600. The money in our budget generally goes toward the purchase of food, so these costs are additional expenditures which inhibit our ability to purchase food.

We have already purchased one cart, one solar light, the fogger and chemicals. We will be buying the second cart and solar light by the end of November.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WEST GROVE UMC FOOD PANTRY

Vision

We envision the community of Southern Chester County to be food secure.

Mission

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Values

We believe in ...

God's directive: We seek to follow after the words of Christ when He said "feed the hungry."

Compassion: We work with empathy, understanding and respect for those we serve.

Innovation: We aim to be responsive and flexible to the changing needs in our community.

Collaboration: We look to partner with other agencies, churches and individuals.

Goals

Inspire generosity among supporters and attract new donors. We encourage church members and the community through word of mouth, church media and digital presence.

Continue weekly distribution post-pandemic. We have volunteers in place for this. Plans are to go back to self-select model when it is safe to do so.

Determine a permanent location within the church to house the pantry. We will work with the Trustees and Ad Council to make this determination.