I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

One page only. This page will be shared electronically with Grant Panel Members & Fund Advisors.

Note: If Philanthropy Network’s Common Grant Application is used, CCCF’s Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.

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Date

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:
__X__ Arts, Culture & Humanities ___ Environment/Animal Welfare    __X_Education
___ Health                                              ___ Human Services                      ___ Religion

Mission: The Downingtown High School Music Parents Association (DHS-MPA) is made up of parents and guardians of students involved in any of the Downingtown High School music programs, including Marching Bands, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and ensembles, String Orchestra and ensembles, Vocal Choirs and ensembles, Indoor Drumline, and Color Guard. Our mission is to provide program support as a supplemental resource independent of local budget provisions in order to maintain the existence and the integrity of the music programs at all of the Downingtown High Schools, including the Downingtown East Campus, the Downingtown West Campus and the STEM Academy.

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: Downingtown Community (3,000-5,000 people)

Annual Budget $71,500 ___0___ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
98__% of budget for program expenses  11___ # of Board Volunteers
1____% of budget for administrative expenses  75____ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
1____% of budget for fundraising expenses  2,000___ # of Volunteer Hours
100  % total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Concession stands during sporting events, annual Cavalcade of Bands competition

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

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:
___Mission, Vision & Strategy ___Governance & Leadership ___Partnerships & Collaborations
___Fundraising, Development & Marketing ___ Technology    Other: __________________________

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $7,500
Proposal Summary:

Who is the Downingtown Blue and Gold Band? - The 350+ member band is comprised of the marching band members of the band programs from the Downingtown West and East High school band programs. - The band is comprised of members of every township and borough comprising the Downingtown Area School District. - The DHS Blue and Gold Band has been featured in the Orange Bowl Parade, three Indy 500 Parades, three Orlando Citrus Parades, The National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, seven Miss America Pageant Parades, the Baltimore St. Patrick’s Parade, the Boscov’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, eighteen QVC West Chester Old Fashioned and various additional local parades in the tri-state area.

The band was a proud participant in the 2001 and the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parades.; this following year, 2021, marks the 20th and 10th year anniversary of each performance. - The Blue and Gold Band will be representing Chester County, The Greater Delaware and Susquehanna Valleys, the state of Pennsylvania, the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions of the United States.

Why is this trip such a big deal? - We were chosen out of 600 international applicants for 20 band openings - Out of the 20 marching band slots, 8 are assigned each year from local and honor band guarantees - The parade is the world’s premier community showcase featuring bands, equestrian units, and elaborate organically designed floats. - Next year the parade will be viewed by over one million people along the parade route and will be viewed by an estimated 1.6 billion people in a worldwide TV audience - 2021 is the first time since January 1, 1890, the parade has ever been interrupted. Because of the Covid 19, the bands who would have marched in the 2021 event have been automatically accepted into the 2022 parade.

For the first time in the history of the Tournament of Roses, the theme is education. This theme has been retained for the 2022 parade! - This is Truly a ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY! - Students from previous trips still talk about the experience!

Due to the pandemic - we have not been able to fundraise and therefore are in need of funds to help us get there next year. We thank you for your consideration.