

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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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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Contact Information

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission: The mission of the Kennett Heritage Center is to research and document, and to celebrate Kennett’s unique history, through tours, special events and a permanent exhibit. The Center will foster a greater understanding and appreciation for the development of our community and its contributions to the history of Pennsylvania and the United States.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):
All of Chester County and especially southern Chester County.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

We will serve residents of and visitors to the Kennett area. Once open, we expect 100 visitors/week; 5,000/year.

Annual Budget: Annual operating budget expected to be \$3,000 (for 3 years- no rent/utilities)

____0____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
____90____ % of budget for program expenses ____9____ # of Board Volunteers
____0____ % of budget for administrative expenses ____7____ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
____10____ % of budget for fundraising expenses ____100+____ # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

- 1. Founding appeal**
- 2. Hadley grant**
- 3. Family, friends and Facebook followers**

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

Our vision is to establish a permanent site to preserve and promote Kennett's history and heritage.

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 5,000.00

Proposal Summary: We are applying for this grant to make the last installment for the permanent exhibit in the Kennett Heritage Center at 120 N. Union Street, in the heart of Kennett Square. The Board was set to begin a fund-raising campaign when the Corona pandemic struck. The proposed cost of the permanent exhibition designed and installed by Miller Designworks is \$26,500. We have raised \$19,580 through a Founding Drive, by soliciting donations from family, friends and Board members, and a Hadley grant. This \$ 5,000 would allow us to make the final payment for the installation.

II. Grant Proposal Narrative

In response to the Chester County Planning Commission's 2013 Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan's identification of a need for a Heritage Center in Kennett Borough to interpret the battlefield and local area history, several local historians began meeting in 2015 to discuss this idea. We recognized that to tell the story of the region, we would need to provide programming and education to interpret not one but two battlefields – the Battle of Brandywine and the Underground Railroad to the community and its visitors. Building on the success of the Marshallton Village Heritage Center and providing a much-needed home for the Kennett Underground Railroad Center, the Kennett Heritage Center (KHC) was incorporated in PA as a non-profit organization in December 2019 and received tax exempt status in January 2020. Miller Designworks, which created the exhibit at Marshallton Village Heritage Center, was hired to design and install the four room, permanent exhibit, which will span 300 years of the Kennett region's history. Proposed cost \$26,500.

Although we are less than a year old, in February, we greeted and accompanied Ken Johnston as he crossed the state line of from Delaware to Pennsylvania (the symbolic line of freedom) as he re-traced Harriet Tubman's journey to rescue her brothers from slavery. This summer, KHC participated in Chester County's Town Tours and Village Walks (virtually) and co-sponsored Kennett Occupation Day – commemoration of the day in 1777 when Crown Forces occupied Kennett leading up to the Battle of Brandywine. In September, we welcomed the "We Walk with Harriet" women who walked the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway from Cambridge, MD to Kennett Square. In October we had a send-off for them as they continued their walk to Philadelphia. The Kennett Underground Railroad Center has established its Learning Center which further complements our work.

The board has been meeting monthly since December 2019 and had planned to start a public fundraising campaign in March but the impact of the COVID pandemic, postponed that campaign. Board members have solicited family and friends and applied for and received a Hadley grant of \$5,000. We are seeking a grant of \$5,000 to make the final payment for the permanent exhibit.

A grant of \$5,000 will allow us to complete our exhibit so we can open our doors and welcome visitors to the Center. This is a critical need.