CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:
Field/s of Interest:
___ Arts, Culture & Humanities ___ Environment/Animal Welfare ___ Education
___ Health ___ Human Services ___ Religion

Mission: Bishop Shanahan High School, a Catholic co-educational secondary school of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, committed to sustaining excellence, provides its students with a strong spiritual formation, challenging academic offerings, and rich extracurricular programs. A strong witness to Christian values and a commitment to academic rigor and integrity prepare all students to be critical thinkers and moral stewards in a rapidly evolving global environment.

Geographic Area Served: Bishop Shanahan is the only Archdiocesan High School in Chester County and therefore serves all of Chester County.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: Bishop Shanahan is a grade 9-12 high school with 965 students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 Annual Budget $11,813,400
78.9% of budget for program expenses
20.6% of budget for administrative expenses
.5% of budget for fundraising expenses
82 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
17 # of Board Volunteers
400 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
7500 # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources: Student Fees, Annual Fund, Event Proceeds, Foundations

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

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:
___Mission, Vision & Strategy ___Governance & Leadership ___Strategic Relationships
___Fundraising & Development ___Technology __X__ Other: Tuition Assistance for students in need

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

Proposal Summary: Bishop Shanahan High School is requesting a grant of $5,000 for the purpose of aiding two to five students with tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year.
Grant Proposal - Zelinda LeBoutillier Charitable Foundation

Bishop Shanahan High School’s partnership with Linda and Roberts “Bo” LeBoutillier began 24 years ago in 1996. As business owners and members of the local community, they very generously supported a campaign to build a new school facility in Downingtown, PA and then showed further support by offering tuition assistance to students in need. After Roberts’ death, Linda established a memorial scholarship in his memory to help even more Shanahan students attain a Catholic education. In 2005, Linda joined the Advisory Board of Bishop Shanahan High and for five years, she helped with program initiatives and strategic planning to ensure the future of the school. During this time, she continued to provide financial assistance to students, even contributing to the Roberts’ LeBoutillier Memorial Scholarship just three months prior to her own passing in 2011.

The upcoming 2020-2021 school year brings challenges unlike any the school has experienced in the past. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the school year now begins with a level of uncertainty rather than the eager anticipation of the first day of school. But in that uncertainty, the Bishop Shanahan community draws together in faith, hope and the knowledge that we are “People of God; People for Others” while working through these challenges. A number of Shanahan families have experienced job loss, income loss, and income reduction as a result of recent economic hardships. They now look to Bishop Shanahan High School for assistance and reassurance that their children can continue their Catholic education at the school they love!

Many people see the affluence of Chester County and find it hard to imagine that so many families from this county are in need of financial aid, but with the rising cost of tuition throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the current economic conditions, it has become an inevitable reality. One in three students now receive need-based tuition assistance. We must be prepared to help as many students as possible.

Bishop Shanahan respectfully requests the foundation’s consideration for a $5,000 grant for the 2020-2021 academic year to help two to five students with tuition assistance and ensure that Zelinda LeBoutillier’s legacy of helping the young men and women at Bishop Shanahan High School continues.