GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- We connect people who care with causes that matter, so their philanthropy makes a difference now & forever.
- We are a collection of Field of Interest & Donor Advised Funds with @$3.5M granted annually to nonprofits in Chester County & beyond.
- 99% of our grants are made by our generous Fund Advisors, who make grant decisions all year.

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

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<th>Field of Interest &amp; Donor Advised Funds (No Deadline)</th>
<th>Fund for Chester County Capacity Building Grants (Due 9/15)</th>
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<td>◇ Grants focus on Chester County causes &amp; issues, but are not limited to Chester County.</td>
<td>◇ For eligibility in this grant program, nonprofits must be located in &amp; serve Chester County. NPO’s with budgets of $500,000 or less are given preference.</td>
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<td>◇ Charitable nonprofits working in all fields of interest are considered for grant awards. (I.e. arts, culture, &amp; humanities; education; community improvement; environment; religion; health; &amp; human services)</td>
<td>◇ The goal of capacity building grantmaking is to strengthen the effectiveness of NPO’s serving the Chester County region, in areas including:</td>
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<td>◇ General operating grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, &amp; measurable outcomes.</td>
<td>○ Mission, Vision &amp; Strategy</td>
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<td>◇ Proposals can be submitted anytime all year.</td>
<td>○ Governance &amp; Leadership</td>
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<td>◇ Grant decisions are made intermittently all year, as Fund Advisors desire.</td>
<td>○ Partnerships &amp; Collaborations</td>
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<td>◇ Grant awards typically range from $500-$7,500.</td>
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- Use this form at [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org) to apply online for grants from all Community Foundation Funds.
- 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 and online with Fund Advisors, Donors & Grant Panels.
- Per IRS Regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification & cannot be individuals.

Please contact Grants 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 Panel Members & Fund Advisors.

Note: If Philanthropy Network’s Common Grant Application is used, CCCF’s Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.
To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit www.chescocf.org

Date September 2021

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Organization Information:
Field/s of Interest:
___ Arts, Culture & Humanities ___ Environment/Animal Welfare ___ Education
___ Health ___ Human Services ___ Religion
Mission: CVC is a nonprofit agency providing free, immediate, and confidential crisis response and compassionate support to children and adults impacted by sexual violence and all other crimes. We provide assistance through counseling, advocacy, resources, and education. CVC fosters community awareness and understanding through its comprehensive outreach and prevention programs.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): CVC serves the entire 762 square mile area of Chester County and its current population of 524,989 (census.gov, 2019)

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: CVC is the only comprehensive organization in Chester County that provides a wide range of supportive services to victims of all types of crime, their families and others impacted as well as prevention education programs/curriculum to school-age children/teens, the legal community and the community at-large.

Annual Budget $1,920,611 ________________ 23 FT and 11 PT Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
___81___ % of budget for program expenses ___13___ # of Board Volunteers
___16___ % of budget for administrative expenses ___18___ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
___3___ % of budget for fundraising expenses 1,414___ # of Volunteer Hours

100% total


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

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: We are seeking Donor Advised donations of any size. ______________

Proposal Summary: We are requesting funding to support the Direct Services that we provide to victims and their families, including two 24-hour hotlines, advocacy accompaniment to medical/forensic exams and legal and judicial appointments; counseling and crisis planning, and notification and restitution and compensation support. Additionally your support is most welcome to help offset the cost of providing Prevention Education programs/curriculum designed to influence the youngest members of our community through partnerships with the school districts throughout Chester County. Our P/E program provides age-appropriate, evidence-based curricula to students from kindergarten through high school.
II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

THE CRIME VICTIMS’ CENTER OF CHESTER COUNTY
Donor Advised Funding Narrative Fiscal Year 2022

The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County (CVC) is grateful for the opportunity to update the Donor Advised Funds of the Chester County Community Foundation. Your support will help our organization to further our vital work in support of crime victims across our county and to educate and positively influence children and students throughout local school districts and communities.

MISSION: The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc. (CVC) is a nonprofit agency providing free, immediate, and confidential crisis response and compassionate support to children and adults impacted by sexual violence and all other crimes. We provide assistance through counseling, advocacy, resources, and education. CVC fosters community awareness and understanding through its comprehensive outreach and prevention programs.

HISTORY: Established in 1973 as the Rape Crisis Council, CVC began as part of a grassroots effort by a number of concerned local individuals to provide assistance and services to victims of sexual assault and their families. The unifying goal was to develop an atmosphere that would encourage victims of sexual assault to seek appropriate medical, psychological, and criminal justice system assistance. Services to victims of sexual assault were critically needed because there was a lack of reporting and fear of publicity, it was misunderstood and underestimated in the community, and there were no set standards for treating cases of sexual assault. At that time, victims had no voice in the legislation or in the court system.

The community's skepticism of the agency's earlier efforts quickly faded as police, criminal justice, medical, and social service personnel joined in with support. Just three years later in 1976, the agency broadened its mission to provide similar assistance to victims of other serious crimes such as assault, intimidation, robbery, burglary, and attempted homicide, as well as to the families of homicide victims. Once again, the community rallied sectors. To accommodate the more comprehensive service, the agency incorporated as the Victim/Witness Assistance Services of Chester County, Inc., still maintaining the sexual assault program. In 1985, in order to avoid confusion with the DA’s Victim Witness Assistance Unit, the agency incorporated for a third and final time as The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc., as it is known today and it serves as the only comprehensive organization in our County that provides free (regardless of income), immediate and compassionate support to victims of all crime. These crimes range from sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide to property crimes, identity theft, robbery, and stalking/harassment.

CVC serves over 5,000 adults, children and seniors annually through purposeful collaboration and interaction with (12) county school districts, the Chester County Intermediate Unit, (5) hospitals, (44) municipal police departments, (2) state police barracks, the Chester County District Attorney's Office, the Chester County Detectives, (19) Magisterial District Courts, and the Court of Common Pleas, the Child Advocacy Center of Chester County and the Chester County ACES Coalition.

Current Programs, Activities, Achievements
During Fiscal Year 2021, approximately 5,000 clients received services through CVC supporting their recovery from a past victimization including 1692 victims receiving Direct Services. Additionally, 6,067 adults and youth participated in 287 virtual and in-person prevention education programs. Our hotline volunteers fielded 2,618 calls—representing more than 300 additional calls over the previous year.

Within our Direct Services:
- 3,122 crime victims received information and referrals


- 1,904 Received Personal Advocacy and/or Accompaniment including 798 clients who were accompanied to law enforcement interviews or similar meetings and 14 clients who were accompanied to emergency medical and/or medical forensic visits. (This number is traditionally much higher at 60 to 70 but due to significant COVID restriction in medical facilities FY21 volumes were much lower.)
- 1,385 clients received in-person crisis intervention, including safety planning

**Direct Services**

- Two, 24-hour hotlines available 365 days/year
- In-person crisis response to crime scenes, hospitals, police stations and more
- Accompaniment to appointments such as: forensic rape exams, police questioning, legal proceedings and medical appointments
- Assistance with Protection from Abuse orders
- Advocacy on behalf of the client in medical, legal and interpersonal interactions
- Individual Counseling
- Provision of various group counseling options, specific to unique client sub-group needs (e.g., incarcerated victims)
- Assistance with complex restitution and compensation claims
- Assistance in understanding and preparing Victim Impact Statements
- Notification services (e.g., court dates, offender release)

Our clients need not have been victimized recently, nor decide to pursue criminal charges. By maintaining this broad definition of “victim” in our work, CVC is able to support those who remain impacted by victimization earlier in their lives (e.g., childhood sexual abuse). There’s no cutoff time for our services, because there is no defined timeline for healing. So not only are we assisting victims and families that have been impacted by recent crimes, but also individuals who are coming forward now about their victimization many years ago. Additionally, our agency provides services to all victims – even if they haven’t reported the crime to law enforcement. Numerous individuals decide for very personal reasons to not pursue a case within the justice system, whether because of embarrassment, shame, fear of mistreatment or concerns with immigration status. CVC believes that recovery from victimization should be afforded all members of our community, including those who would otherwise suffer in silence. To that end, our services are free, regardless of income and CVC has no requirements to disclose income or personal resources to obtain services.

CVC maintains a team of at least 20 volunteer advocates to provide coverage for our two 24/7 hotlines. We strive to maintain Spanish-speaking advocates and counselors on staff and have prioritized expanding on this representation in the future. We also employ a child specialist and an elder specialist advocate. We are also exceedingly proud of the collaborative work we are doing with the Chester County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)--a child-focused center that coordinates the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse while helping children heal. The CAC is the only prosecution-based children’s advocacy center in the Commonwealth and is a collaboration of our advocates, County prosecutors, and law enforcement.

**Prevention and Education Program**

CVC’s Prevention and Education (P/E) program educates all members of the community about violence prevention, the impact of victimization on individuals, families and the community, and what resources are available to those affected by crime or violence. Designed to influence the youngest members of our community through partnerships with the school districts throughout Chester County, our P/E program provides age-appropriate, evidence-based curricula to students from kindergarten through high school. Our programs inform and empower participants and are practical in their application. Older students are provided opportunities to reflect on their experience after programs with anonymous assessments. P/E staff are trained in a variety of evidence-based curricula developed by leaders in the fields and have undergone rigorous outcome testing before becoming available for use in school. P/E educators also can draw from these curricula to inform their original programming for the schools, while exploring avenues in which they can facilitate these full programs for members of the community.

In addition, CVC provides programming tailored to parents, teachers and administrators. Representing a functional shift in CVC’s strategic approach to mission delivery, we are investing more time in developing strong ally groups within the community, especially those within schools and in the home. Research shows that pairing proven
interventions in the classroom with students and the concurrent education of adult figures in their lives maximizes the positive impact on the community.

Measuring Impact
During FY2022, the grant period, CVC staff and volunteers will provide our direct services and warm referrals to community-based health and human services to approximately 5,000 victims of crime in Chester County. Additionally, approximately 6,000 youth and adults will participate in 280 virtual and in-person prevention education programs. The overarching goal of our Direct Services is to provide personalized, one on one advocacy and results driven services to all who seek our help in either critical moments of personal danger or vulnerability or on an ongoing basis leading to our clients increased ability to recover even in the smallest of ways from the trauma they have endured. The goal of our Preventative/Education programming is to educate all members of the community, particularly school age youth about violence prevention, the impact of victimization on individuals, families and the community, and available resources for those affected by crime or violence. We will attain these organizational-wide goals by addressing and achieving the following planned objectives:

- Provide a range of supportive services to victims of crime (and their families, significant others, or those indirectly affected) as long as assistance is needed to reduce the effects of victimization on overall health and well-being. Supportive services include but are not limited to court and medical accompaniment, crisis counseling, information and referral and counseling. (Approximately 1,600 to 2,000 victims).
- Offer crime and sexual crime advocate services around the clock, reaching victims immediately after the crime occurs and following their journey through any medical, police and legal procedures.
- Fielding approximately 2,500 hotline calls combined from our two 24-hour phone lines.
- Provide prevention and education programs to raise awareness of victimization and increase overall reporting to improve the cooperation with the criminal justice system. These programs are presented to children through seniors in various formats including classroom curriculum, virtual programs and community-wide events. (Reaching approximately 6,000 youth and adult participants.)

WHY YOUR FUNDING IS CRITICAL
Supporting the individual victims, each with their own personal traumatic story, through their journey post victimization would not be possible without the support of a philanthropic community. Simply stated, no other organization provides the critical services that CVC have historically and effectively provided. As the only comprehensive victim services organization in the county, CVC serves as a critical safety-net provider and crime prevention advocate throughout all communities in Chester County. We would be most grateful for the consideration of the generous donors to the Chester County Community Foundation. Joining our unique mission will serve to further their commitment to strengthening the impact of the non-profits that serve our communities.