

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 January 31, 2022

Contact Information

Organization Name: **Stroud Water Research Center**

Address: **970 Spencer Road, Avondale PA 19311**

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Website: **www.stroudcenter.org**

Year Incorporated: **1998; Founded in 1967**

FEIN: **52-2081073**

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Board Chair Name: **Porter Schutt**

Board Chair Approval (check here):

Primary Contact Name: **Jessica Provinski**

Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

Arts, Culture & Humanities

Environment/Animal Welfare

Education

Health

Human Services

Religion

Mission: To advance knowledge and stewardship of fresh water through global research, environmental education, and watershed restoration.

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

Stroud Water Research Center's main headquarters is located on the banks of White Clay Creek in West Marlborough Township, Chester County PA. The Stroud Center has two other long-term research stations, one at the Stroud Preserve in East Bradford Township, Pennsylvania and another at the Maritza Biological Station in Costa Rica. These stations, along with the Stroud Center's headquarters, enable the Stroud Center's research, education, and restoration teams to positively impact populations regionally, nationally, and globally.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: More than 15 million people are impacted by the Stroud Center's work each year. The demographic of the population is varied, as clean fresh water is important to all. Students of all ages, from "K through grey," attend in person and virtual education events lead by the Stroud Center's education team. The watershed restoration team works with landowners and farmers throughout the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay watersheds to help them apply best management practices to their land. The Stroud Center's interdisciplinary scientific research team studies streams and rivers throughout the world to help guide informed decisions aimed at better water quality.

Annual Budget \$ \$8,399,607

86.5% of budget for program expenses

8.5% of budget for administrative expenses

5% of budget for fundraising expenses

100 % total

2-2020

49 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff

21 # of Board Volunteers

150 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers

500 # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Major funders of program-specific grants: National Science Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Federation, The William Penn Foundation

Major unrestricted funders: Blue Yak Foundation, John Lazarich Foundation, First Cornerstone Foundation

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: \$4,000

Proposal Summary:

Since 1967, Stroud Water Research Center has been laser-focused on one thing - fresh water. The Stroud Center's mission is to advance knowledge and stewardship of freshwater systems through global research, environmental education, and watershed restoration.

The Stroud Center is unique in its scientific rigor, intellectual integrity, and unbiased research, which has instilled public trust in our work and in our word. We are a multi-disciplinary research facility with education and restoration departments, and we are a non-advocacy organization. This allows for a higher level of collaboration. Our research, education, and restoration work and methods are implemented and shared with others to further efforts around the world.

Driven by the philosophy that understanding the science of fresh water is fundamental to our ability to protect this finite and vital resource, the Stroud Center's scientists apply their unique, interdisciplinary approach to the critical questions that affect water quality and availability around the world.

Rooted in the belief that our science was meant to be shared with the outside world, our award-winning environmental education program takes important research and translates it into a language that is understood by all. Our boots-in-the-stream education programs span across generations and continents. Each year, our education department has more than 8,000 students participate in its programs.

Our watershed restoration department primarily focuses on the surrounding counties, and combines science and education to help working farmers and landowners implement best management practices to mitigate their impact on freshwater systems.

The long-term data that the Stroud Center scientists have collected on streams and rivers around the world help us to better understand impacts of temperature and other pollutants on our streams. Decades before scientists started to think about global warming impacts, Stroud Center scientists have been studying the effects of temperature changes on stream organisms.

A general operating grant from the Chester County Community Foundation would help empower the Stroud Center to (1) bridge funding gaps in order to maintain long-term, scientific study continuity; (2) inspire and educate a new generation of water stewards; (3) help local farmers and landowners understand and implement best practices to protect our vital fresh water sources.

On behalf of all of us at the Stroud Center, the many people we serve, and the fresh water sources in our local and global communities – thank you so much for your consideration of support.

II. ATTACHMENTS

E-mail or mail this support information

1. Copy of 501 (c) (3) federal tax-exempt letter
 2. List of Board of Directors, with their affiliations
 3. Most recent annual report & financial statement, audited if available
 4. Itemized organizational operating budget with actual results for prior fiscal year & current fiscal year to date
 5. Current strategic plan. If your nonprofit does not have a current strategic plan, explain why.
- Use this form @ www.chescof.org to apply online for grants from all Community Foundation Funds.
 - **Email proposals to grants@chescof.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) 696-8211 grants@chescof.org with questions.



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