

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:

Field of Interest & Donor Advised Funds (No Deadline)

- ◇ Grants **focus on Chester County** causes & issues, but are not limited to Chester County.
- ◇ Charitable nonprofits working **in all fields of interest** are considered for grant awards. (I.e. arts, culture, & humanities; education; community improvement; environment; religion; health; & human services)
- ◇ **General operating** grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, & measurable outcomes.
- ◇ Proposals can be submitted **anytime all year.**
- ◇ Grant decisions are made **intermittently** all year, as Fund Advisors desire.
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$7,500.**

Fund for Chester County Capacity Building Grants (Due 9/15)

- ◇ For eligibility in this grant program, nonprofits must be **located in & serve Chester County.** NPO's with budgets of \$500,000 or less are given preference.
- ◇ The goal of capacity building grantmaking is to **strengthen the effectiveness of NPO's serving the Chester County region,** in areas including:
 - Mission, Vision & Strategy
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Partnerships & Collaborations
 - Operations & Technology
 - Fundraising, Development & Marketing
- ◇ Proposals must be submitted by **September 15** to be eligible for consideration.
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$5,000,** with monies distributed by **February.**

- Use this form @ 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

Contact Information

Organization Name: Children Deserve a Chance Foundation
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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission: Our Mission is to support success-oriented students from diverse backgrounds in their pursuit of academic achievement, empowerment and social engagement.

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Annual Budget \$ _____	_____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
_____ % of budget for program expenses	_____ # of Board Volunteers
_____ % of budget for administrative expenses	_____ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
_____ % of budget for fundraising expenses	_____ # of Volunteer Hours
<small>100 % total</small>	

Top 3-5 funding sources:

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

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: \$ 3,100

Proposal Summary:

Attollo is a college access program. Our goal is to connect students with higher education they might not otherwise have access to. By taking the students on college tours, they have exposure to different environments and different aspects of college life. By paying their application fees on a case-by-case basis, students who are low-income have a chance to apply to colleges that might not have been accessible without our organization.

Attollo serves a wide range of students in the Lancaster community. 62% of our scholars are students of color, and 65% come from low-income backgrounds. We emphasize diversity and inclusion; if a student works hard and has potential, they are included in our program, regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic status.

Attollo operates on a virtuous cycle. Our model of giving is not a 1:1 ratio. When you give to Attollo, you are funding the education and development of a human being; someone who will come back to the Lancaster community to continue making a difference.

Attollo, on a small scale, serves the students of Lancaster County, PA. They are given help with every aspect of their college applications, and they are given access to higher education. In a broad sense, Attollo serves the Lancaster community, and society on a larger scale. We don't know what our students will achieve later in their lives, what contributions to tech, medicine, or the arts they might make. Attollo is giving them the opportunity to live to their fullest potential.

1. Nonprofit's history, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness

Attollo currently has 594 Alumni; 594 students who actively engaged with the opportunities Attollo had to provide. We provide programs that prepare the students for college and life post-graduation. Through reflection and introspection, the students learn to tell their story in an empowering way and become the best versions of themselves. A reflex of excellence is expected from our students and staff; through our leadership development, completing difficult tasks at an exceptional level becomes second nature. At Attollo, our goal is to create a pipeline of diverse leaders that will come back to Lancaster to continue changing the community for the better.

2. Funding request

- **Description of key initiatives**

The students are given college prep through SAT courses, personal statement writing workshops, and application guidance. They are given career readiness preparation through programs like Attollo PreMed, which partners with local doctors to give our students hands on experience in the medical field. We have an Engineering and Code program, which gives the students practical experience in the STEM field. Attollo Startup gives students the opportunity to create a business model and pitch their ideas. Our Art and Design program teaches students how to effectively create art through digital media and opens their eyes to the wide variety of careers in the arts.

- **Specific needs & issues to be addressed**

The average cost for a student to participate in the Attollo Program is \$3,100.00. This cost covers college tours and our specific programs detailed above. The tours and programs give the students experiences they may not otherwise have access to and opens doors for exploration of interests.

- **Why it is important to fund this now**

Our students are the future leaders of the Pennsylvania community. Our program allows them to reach their fullest potential, and more importantly, we teach them to believe in limitless possibilities for their lives. Attollo is a unique program in Lancaster County, and we need support from foundations like yours to continue our vital work.

- **How impact & results will be demonstrated**

At Attollo, we believe in recording metrics. We record any statistic we can. We keep record of students' attendance and punctuality to all programs they participate in, their scores before and after our SAT prep program, and their college application and admission statistics.

- **Current Strategic Plan**

The Children Deserve a Chance Foundation/Attollo is in an exciting time of growth and transition. We are currently in the midst of reimagining our strategic plan and long-term goals. Once this process is complete, we would be more than happy to share this with you!