

**Common Grant Application
COVER SHEET**

Remember to check each funding organization's website for guidelines, funding priorities and deadlines.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION : Linden Farm on Brandywine Battlefield

Legal Name (as designated on 501c3) _____
(if different than above)

Address: 1033 Lenape Road , West Chester, PA 19382

Phone: 484-947-7378 **Fax:** _____

E-mail: info@lindenfarm.org **Website:** www.LindenFarm.org

Executive Director: _____

Current Board President: Mary Sue Boyle

Primary Contact: _____ **Title:** _____
(if different than above)

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____
(if different than above)

IRS 501(c)(3) Nonprofit?

- Yes** (Please attach IRS designation letter)
- No** (Please attach written agreement from the fiscal agent)

Federal ID # _____

Type of Grant Requested:

- Capital
- General Operating Support
- Program/Project
- Capacity Building
- Other: _____

Name of Program/Project/Campaign: Start-up costs for Museum and Education Center

Amount Requested: \$7,500.00 **Application Deadline:** _____
(if applicable)

Total Program/Project Budget: \$60,000.00 **Duration of grant requested:** 6 months

Total Organizational Budget for 1 year: \$60,000.00 **Fiscal Year End:** June 2022

State your organization's mission:

Broaden the public's understanding of the social, genealogical, agricultural, structural and military context of the American Revolutionary period in the Brandywine Valley until today, through creative programming and publications from the hallowed ground of Linden Farm.

Summarize the proposal and how it fits with the funder's mission and grantmaking priorities:

We are seeking funds to offset the costs incurred to establish our non-profit corporation, insurance and attorney's fees for Zoning Hearing Board Approval which transpires January 19th, 2022. These costs are all mandatory in order for our corporation to receive real estate and a \$1,000,000.00 endowment from our Donor, the late Brenda Aiken, to own and manage a museum and education center. A majority of these fees were paid by the board members in kind and cash donations. We anticipate a need of \$60,000.00 to immediately take possession and insure the property and retain an Executive Director/Development Director. Funding our grant request would allow us to seek matching funds to secure the balance of the \$60,000.00 project start-up cost.

Have you previously applied to this organization?

- Yes
- No

Is this request being submitted exclusively to this funder?

- Yes
- No

List of three largest funders in the last fiscal year and grant amount.

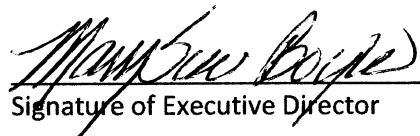
We have not received any grant funds.

List the proposal's target population, constituents, and geographic communities:

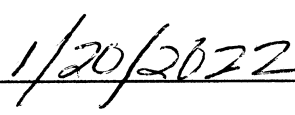
The proposal would benefit the Greater Philadelphia area population. Also our success shall educate and benefit visitors during our nations upcoming 250th Anniversary which will draw substantial visitors to the region to better understand the birth of our nation and the Battle of the Brandywine fought in 1777.

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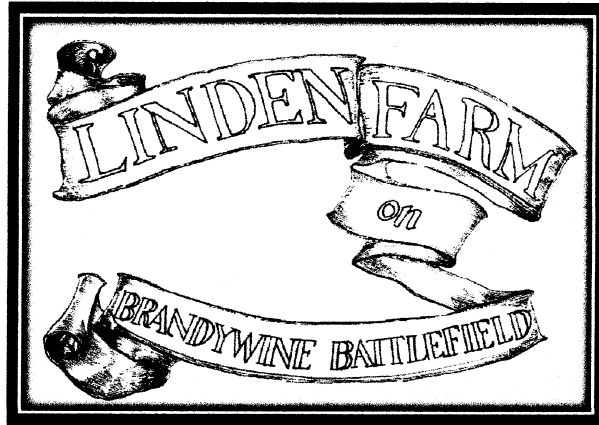
I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all information included in this proposal is correct. The tax-exempt status of this organization is still in effect. If a grant is awarded to this organization, the proceeds of that grant will not be distributed or used to benefit any organization or individual supporting or engaged in unlawful activities.



Signature of Executive Director



Date



Linden Farm on Brandywine Battlefield Narrative

Linden Farm on Brandywine Battlefield was established in June of 2021. Several interested individuals gathered together in response to the wishes of a very generous Donor, Brenda Aiken, that were expressed by a member of her immediate family. Upon touring the property and developing a letter of intent, we established a corporation and attained our 501c3 status in 2021. We are currently seeking a by right use of a Museum and Education Center through the Zoning Hearing Board of Birmingham Township. The property rests in the historic district overlay of the township and also is a contributing resource to the National Register Landmark District of the Brandywine Battlefield.

The farmstead is significant and is known in history as the Samuel Jones Farm. Here at 3:30 in the afternoon on September 11th, 1777 the first shots were fired by the infamous Northern Flank of British Generals Howe and Cornwallis accompanied by General Ewald, the Hessian troop commander. This significant attack caught General Washington and his American troops by surprise and forty lives were lost in the first minutes of battle on the farm, until the American troops were pushed back to seek defense behind the walls of Birmingham Meeting, just to the south of the Samuel Jones Farm. Lafayette, engaging in his first battle with General Washington, was shot just yards from the southwest corner of the farm. A British canon ball remained lodged in the wall of the house until 1930. In 1825 Lafayette returned to the battlefield and stopped at the Samuel Jones farm for a visit and refreshments. Scholars of the Battle of Brandywine note this property as the gateway to the battle.

This historical moment is sufficient to establish a national monument and museum. However, today the Samuel Jones Farm remains in all of its original glory as an intact 18th century farm. Along with a mansion house, expanded in 1814, a Chester County Bank Barn, carriage house, springhouse, 4 seat outhouse, tack house and chicken house remain to demonstrate life on a Chester County farm in the 1700's.

Today, the historic farmstead retains 12 acres and is in permanent easement with Brandywine Conservancy. Clearly it sets the stage for a superior museum and education center which were the last wishes of the philanthropists, the late Robert and Brenda Aiken. Please view UTube: Linden Farm-a Love Story to witness their decades' of dedication to this most significant property.

We, the members of the board of Linden Farm on the Brandywine Battlefield, are most fortunate to receive this farmstead and an endowment of \$1,000,000.00 to establish a museum and education center. We entered into an agreement for receipt of such in September of 2021. We established our non-profit corporation with donations from our board membership. We began soliciting donations in December of 2021, when our 501c3 was established. Along with our six member board we have established a 12 member Advisory Committee who commence this year to assist in fundraising and guidance in the establishment of our vision and mission. None of these actions occurred without substantial financial and in kind donations from the board. Fees for insurance, legal representation and corporate filings have been a significant burden to the fledgling corporation.

Our short term startup budget of \$60,000.00 will allow us to hire a Development Director, pay legal and transfer fees for real estate ownership, replenish our coffers in order to keep the lights on and heater running as we maintain the property and secure grant funding and donations for the inception of the museum. Your donation of \$7,500.00 will permit us to seek matching donors and grants to cover the costs of our short term plan as well as seek larger grants and donors for the many planned adaptations of the mansion house and out buildings. We have attached our business plan and financial plan which will assure the success of our vision.

Our mission statement defines the vision of permanent exhibitions educating the public about the significance of the Brandywine Battle. We will also define the importance of France and the participation of the Marquis de Lafayette in the formation of our nation. 18th century gardens with roots in the field of 18th century medicine, plagues, will demonstrate how the field of medicine has developed over time. We will consider offering day camps for children to experience 18th century farm life and self-sufficiency. We will contribute to and enhance the re-enactments that have drawn thousands to Sandy Hollow over the past several years. A Genealogical Room will be established to catalogue those who fought in the Brandywine Battle, as many have inquired but no entity has been established to provide a records database. Educational Classes will be developed to give the field of construction training in the 18th century trades. The public will benefit from lectures and classes on the Lenni Lenape early indigenous population, later American History, life in Chester County and the Fine Arts, Religion and Scientific evolution over the centuries

We have begun with baby steps of success and hope you will see the significance of your contribution that will substantially assist us in the short term start up, as demonstrated in our vision, business plan, financial plan and the definitive need for our gateway to all things Chester County through the eyes of Linden Farm.