

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Note: If Philanthropy Network's Common Grant Application is used, CCCF's **Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.**

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Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission: The Mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) is to reduce, remedy, and prevent domestic violence in Chester County

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

All of Chester County, Pennsylvania

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: The primary population served by DVCCC is victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. Annually DVCCC reaches over 4,000 individuals through all its programs. Domestic violence affects people from all cultures, economic levels, religions, ages, genders, and educational backgrounds.

Annual Budget \$ <u>2,488,295 (2021-2022)</u>	<u>20</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>87.5</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>13</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>7</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>2</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>5.5</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>1640</u>	# of Volunteer Hours
<i>100 % total</i>		

Top 3-5 funding sources: Pa Commission on Crime & Delinquency; PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Welfare Foundation

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: \$25,000

Proposal Summary: The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) submits this proposal to the Chester County Community Foundation for \$25,000 for general operating support. This funding will help to ensure the need of domestic violence victims/survivors and their dependent children throughout Chester County by offering a variety of programs and services. The cost to meet this need in 2021/2022 is \$2,497,000. DVCCC aligns with the mission of the Chester County Community foundation with solid leadership, sound ideas, and attainable, and well-defined goals. Our financial information indicates that the organization receives funds from several sources, demonstrating broad interest and future viability. DVCCC has been accredited with the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization (PANO) Seal of Excellence since 2009 for its successful compliance with the Standards for Excellence program. This accreditation is bestowed only to nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated compliance with six guiding principles covering 27 topic areas based on nonprofit best practices, honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, responsibility, and accountability.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. Three pages maximum.

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

History: DVCCC was founded in 1976; it is the only organization in Chester County that has a contract with the PA Department of Human Services and the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide services to victims and their dependent children that present their primary victimization as domestic violence, which includes family and/or relationship violence such as intimate partner violence, dating violence, human trafficking, elderly family and/or intimate partner violence. DVCCC provides program services and employment without regard to race, gender, color, creed, age, national origin, sexual identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic, social, or marital status, or political or religious belief.

DVCCC began as the YWCA Women's Resource Center (WRC) to serve as an information and referral service for Chester County women. Once this service became known, it started receiving a flood of calls from women in violent situations. The directors of WRC, finding no organization in the area to which the victims could be referred, reorganized the organization as the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, focusing on domestic violence intervention and prevention. Services are provided at confidential sites and outreach offices in Kennett Square, Coatesville, Oxford, Jennersville, Phoenixville, and the Chester County Justice Center.

Goals: Our vision is to eliminate domestic violence in Chester County. We believe we can achieve this bold goal by providing comprehensive services, at no cost, to survivors and by educating professionals, adults, and youth of Chester County about domestic violence and the availability of our services. The programs we offer:

- **Adult Counseling--**Empower victims and strengthen families affected by the trauma of domestic violence. Through 24 crisis hour hotlines and individual and group trauma-informed counseling.
- **Housing--** DVCCC has four housing programs: Emergency Shelter/Safe House; Bridge Transitional Housing; Garfield Commons Apartments (4 one-bedroom units); Phase IV Independent Living (13 three-bedroom townhomes). Designed to give the clients a foundation to strengthen their ability to be financially independent, safe, and with the goal of steady employment and permanent housing.
- **Legal Services--** Services include legal options counseling, advice, and representation in Protection from Abuse cases, custody, support, bankruptcy, immigration, and other civil matters.
- **Children's Programs--** The program mediates the effects of domestic violence on children of survivors by providing age-appropriate and bilingual safety plans, individual and group counseling, parenting skills and workshops, and school liaison services to assist children due to their situation of domestic violence.
- **Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)--**To improve the way local law enforcement personnel communicate with victims on a domestic violence call that indicates a high

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lethality risk by calling our crisis line on scene and suggesting the victim talk to the Crisis/Counselor.

- **Public Education and Training**-- Actively seek opportunities to provide information on abusive relationships and the wide range of services available to victims.

Key Achievements and Distinctiveness: Major achievements include building “Phase IV,” a transitional housing program that consists of thirteen three-bedroom townhomes for homeless victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. In 2018 construction was completed on Garfield Commons, composed of four one-bedroom apartments in that same complex.

DVCCC has been accredited with the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization (PANO) Seal of Excellence since 2009 for its successful compliance with the Standards for Excellence program. This accreditation is bestowed only to the most well-managed and responsibly governed nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated compliance with six guiding principles covering 27 topic areas based on nonprofit best practices, honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, responsibility, and accountability.

Another achievement is implementing the evidenced-based Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). The program helps identify victims of domestic violence who are at the most significant risk of being killed to get them out of harm’s way, if necessary. It encourages them to contact DVCCC while the police are on the scene. The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County has trained and partnered with 42 county police departments, two university security departments, and the Chester County Sheriff’s staff to implement the LAP program.

The Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) program uses the power of sports to promote an environment of respect, integrity, and non-violence for high school athletes. DVCCC trains local high school coaches on implementing the Coaching Boys Into Men. The 12-week program fits into the sports season, provides each coach with a guide for addressing several important social issues through weekly conversations with their athletes; with such topics as disrespectful behavior toward women and girls, technology, and respect, understanding consent, relationship abuse, modeling respect, and equality, among many more. We have just started this program with female athletes as well.

2. **Funding request**

- **Description of critical initiatives** - The initiatives for this request for general operating support are reflected in our mission to provide intervention, education, outreach, advocacy, and programs to reduce, remedy, and prevent domestic violence in Chester County.
- **Specific needs & issues to be addressed** - “Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically; however, the one constant component of domestic violence is one partner’s consistent efforts to maintain power and control over the other. Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community regardless of age,

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economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. It is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior that is only a fraction of a systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and in severe cases, even death. The devastating physical, emotional, and psychological consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.” (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

Approximately one in three women and one in four men experience domestic violence in their lifetimes (ncadv.org), and one in three teenagers experience dating violence each year (www.nomore.org). With a population of over 500,000, there are thousands of current and potential victims in Chester County. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, more than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Domestic violence costs our country at least 5.8 billion dollars a year in medical costs and productivity loss.

At DVCCC, over the past few years, we have seen an increase in victims of elder abuse, human trafficking, and those suffering from opioid addiction. The stark reality is that families are being destroyed, and lives are lost due to domestic violence. ***April 2022 there were three lives lost in a murder/suicide linked to domestic violence in Chester County, and one of them was a 12-year-old child.***

Common fear among victims of domestic violence is becoming homeless. The difficulties are compounded by Chester County’s well-documented lack of moderately priced housing in good condition that is accessible by public transportation.

Why it is essential to fund this now - except for small, income-based fees and rent for transitional and independent housing programs, the services provided by DVCCC to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children are free of charge, including legal representation. Funding helps us continue providing the direct services necessary, helps support our indirect services, public education on domestic violence, and the availability of our services. Domestic violence is a complex issue in the community, which leads to a lack of recognition that it is a significant problem.

How impact & results will be demonstrated - While the value of saving a life is truly immeasurable, all DVCCC services are measured through qualitative and quantitative tools that track the duration, intensity, and frequency of service collection times and responsible staff. In addition, we utilize a client data tracking system called Efforts to Outcomes (ETO.) These tools help us determine the victim/survivors’ level of satisfaction/success with the support and services we provide (qualitative), along with the type of services and number of clients (quantitative.) This aids in identifying any changes we must make to provide coordinated services to victims of domestic violence.