

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Contact Information

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fiscally sponsored by Open Collective ([terms of sponsorship](#))
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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 enhance the resilience of our community by creating abundant landscapes rich with food, natural resources and ecological habitat, and by sharing food, knowledge, skills and access to land and resources with the local community.

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: There are 35 active members participating in collective activities (i.e., land stewardship, growing food, educational activities). The food grown by the collective (fresh produce and herbs) is donated to Kennett Area Community Services (KACS), which serves 464 families monthly.

Annual Budget \$	5000		0	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
	100	% of budget for program expenses	6	# of Board Volunteers
	0	% of budget for administrative expenses	35	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
	0	% of budget for fundraising expenses	1712	# of Volunteer Hours
	100	% total		

Top 3-5 funding sources: Entirely funded through private donations

Is this grant proposal for: General Operating ☒

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ \$6,800.00

Proposal Summary: The proposal will fund the construction of three raised bed low tunnels (272 Sq ft growing area) in order to extend the growing season for winter production, improve accessibility for mobility-impaired volunteers, and increase the quality of heat-sensitive crops during summer months.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

Emergent Abundance Farming Collective (EAFC) was born in 2020 out of the COVID-19 pandemic as a way for individual farmers and gardeners to grow food for community members in need, while also providing a safe, outdoor space for communal gatherings and skill shares. This has contributed greatly to the emotional health of the collective members as well as the food security of the area we serve. After starting the collective on private land, EAFC was granted permission in March 2021 to farm on Kennett township-owned land, Spar Hill Farm. In 2021, EAFC donated over 3000 pounds of produce. We have held numerous skill shares on topics such as traditional herbal medicine, vinegar making, plant propagation, mushroom production and wild harvesting, as well as a five-month winter film and conversation series held at the Kennett Library. We are currently developing a seed library and seed sovereignty program with the library too.

Our goals are to establish a diverse integrated agroecological growing space including annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, and native flora and fauna. We aim to increase our active membership with an eye towards inclusiveness and accessibility. We want to expand learning opportunities through skill shares, hands-on learning and other community events.

We have established key partnerships with area organizations, including the Kennett Library, Kennett Area Community Services, Trash2Table (an organization that pilots ways to engage people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in recycling household food waste), Greenlight Nursery, Free Food for All, the Lenape Nation of PA, and the Kennett Township Historical Commission.

2. Funding request

- **Description of key initiatives**

The proposal will fund the construction of three raised bed low tunnels (272 Sq ft growing area) in order to extend the growing season for winter production, improve accessibility for mobility-impaired volunteers, and increase the quality of heat-sensitive crops during summer months through the use of shade cloth. The low tunnels will have a heat-activated ventilation system, passive solar design, and three-foot high beds. The construction of the low tunnels will be completed as a skill-share, so that it is a learning opportunity for the community.

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

Currently, we cannot grow food from November until the end of March, due in part to the cold weather, but also to the wet conditions that will damage the land. With the construction of the low tunnels, we will be able to add four months to the growing season, and make it safe for people to work in the field. The design includes drainage and clean, stable pathways. The raised design of the beds also allows for mobility impaired people to participate in growing, which is not currently possible.

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

The organization is just starting, and there has been a strong community response. By developing effective infrastructure early on, we can not only increase our production, but also maintain the collective momentum and continue to build diverse membership and support. It is important to fund this now, because we could have the beds constructed and in use for this winter growing season.

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

We will tally the number of pounds of produce donated to KACS. The construction of the low tunnels will be recorded and made available as an educational resource for people interested in learning how to extend the growing season.

III. 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.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
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