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Mini-Grant Letter of Request Parkesburg Environmental Fund

CCCF is seeking grant applications for a fund whose mission is to help ensure the continued awareness of open space and clean water among the residents of Parkesburg, PA through such activities such as research, conferences, exhibits and general education, classroom teaching, projects and scholarships for local students. We estimate that each mini-grant will range from \$2000 to \$3000. **Please submit applications electronically by September 30, 2021 to grants@chescocf.org.**

Date: 8/30/2022

Contact Information

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Note: Roxanne Sockoloskie is the treasurer of the Parkesburg Free Library

In a few brief paragraphs, please explain:

- 1. What geographic area is served?** *(If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served – Parkesburg specific)*
 - Parkesburg Free Library Service Area from Parkesburg, Highland Township, Londonderry, Sadsbury Township, West Sadsbury Township, and West Fallowfield Township
- 2. What population is served?**
 - Patrons from the Parkesburg Free Library Service Area from Parkesburg, Highland Township, Londonderry, Sadsbury Township, West Sadsbury Township, and West Fallowfield Township.
- 3. What organizational programs and activities meet the criteria for this grant? Please briefly describe how these programs/activities are implemented and the audience served.**

For many years, the Parkesburg Free Library has provided the community with raised gardens for our patrons to use to grow produce. Extra produce that is grown is placed in the library for other patrons to take home. A Garden Educator evaluated the condition of these raised garden beds and determined that at least 6 of the 10 beds are in dire need of repairs, but all of them need to be replaced.

The following are the specific recommendations that were made:

- Replace each wooden raised bed with galvanized steel (the life of these beds would be 20 years)

10 Beds at \$189.99/bed = \$1,899.90
- Purchase topsoil for each bed

8 Cubic Yards of Laurel Valley Enriched Topsoil = \$270.00
Delivery Fee = \$35.00

Therefore, the total cost for renovating the raised community garden beds would be \$2,204.90.

4. **How much funding is sought? How does this compare to the total budget for the project ? How does this compare to your annual operating budget? What will the funding be used for? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds?**

As noted in the above descriptions, the total cost for renovating the raised community garden beds would be \$2,204.90.

Note: The community members use the water from the library to water their gardens and this past year, the Parkesburg Free Library had a shed put in the garden area, so that the community could store their garden equipment in the shed.

Upon receipt of the grant, the Garden Expert and volunteers would begin to work on this project. The goal is to have the project completed for the community to plant in the raised gardens in the Spring. Additionally, there are plans to beautify the area by planting perennials and berry bushes.

Please email grants@chescofc.org

- This Brief Mini-Grant Letter of Request
- Copy of annual operating budget or most recent audit
- 501c3 determination letter if applicable

Request letters will be posted on the Community Foundation's website, in order to share with fund advisors, donors, grant panelists, and other funding sources. Please direct general questions & inquiries about this grant application to grants@chescofc.org. Beth, Steph, or Kevin will answer you.