

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.**

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Date

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

☐ Arts, Culture & Humanities

☐ Environment/Animal Welfare

☒ Education

☐ Health

☒ Human Services

☐ Religion

Mission: Mighty Writers' mission is to teach kids and youth ages 3-17 to think clearly and write with clarity to succeed in school, work and life.

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

Kennett Square areas, Oxford, West Grove and Toughkenamon in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Zip codes: 19311, 19348, 19390, 19374, 19363, 19380

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Mighty Writers El Futuro Kennett serves 500 kids and youth in free after-school bilingual programs. We serve 10,000 families yearly through our Client Choice Food Pantry.

In the areas we serve,

- 100% of the students are Latin(x)
- 75% of the students are children of migrant mushroom farmworkers
- 85% of the students live below the poverty line
- 85% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches in school.
- 30% of the students have been US residents for three years or less.
- 95% of the students speak Spanish as their first language in their homes.
- More than 50% of them are below grade-level proficiency in English Language skills.

Annual Budget \$ 5,826,300

82 % of budget for program expenses

65 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff

12 # of Board Volunteers

8 % of budget for administrative expenses

350 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers

10 % of budget for fundraising expenses

15,000 # of Volunteer Hours

100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Longwood Foundation

WW Smith Charitable Trust

Hamilton Family Foundation
Lowenstein Foundation
Spring Point Partners

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

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: \$7,500

Proposal Summary:

Mighty Writers respectfully requests \$7,500 in general operating to teach 500 kids and youth in our free after-school literacy programs and serve 10,000 low-income families through the client-choice Food Pantry.

The programs include After-school Academy, college and career prep, literary art and mindfulness workshops, one-to-one mentorship, summer camps and Mighty Toddlers. Throughout the school year, MW will also provide a range of family-based workshops and activities, such as Family Write Night, Family Cook Night, and Mindfulness Family Night to strengthen family relationships and community ties. Funding will be used immediately to mobilize full, and part-time staff members and workshop leaders to teach culturally responsive literacy and art programs, purchase program supplies, take students on field trips, and manage operational costs of running in-person programming in MW El Futuro Kennett.

The total budgeted cost of this project is \$1,147,678. We have raised over 50% of our revenue through support from foundations, charities, and individual donations.

With the help of the Chester County Community Foundation, MW will achieve the following goals by the end of the 2023-'24 academic year,

1. Teach 500 kids and youth through our bilingual after-school, literary art, and mentorship programs in 2023, and reach up to 700 students by the end of 2024.
2. Serve 10,000 low-income Latino migrant and immigrant families via the food pantry, which provides fresh and shelf-stable culturally relevant food items to take home along with diapers and bilingual books.
3. Enroll 30-40 mothers-toddler pairs in the Mighty Toddler program in the first year and increase participation to 50-75 mothers next year.
4. Achieve 30-45 successful 1:1 student-mentor relationships.
5. Increase academic performance across the curriculum (reading, writing, and critical thinking)
6. Improve English proficiency in ESL students.
7. Increase creativity and motivation to write frequently through culturally responsive arts programs.
8. Provide inclusive spaces to explore imagination and practice self-expression
9. Increase commitment and attachment with schools for increased school attendance
10. Develop positive cultural identities, pride, ownership, and awareness.
11. Strengthen family relationships