CHESTER COUNTY
community
FOUNDATION

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make a difference in
Chester County

GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- The Chester County Community Foundation **connects people who care with the causes that matter**, so their philanthropy makes a difference **now & forever**.
- We are **a collection of Field of Interest** & **Donor Advised Funds** with **$5M + granted annually** to nonprofits in Chester County & beyond.
- **99%** of our grants are made by our generous Fund Advisors, who make grant decisions all year.

Proposals submitted by nonprofits are considered for 2 types of grants:

Field of Interest & Donor Advised Funds (No Deadline)	**Fund for Chester County Capacity Building Grants** (Due 9/13)
◊ Grants **focus on Chester County** causes & issues, but are not limited to Chester County.	◊ For eligibility in this grant program, nonprofits must be **located in & serve Chester County**.
◊ Charitable nonprofits working **in all fields of interest** are considered for grant awards. (I.e. arts, culture, & humanities; education; community improvement; environment; religion; health; & human services)	◊ Nonprofits **budgets** must be **$500,000 or less.**
◊ **General operating** grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, & measurable outcomes.	◊ The goal of capacity building grants is to **strengthen the effectiveness of NPO's serving the region,** see page 4 for more details on the areas including: o Mission, Vision & Strategy o Governance & Leadership o Partnerships & Collaborations o Operations & Technology o Fundraising, Development & Marketing
◊ Proposals can be submitted <u>anytime all year</u>.	◊ Proposals submitted between <u>July 1 -</u> <u>Sept. 13</u> are eligible for consideration.
◊ Grant decisions are made **intermittently** all year, as Fund Advisors desire.	
◊ Grant **awards** typically range from **$500-$7,500.**	◊ Grant **awards** typically range from **$500-$5,000**, with monies distributed by **February.**

- 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 <u>must be</u> charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification & <u>cannot</u> be individuals.

Please contact Grants Administrator **Kevin Baffa** at **(610)-698-8211** or
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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.***

To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit www.chescocf.org

Date: 9/6/2023

Contact Information

Organization Name: Lucky Dawg Animal Rescue

Address: 489 Church Rd, Avondale, PA 19311

Phone: 484-459-9745

Website: https://www.luckydawganimalrescue.com

Year Incorporated: 2017

FEIN: 82-3052288

ED/CEO Name: Mary Baur

ED/CEO E-mail: luckydawgar@gmail.com

Board Chair Name: Mary Baur

Board Chair Approval (check here): ☑

Primary Contact Name: Kelly Jacobs

Primary Contact E-mail:
kellyjacobs5115@gmail.com

Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest: Environment/Animal Welfare

Mission: We are a no-kill, foster based, all volunteer animal rescue. Lucky Dawg is dedicated to rescuing homeless, abused, or unwanted animals in our local communities, as well as educating the public. We place animals in responsible, committed, and loving homes. Considerable care is taken to find good matches for both the animal and the adopter. Lucky Dawg will remain committed to the animal's welfare beyond the adoption process.

Geographic Area Served *(If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served)*:
Chester County + areas in PA, MD, NJ, and DE within a 2.5-hour radius

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Annual Budget $175,000

83 % of budget for program expenses

10 % of budget for administrative expenses

7 % of budget for fundraising expenses

   100   % total

# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff: **0**

# of Board Volunteers: **3**

# of Active Non-Board Volunteers: **150**

# of Volunteer Hours: **125 hours/week**

Top 3-5 funding sources: Adoption fees, direct public support (fundraising), corporate contributions

Is this grant proposal for: General Operating

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $7,500

Proposal Summary: As a small, volunteer-based, and relatively new organization, Lucky Dawg's resources are extremely limited. Every penny we make through donations and adoption fees goes right back to the animals to pay for vet bills, dog/cat food, and other necessary supplies. Consequently, structural issues at our facility such as property damage have been overlooked. We request $7,500 for maintenance and repairs to ensure our animals have a safe place to stay while we work to find them forever homes.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE
Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

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

The idea of Lucky Dawg Animal Rescue (LDAR) started many years ago with a sweet senior dog named Harry. Mary, the director of LDAR, was approached by a couple who found themselves in a tough situation. The couple was down on their luck and living in their car. While they loved Harry with all their hearts, they knew they couldn't give him the life he deserved. Mary adopted Harry and instantly fell in love with him and his breed. With such a negative stigma surrounding pitbulls, Harry embodied the true spirit of the pittie personality we know and love. As a result of this special connection, Mary was inspired to start saving more dogs from unfortunate circumstances, and LDAR was officially established in December 2017.

Although our name suggests otherwise, we are not a dog-specific rescue. Our major goal that encompasses all the work we do is to rescue as many dogs and cats as possible and give them a second chance at a better life. In addition to taking local surrenders, we work with several partners in Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, and Mississippi to rescue dogs from high-kill facilities. We do not believe in practicing euthanasia to control the pet population. Instead, we aim to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce the number of unwanted animals. Through community outreach events and initiatives, we seek to raise awareness about the benefits of adopting a shelter pet versus buying animals from breeding operations.

This year, we are on track to rescue and rehome nearly 600 animals. To accomplish this, we rely on our extensive volunteer network. We currently have 150 volunteers who help in various capacities, including but not limited to:
- Transporting dogs from our partners in the south
- Pulling dogs from local puppy mills
- Providing temporary foster homes
- Caring for dogs at our facility who are unable to be placed in foster homes – cleaning kennels, feeding meals, providing medication, walking 3x daily
- Taking animals to vet appointments
- Processing adoption applications, including home and reference checks
- Picking up donations from businesses and community members
- Organizing/attending local events (e.g. Chester County Balloon Festival)
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Managing social media accounts

Without our incredible volunteer support, LDAR would cease to exist.

Compared to well-established and well-connected animal welfare organizations like the SPCA, we are an independent, women-run, small nonprofit that is just getting started. Over the next several years, we hope to find the resources necessary to continue building partnerships and expanding our rescue efforts to give deserving animals safe and loving forever homes.

2. Funding request

    We request $7,500 from the CCCF for maintenance and repair of our shelter facility. The two major projects we hope to complete with this grant funding are roof and kennel repairs. Over the last few years, several trees have fallen during intense storms, causing damage to our roof and subsequent leaking. We would love to have a contractor patch the roof to prevent further damage and keep our animals protected from the elements. Additionally, we have four completely unusable kennels with doors that don't latch properly and sections of damaged chain link fencing. As LDAR continues to grow, having adequate space to expand our rescue efforts is important. If we receive this funding to improve our facility, then we'll be able to rescue and house four additional dogs at any given time.

    As a small organization with limited financial resources, $7,500 would allow us to vastly improve our facility. Thank you for your time and consideration!

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. If capacity building initiative, itemized budget (including external consultant's proposal, if applicable)
6. Current strategic plan. If your nonprofit does not have a current strategic plan, explain why.

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