

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)

- ◇ Grants **focus on Chester County** causes & issues, but are not limited to 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)
- ◇ **General operating** grants are encouraged. Nonprofits should be specific about their mission, goals, & measurable outcomes.
- ◇ Proposals can be submitted **anytime all year**.
- ◇ Grant decisions are made **intermittently** all year, as Fund Advisors desire.
- ◇ Grant **awards** typically range from **\$500-\$7,500**.

Fund for Chester County Capacity Building Grants (Due 9/15)

- ◇ For eligibility in this grant program, nonprofits must be **located in & serve Chester County**.
- ◇ Nonprofits **budgets** must be **\$500,000 or less**.
- ◇ The goal of capacity building grantmaking is to **strengthen the effectiveness of NPO's serving the Chester County region**, in areas including:
 - Mission, Vision & Strategy
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Partnerships & Collaborations
 - Operations & Technology
 - Fundraising, Development & Marketing
- ◇ Proposals must be submitted by **September 15** to be eligible for consideration.
- ◇ 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 **must be** charitable, tax exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification & **cannot** be individuals.

Please contact Grants Administrator **Kevin Baffa** at **(610)-698-8211** or grants@chescocf.org with any questions.

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: 11/17/2023

Contact Information

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Organization Information:

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 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):

Chester County PA

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Annual Budget \$ <u>2,530,000</u>	<u>33</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>88</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>14</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>7</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>25</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>5</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses		# of Volunteer Hours
<small>100 % total</small>		

Top 3-5 funding sources: PCCD/VOCA \$827,000 - PCADV \$615,000 - UWSCC \$33,180

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:

Taking the first step to say **no more** is very difficult for families experiencing domestic violence. *The mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to reduce, remedy, and prevent domestic violence in Chester County.* The programs and services DVCCC offers to victims, survivors, children, and the community are critical to overcoming the trauma of domestic violence. **DVCCC offers them Hope and Healing!**

DVCCC Request for the Chester County Community Foundation

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 2023/2024 is \$2,530,000. 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. 3 pages maximum.

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

2. Funding request

- Description of key initiatives
- Specific needs & issues to be addressed
- Why it is important to fund this now
- How impact & results will be demonstrated

- For capacity building grant proposals:
 - How will this capacity building initiative impact your nonprofit?
 - How will this impact be measured?
 - Include a description of the expected activities; timeline & costs to implement the initiative. If external consulting services are required, include the anticipated costs & expertise of the consultants to be hired. Include external consultant proposals if applicable.

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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*Connecting people who care with causes that matter,
so their legacies make a difference.*

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

The mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to reduce, remedy, and prevent domestic violence in Chester County.

The vision of the Domestic Violence Center is to eliminate Domestic Violence in Chester County, PA.

The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) began as the YWCA Women's Resource Center (WRC), serving as an information and referral service for Chester County women. At that time, there were no organizations in the area to which victims of domestic violence could be referred. As more and more women began reaching out to the WRC for help escaping their abusive situations, the directors took it upon themselves to make those services available. They reorganized the WRC as the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County in 1976.

We are the only organization in Chester County that has a contract with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) to provide services to victims who present their primary victimization as domestic violence – which includes family and/or relationship violence such as intimate partner violence, dating violence, human trafficking, elder and/or child abuse.

2. Funding request

The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County respectfully requests a grant of \$25,000.00 to support our General Operating budget which includes unfunded and underfunded costs associated with implementing the core programs and services that we offer the victims and survivors of domestic violence including their children and families.

Description of key initiatives

Our key initiatives are to provide safe, secure housing, support, and resources to victims and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. DVCCC is committed to empowering survivors of domestic abuse by providing information and supporting them as they reclaim their lives. DVCCC provides services at our main, confidentially located site and outreach sites in Coatesville, Kennett Square, Oxford, and

Phoenixville. Services are available in English and Spanish. Our educational programs are conducted in schools, corporations, communities of faith, and many community events.

(see DVCCC Community Education FY 2023-2024)

Programs, Activities, and Services:

Counseling: Services are provided via 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling with a focus on safety planning, the importance of healthy relationships, goal setting, financial management, referrals and job training.

Housing: DVCCC has four housing programs:

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional/Bridge Housing
- Independent Living (Scattered Sites)
- Independent Living at our 13-unit townhome site.

The Shelter and transitional housing can house up to 100 victims and their dependent children at any given time. If a client needs additional time in any one of our housing programs we work with them to accommodate their needs.

- **Relocation:** When it is determined that the safest option for a victim is to relocate, financial assistance is available.
- **Legal Services:** Services include legal options counseling, advice, and representation in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases, custody, support, bankruptcy, immigration, and other civil matters.
 - **Children’s Services:** Individual and group counseling is provided, as well as homework help, recreational activities, and liaison services to schools where the children are enrolled.
 - **Prevention and Community Education and Training:** We participate in events and deliver presentations and training to groups such as schools, businesses, law enforcement, hospitals, social service agencies, and community organizations. A major focus is dating violence education in Chester County high schools.
 - **Lethality Assessment Program (LAP):** Improves the way local law enforcement personnel communicate with victims on a domestic violence call, focusing on the fact that more understanding and proactive steps are needed for victims who are facing danger every day. LAP identifies victims of domestic violence who are at the greatest risk of being killed, for the

purpose of getting them out of harm's way, if necessary, and encouraging them to contact DVCCC while the police are on scene. This is an evidenced-based program in collaboration with the Chester County District Attorney and Chester County police departments. To date DVCCC 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.

Public Education: The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County prides itself on the success of its education programs. DVCCC provides FREE educational and prevention programs to help the community better understand the issue of domestic violence, identify abuse and unhealthy behaviors in relationships, and safely and appropriately intervene or seek help. Recently, we have received an increase in the number of corporations who want to offer their employees a general presentation overview of Domestic Violence. This presentation provides information about the definition of domestic abuse, statistics, the cycle of abuse, red flags/warning signs, how to help a friend/loved one, as well as resources/options available for those seeking help. DVCCC works with each group to tailor this presentation to the needs of various unique audiences. DVCCC Education Team Staff are trained and certified in many courses and programs. We not only offer education programs to the community at large, we also have exceptional programs for students in middle school, high school, and college focused on Teen Dating Abuse and relationships. Our newest program is Medical Advocacy. The relationship between domestic violence agencies and the healthcare community is crucial, given many people seek medical attention of some kind, even if they do not report abuse to police.

Specific needs & issues to be addressed:

Domestic violence affects millions of individuals and families regardless of age, gender, or socioeconomic status. It tears apart the very fabric of our communities, leaving lasting scars on survivors and their children. The decision to flee domestic violence is not an easy one to make. It means uprooting your entire life and family. It takes bravery and determination. It is often the most dangerous time for a survivor.

When people consider the issue of domestic violence, they often think of the adult victim/survivor. But what about the children who have seen or experienced abuse; the boys, girls, and young adults who have been afraid in their own home?

This year, with a grant from the Girls Advisory Board (GAB) of the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, we were able to partially fund a new curriculum for our Childrens Counseling Programs. We purchased a trauma-informed, cognitive behavioral therapy (TI-CBT) curriculum for our counselors to provide critically needed programs, services, information, and referral to children, adolescents, and their parents/caregivers who have experienced trauma. TI-CBT offers significant results in helping children and adolescents to process their trauma and overcome emotional and behavioral problems. To achieve a high success rate using this treatment model, our professional counseling staff will continue to build a better understanding of TF-CBT through training in order to keep their skills current.

We believe that everyone deserves to live a life free from fear, violence, and abuse. *With the financial support of the Chester County Community Foundation, we can help children overcome traumatic events using TI-CBT evidence-based treatment approach.*

This project and program is a very important undertaking for the staff and clients of DVCCC to implement because it will be so beneficial to children and parents to mitigate the effects of domestic violence and interrupt the intergenerational transmission of violence.

Why it is important to fund this now?

Recently a man in Chester County escaped from a Chester County prison. He murdered his girlfriend in front of her children at her home in Phoenixville, PA. This is a severe domestic violence concern.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Last year, in Pennsylvania, 112 victims died from domestic violence. 56% were killed by a current or former intimate partner.

20% of pregnant women experience domestic violence during their pregnancy - the increased risks are even greater for Black pregnant women and those under 20 years of age.

Domestic violence is one of the leading reasons individuals experience homelessness. We never want a victim or survivor to have to choose between an abusive home and homelessness. Victims of domestic

violence should not need to suffer in silence. And they certainly should not need to choose between being abused or sleeping in a tent alone.

The increase in the need for our programs and services, especially counseling services, did not diminish during the pandemic. In fact, it increased. Thus, this placed an extreme strain on our limited counseling staff to keep up with the demands of clients' multiple needs. DVCCC maintained all services yet pivoted to offering services virtually and in person to best accommodate our clients. DVCCC is experiencing an increase in clients with multiple co-morbidities, including mental health and drug/alcohol which are more complex and require greater support and resources for treatment.

Survivors of domestic violence experience varying degrees of trauma because of their abuse. Many develop anxiety, panic disorders, major depression, and addiction. DVCCC offers clients trauma-focused-cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) as the evidence-based treatment approach which has been shown to be effective in helping children and teenagers (and their parents) to overcome trauma. Research shows that traumatic events experienced by children are directly correlated with substance use, mental health, and risky behaviors. Addressing the trauma caused by domestic violence is an essential and fundamental part of the healing and recovery process and breaking the cycle of violence. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Impact

A survivor's reflection - When my three girls and I arrived at your shelter, I was a broken woman with no place to call home. But, because of you and your commitment to women like me, I can honestly say that I am a survivor. My girls are so happy, moreover, my oldest daughter received all A's and made the honor roll while living in your shelter. The counseling and legal staff helped me retain my value about being abused for so many years. I now live in one of your townhouses and it is a dream come true. There are no words that can express the extent of gratitude for the services that were provided to my family. I can never repay you for saving my life.

A survivor's reflection – What happened to me can happen to anyone... I never thought I would find myself in a situation like the one I was in. The DVCCC is a crucial resource for the women of this community. I am truly grateful for the support and assistance provided.

How impact & results will be demonstrated

DVCCC services are measured through the utilization of evidenced-based qualitative and quantitative software, Efforts to Outcomes, (ETO), a social service database, that track the duration, intensity, and frequency of services, collection times, and responsible staff. In addition to forms developed by our statewide organization, the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence. 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). Reports are generated monthly from the ETO system for review by staff, management, and the Board. Staff make service enhancements based on the questionnaire results.

A snapshot of our services includes:

- 1,726 recipients of services
- 2,871 Hotline Calls
- 5,859 emergency shelter nights provided.
- 140 court-ordered Protection From Abuse (PFA's) issued.
- 374 clients received legal consultations regarding divorce, custody, support, and immigration issues.
- 18 families (45 people) received bridge transitional housing
- 11,390 hours of counseling/advocacy
- 420 clients were provided with PFA representation, and over 800 clients received legal consultations
- 170 Community Education programs were presented to over 4,894 Adults, students, and children.
- 552 events in the community and through media, (social and print)

DVCCC provides equal 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.