

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 9/11)

- ◇ 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 grants is to **strengthen the effectiveness of NPO's serving the region**, see page 4 for more details on the areas including:
 - Mission, Vision & Strategy
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Partnerships & Collaborations
 - Operations & Technology
 - Fundraising, Development & Marketing
- ◇ Proposals submitted between **July 1 - Sept. 11** are 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) 696-8211** 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: 9/11/24

Contact Information

Organization Name: *Lucky Dawg Animal Rescue*
Address: *489 Church Rd. Avondale, PA 19311*
Phone: *484-459-9998*
Website: *www.luckydawganimalrescue.com*
Year Incorporated: *2017*
FEIN: *82-3052288*

ED/CEO Name: *Mary Bauer*
ED/CEO E-mail: *mc25rn@aol.com*
Board Chair Name: *Mary Bauer*
Board Chair Approval (check here):
Primary Contact Name: *Mary Bauer*
Primary Contact E-mail: *mc25rn@aol.com*

Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

Arts, Culture & Humanities Environment/Animal Welfare Education
 Health Human Services Religion

Mission: *We are a no-kill, foster based, all volunteer animal rescue. Lucky Dawg is dedicated to rescuing homeless, abused or unwanted dogs and cats in our local communities. In addition we strive to educate the community about spay and neutering their pets, how horrific the puppy mills are and we help as much as we can with food and medical to those in the community who cannot afford care. Our dogs and cats live in loving foster homes until they are adopted and we are always 100% committed to finding them safe, loving forever homes.*

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): *All of Chester County and in addition a two hour radius of the kennel located in Avondale, PA.*

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Annual Budget \$ 184,000 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff 0
80 % of budget for program expenses 3 # of Board Volunteers
8 % of budget for administrative expenses 270 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
12 % of budget for fundraising expenses 280/hrs. per Week # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources:

- (1) *Fundraising events: Yeti Bingo, Designer Bag Bingo, Dog & Car Wash, Our new Cattysack for community events.*
- (2) *Adoption fees from Dogs and Cats.*
- (3) *Doners*
- (4) *Grants*
- (5) *Corporate Sponsors*

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: \$ 10,000 _____

Proposal Summary:

As a small but growing, all volunteer-based dog and cat rescue located in Chester County, 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, medications, training, kennel updates, heating and cooling the kennel, normal maintenance and unforeseen repairs. This past summer we were hit hard with bad weather and unfortunately had to spend a lot of money on clean up and repairs.

Lucky Dawg has taken on some tough medical cases in 2024. Most recently we have had three simultaneous puppy mill mommas who we pulled and needed amputations. The most recent, Josie, is now going through Chemotherapy. A grant from The Community Foundation would help cover the cost of her treatments.

One of our previous rescue dogs who had an amputation several years ago was adopted by her foster and has gone on to be a therapy dog that visits patients at Chester County Hospital and the Cancer center several times a week. That is a Community Service dog hard at work! Rosie brings so much joy to patients in need.

We recently purchased an old camper which we gutted and was painted by local artists, and now have a mobile adoption cat vehicle to park at events to promote more cat adoptions. Dubbed "The Cattyshack", our mission is to get out in the community and be able to do adoptions, hold vaccine and microchip clinics and educate the public on responsible pet ownership.

In 2023 we were able to adopt 443 dogs and cats. We are asking for \$10000 to help us to continue feeding the animals (as dog and cat food prices have gone way up) and cover their medical costs so that we can continue to rescue and find them their happy and safe forever homes.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

*Mary Bauer
President
Lucky Dawg Animal Rescue
484-459-9745*

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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WHAT IS CAPACITY BUILDING?

Capacity building helps bring a nonprofit to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity, in order to more effectively & efficiently fulfill its mission.

Capacity building may include (but is not limited to) projects which address:

- **MISSION, VISION & STRATEGY**
Organizational Assessment - Strategic Planning - Financial Planning
- **GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP**
Board Development - Executive Transition/Succession Planning - Leadership Development - Staff Training & Professional Development
- **PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS**
Coalition Building – Collaboration - Mergers & Acquisitions - Strategic Restructuring
- **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING**
Major Gift Donor Identification, Cultivation, Development & Stewardship - Development Campaigns (Annual, Capital, Planned Giving) - Earned Income Development - Social Enterprise Feasibility & Development - Marketing, Branding & Communications
- **TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS**
Business Continuity Planning - Financial Management - Human Resources - Volunteer Management - Industry Certification - Risk Management - Technology Improvements