

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 4-9-2025

Contact Information

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

☐ Arts, Culture & Humanities
☒ Health

☐ Environment/Animal Welfare
☒ Human Services

☒ Education
☐ Religion

Mission:

Our mission is to improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power and resources of the community; to provide local non-profit agencies with needed financial, professional, and strategic support; and to ensure that contributions fund programs that effectively move people from crisis to independence.

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

We serve the residents of Southern Chester County, 19 townships and 4 boroughs, those in the Kennett Consolidated, Avon Grove, Oxford, and Unionville-Chadds Ford school districts.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Not only do we address the challenges faced by those individuals and families living below the federal poverty line, but we also address the issues faced by the A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population which is increasingly seeking the services of our partner agencies. In FY2024, we invested \$750,000 towards 28 programs that served 28,050 of our neighbors.

Annual Budget \$1,148,146

89% of budget for program expenses
11% of budget for administrative expenses
1% of budget for fundraising expenses

100 % total

2.5 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
23 # of Board Volunteers
400 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
1200 # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Individual donors
corporations and
foundations

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: \$7500

Proposal Summary:

Southern Chester County is home to 21.3% of Chester County's population. We have over 113,000 people living in 256 square miles. Many of our residents come to us with health and human service needs. 54% of the households within our four local boroughs (Avondale, Kennett, West Grove, & Oxford), are A.L.I.C.E households, meaning they live above the poverty line but earn less than the basic cost of living in Chester County, which makes it impossible for them to rise above poverty or exist without the help of our sponsored agencies for food, healthcare, and shelter.

UWSCC is the largest annual funder of the vital non-profit programs in Southern Chester County serving human needs. Our focus is to move people from crisis to independence through program funding for our three areas of concern: crisis intervention, health and wellness, and education programs.

1. Crisis Intervention: We're providing immediate support and resources to individuals facing emergencies, helping to stabilize situations, reduce distress, and connect people with essential services such as food, shelter and utility assistance.
2. Health and Wellness: Health and well-being are central to a thriving, resilient community. At United Way of Southern Chester County, we tackle urgent needs by supporting programs that improve maternal and child health, increase access to healthy food, and enhance senior wellness.
3. Education: We're ensuring kids access early childhood education, get the support to succeed in school, and are prepared for college and careers. From cradle to career, we help young adults thrive in the job market and equip older adults with tools to support their families.

Last year alone, over 28,000 residents turned to programs reliant on UWSCC funding when they found themselves in need. This year we allocated \$650,000 in funding to 31 programs delivered by 24 nonprofit agencies focusing specifically on these issues. And the need is growing.

A grant of \$7500 would help us continue our mission to provide local non-profit agencies with needed financial, professional, and strategic support; and to ensure that contributions fund programs that effectively move people from crisis to independence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Darcie Martin

CEO