



I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

☐	Arts, Culture, Heritage	☐	Education, Library	☐	Environment, Animals
☒	Health	☐	Human Services	☐	Social Justice, Civic Engagement
☐	Religion	☐	If other, please describe:		

Mission: The Caln A's Travel Baseball Organization is a non-profit (501 c 3) that provides youth baseball players from the Coatesville Area with an opportunity to play affordable competitive baseball in tournaments in the Tri-State area. Unlike other programs, the Caln A's organization is coached by volunteers, keeping the costs low for participating families. Players within the organization learn fundamental skills and encouraged to also develop positive social skills that will remain with players well beyond their days as a Caln A.

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served. (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)

The 14u team is Coatesville only 14u team that serves the Coatesville Area (12-15 aged males from ages of 12-14 in the 19320 and 19372 zip codes)

Annual Budget \$ 22,600 0 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
0 % of budget for program expenses 0 # of Board Volunteers
0 % of budget for administrative expenses 4 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
0 % of budget for fundraising expenses 10 # of Volunteer Hours/per week

100% = total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Any funding is generated through sponsorships or payment made through families to cover registration fees, travel and operating costs.

This grant proposal is for: ☒ Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or ☐ Capacity Building

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

☐	Contingency Planning	☐	Partnerships, Collaborations	☐	Merger, Closure
☐	Mission, Vision, Strategy	☐	Board Engagement & Leadership	☐	Marketing, Communication
☐	Resource Development	☐	Operations	☐	Technology

☐ If other, please describe: _____

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 5000 _____

Proposal Summary: *(a few sentences, please)* Unlike other programs, the Caln A's organization is coached by volunteers, keeping the costs low for participating families. Players within the organization learn fundamental skills and are encouraged to also develop positive social skills that will remain with players well beyond their days as a Caln A. Social Emotional Learning components and life skills are embedded in team activities to continue to focus on the importance of developing these skills. The 14u team has made a conscious effort to keep costs low for families so that participants remained engaged in a positive and healthy alternative within our Coatesville community. This grant will cover registration fees to assist us in this goal as well as to further increase and enhance their experience through traveling to local and regional tournaments.



II. GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information in 1-3 pages. Please be brief.

1. Nonprofit's overall aims, key initiatives, key achievements & distinctiveness

One of the program's focus is to develop Social Emotional Learning components and life skills that are embedded in team activities to continue to focus on the importance of developing these skills. The 14u team has made a conscious effort to keep costs low for families so that participants remained engaged in a positive and healthy alternative within our Coatesville community.

2. Funding request

- **What specific needs & issues are being addressed, via what programs and services**

With the rising costs of operating a team of local students it is becoming increasingly more difficult to maintain a team of consistent players from the same community. The goal is simply not just improving the skill level on the field but more importantly of building life skills of each player through athletics. Numerous benefits have been associated with participation in such activities including higher academic achievement, improved non-cognitive skills, greater life satisfaction and well being, better career prospects, and lower instances of school dropout (Ashbourne & Andres, 2015). Engagement in co-curricular activities is linked to decreasing rates of early dropouts. Participation provides marginal students an opportunity to create a positive and voluntary connection to their school (in this case community).

- **Why is it important to fund this now?**

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), discontinuation of sports during childhood plays a role in the more than 75% of U.S. adolescents failing to meet physical activity recommendations. Statistics also show that 70% of adolescents discontinue youth sports at the age of 13. It is critical to invest in this opportunity now as an effort to maintain the current roster and look to add more without the financial barrier for families.

- **How will results & impact be demonstrated?**

Results will be measured by participation as well as surveying interest levels to continue to be engaged with our team to assist in meeting the health and wellness needs of the participants.