



I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Date

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals Social Justice, Civic Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe: Scouting opportunities for youth		

Mission: Scouting's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. Scouting can help young people develop skills and values that can benefit them throughout their lives, including self-confidence, leadership, resilience, lifelong learning, ethics, citizenship and physical activity.

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served. (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)
 Chester County Council serves over 2500 youth

Annual Budget \$ see discussion in narrative _____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
 _____ % of budget for program expenses _____ # of Board Volunteers
 _____ % of budget for administrative expenses _____ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
 _____ % of budget for fundraising expenses _____ # of Volunteer Hours
100% = total

Top 3-5 funding sources: See discussion in narrative

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

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contingency Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnerships, Collaborations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merger, Closure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mission, Vision, Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Engagement & Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing, Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:				

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$_5000_____

Grant is to be made payable to Chester County Council, BSA

Proposal Summary: *(a few sentences, please)*

This grant request is to support the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival, a fundraiser event for Chester County Council, Scouting America. Funds will help provide financial assistance to families to cover registration fees... and will include opportunities for Scouts to receive financial assistance to attend summer camp via camperships along with financial assistance in membership registration fees.

Grant Proposal Narrative
Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival

Name of Organization: Brandywine BBQ Backyard Festival (Chester County Council, Scouting America)

The Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival, a fundraiser event for Chester County Council, Scouting America, is organized and put on by the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival Committee. The committee is made up of volunteers who are registered adult volunteer Scouters in the Octoraro District. The Octoraro District includes the following School Districts: Avon Grove, Oxford, Octorara, Unionville-Chads Ford, and Kennett Square. Volunteers on the Committee include: Mark Burt (Chair), Dave Maxwell, Jay Gregg, Curt Stillman, Poorwa Kenkre, Joseph Ballato. Short term goal is to make the 2026 Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival a success, raising funds to support Chester County Council. Long term goal is to continue with this fund raising event on a continuing annual basis.

The mission of the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival is to raise funds in support of Chester County Council, Scouting America. Scouting can help young people develop skills and values that can benefit them throughout their lives, including self-confidence, leadership, resilience, lifelong learning, ethics, citizenship and physical activity. Scouting's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

The Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival is in its eighth year. The event is held at New Garden Township Park and will be on April 26th in 2026. The event serves to bring the community together and includes food and beverage vendors, merchandise vendors, displays by non-profit organizations, music entertainment and activities for youth.

One of the main sources of funds raised resulting from this event includes sponsorships or donations from businesses and organizations within our district. The Chester County Community Foundation Grant will go towards meeting our fundraising goals. The timeframe for this Grant will be spring 2026 to coincide with the event date of April 26th. However, a date past April 26th will be acceptable.

The "success" of the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival can be measured in a couple of ways. The first is the successful completion of tasks leading up to the day of the event and the successful completion of the festival on the day of the event. The second measurement of success is the raising of funds in support of Chester County Council, Scouting America.

Fundraising can sometimes be a difficult task. This year, raising funds for the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival to benefit Scouting in Chester County seems to be more difficult than in past years. A grant from the Chester County Community Foundation will help to ensure that the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival is a success as a fundraiser for Chester County Council, Scouting America.

The Brandywine BBQ Festival seeks to obtain donations or sponsorships from individuals, businesses and other organizations in the community. Sponsors in the past have included: Armstrong, Bank of America, Belier Campbell Realtors, Clemmys Environmental, Constellation Energy, Delaware Valley financial Mortgage, Husqvarna Group, Kohler Law, Onix Group/Hilton Garden Inn, Tojo Mushrooms.

The people on the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival Committee are all volunteers in the Octoraro Scout District. 2026 represents the 8th year this fundraising event has taken place. Mark Burt, Committee Chair, has been on the committee for 5 years. Other members and their time in years on the committee are:

Poorwa Kenkre (8), Jay Gregg (8), Dave Maxwell (3), Curt Stillman (2) and Joseph Ballato (1). As Chair, Mark is in contact with New Garden Township, with food, beverage and merchandise vendors; Poorwa works on activities for children, parking logistics, organizing day of event volunteers; Jay follows up with fire department, EMT, and police, organizing trash handling; Dave organizes music entertainment; Joseph provides advice on vendors, with all members on obtaining sponsorships.

The grant will be for a project within an organization. Although the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival Committee is organized to raise funds for Chester Council, it has its own budget. The Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival proposed budget for 2026 is included in this grant application. The spreadsheet also includes budgets from 2025, 2024 and 2023. The Chester County Council budget for two calendar years is outlined in the attached copy of the 2024 IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. Income and expenses for Chester County Council are explained in the pie charts from the 2022 Annual Report, pie chart budget page included. Although the budget amounts may be different from year to year, they are broadly similar and the pie chart distributions would also be similar. The Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival would be included in "special events" and would represent a small portion of that sector.

Since the personnel involved in the Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival are all volunteers, there is no administrative expense. However, there are expenses involved with the event such as: printing; trash handling; permit fees. For 2024, outside expenses represented 4.48% of the gross amount taken in. Budget spread sheet listing expense amounts are included.

Attached is page 1 of Chester County Council's 2024 IRS Form 990, showing tax-exempt status, 501(c)3 box checked. Attached also is their Schedule A Form 990, to be completed if the organization is a section 501(c)3 organization. A copy of the IRS letter dated 1/24/25 on the 501(c)3 status of the Boy Scouts of America is attached

The Brandywine Backyard BBQ Festival does not have a board of directors or officers. Chester County Council board consists of volunteers and can be found at <https://www.cccbsa.org/about/executive-board/>