



LET FREEDOM RING

AMERICA250 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An electronic version of this application is available at <https://cccf250.org/planning/>

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FEIN #: 23-2846336

Note: Please attach a copy of your 501c3 letter with this request. Per IRS regulations, grants can be awarded to nonprofit charities and municipalities, but NOT individuals nor businesses.

Organization Field of Interest

☒	Arts, Culture, Heritage	☐	Environment, Animals	☐	Education, Library
☐	Health & Human Services	☐	Social Justice, Civil Rights	☐	Religion
☐	Municipality/Governmental	☐	If other, please describe:		

A lot	Some	A little	
☒	☐	☐	This inspires & engages a wide array of people in commemoration of America's founding with our Revolutionary Declaration of Independence.
☒	☐	☐	This connects Chester County's stories to the nation's past, present & future.
☒	☐	☐	This commemoration is truly by the people, for all people. We invite wide input & welcome all to actively participate.
☒	☐	☐	This examines & fosters fundamental rights of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness for All.
☒	☐	☐	We zoom in to CCCF250 planning meetings to share information & ideas.

Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:

☐	\$250	☒	\$1,250	☐	\$2,250	☐	\$5,250	☐	\$10,250
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Please **BRIEFLY** describe how this funding will help your programs, services, activities and/or events to celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence, and our continuing journey toward liberty and justice for all.

What are you doing? When? Who will it impact? What difference do you aim to make?

What will it cost overall? Who are you partnering & coordinating with?

The Colonial Theatre will stage a Parlour Reading Series production of CATO, A Tragedy by Joseph Addison in July 2026 to honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The play - George Washington's favorite - was performed by his soldiers at Valley Forge, right down the road from Phoenixville, and it powerfully reflects the founding ideals of resisting tyranny and pursuing liberty.

Funding will support local performers and cover essential production expenses, including props, marketing, a director stipend, and administrative time, with total costs estimated at \$1,000–\$1,500. This program will engage local audiences, students, and community members by demonstrating how art has shaped our nation's early identity and continues to inform civic understanding today.

The Colonial Theatre will collaborate with local artists and community partners to present a meaningful, historically grounded cultural event that reconnects our region with its Revolutionary-era roots.

Please e-mail this Mini-Grant request with your 501c3 letter to grants@chescofc.org

Let Freedom Ring Mini-Grant decisions are made on the 25th of each month.

Questions? Contact Grants Officer Stephenie Stevens (610) 696-8211 grants@chescofc.org

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