



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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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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health & Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Governmental	<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:		

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

Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$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?

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

For Good. For All. Forever.

The Mill at Anselma

Let Freedom Ring Mini-Grant Proposal to Chester County Community Foundation

Introduction

The Mill at Anselma is pleased to submit this request for a \$2,250 Let Freedom Ring Mini-Grant from Chester County Community Foundation to support its special programs and events to celebrate and commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago.

The Mill at Anselma is the oldest known grist mill in the United States operating with its original machinery. It was built in 1747 on Pickering Creek in Chester County, Pennsylvania by Samuel Lightfoot, a surveyor, to produce flour and animal feed. It has been exactly maintained in its original structure and function. In 2005, The Mill was designated a National Historic Landmark, recognizing it as the most intact authentic example of a custom water-powered grist mill operating with its original Colonial-era power train in the United States. The Mill has a dedicated team of both full-time and part-time volunteers, achieves its goals without paid staff, and is supported solely by donations and grants.

America250 Programming

Eighteen months ago, The Mill at Anselma formed a committee (Anselma250) to direct The Mill's contributions to Chester County's America250 celebration. This committee with 11 members has met monthly since then. Our goal has been to celebrate our nation's independence while providing our visitors with a journey into life at a typical Colonial- Era grist mill and trace the history of this mill from its inception to present.

We have developed the following programming to tell our story:

1. A Colonial beehive bread oven staffed by volunteers to demonstrate the art of baking in Revolutionary times.
2. Our chicken coop will be decorated and a mannequin dressed as a Colonial miller who will discuss his responsibilities using a QR code. In addition, we will display a timeline including photographs that describe the history of the Mill.
3. From April to September on our monthly Demonstration Days (second Saturday of each month when we are grinding) we will have exhibits by Colonial-Era craftsmen including a brewmaster, surveyor, and blacksmith. In addition, we will have activities for children demonstrating skills used in colonial area homes including candle, ink, and paper making.
4. From April to September on the first Saturday of each month, we will hold a new History Day, which will include lectures from the Chester County Historical Society and local historians.
5. We will provide each family or individual visitor with a special handheld Declaration of Independence prepared by Dr. Emily Sneff, early American historian and leading expert on the Declaration of Independence.
6. We have prepared an entirely new exhibit of photographs illustrating the phases of restoration of our three main structures, the Mill, Miller's House, and the Wagon Barn, which now serves as the Visitor's Center.

Goals and Outcomes

Through our special America250 programs, activities, and events, we seek to demonstrate to visitors what it would be like to live in the colonial era in a community with a thriving grist mill. We want to emphasize to our visitors the significant fact that The Mill at Anselma was among numerous mills built at

this time in Chester County that played a key role in America’s ability to declare independence from Great Britain. By virtue of these mills, we became a nation that could feed itself. America250 is a unique and special opportunity to increase The Mill’s visibility, audience engagement, and future sustainability.

Community Served

Through our educational programs, tours, demonstrations, and events, The Mill at Anselma serves approximately 2,000 people a year, including schoolchildren, families, scholars, tourists, and Chester County residents. We anticipate welcoming many new and returning visitors for America’s upcoming 250th anniversary celebrations.

Budget

Lecture Stipends (Sept-April, 6 total)	\$700
Colonial-Era Reenactor Fees	
Brewmaster (2-day demonstration) ☐	\$600
Surveyor	\$250
Blacksmith	\$250
Breadmaking Demonstration Materials	\$100
Handheld Declaration of Independence (500)	\$350
Total	\$2,250

Collaboration

The Mill at Anselma is an active member of the Chester County America250 planning group, and is collaborating with the following partners in our preparation, programs, and events:

- Exton Chamber of Commerce – partner for fundraising events
- 18th Century Restorations – construction partner
- Iron and Steel Foundation – historic site partner
- Society for the Preservation of Old Mills – member organization, grant source
- Brandywine Valley Tourism – Chester County tourism partner

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 25 2003

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23-2971911

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Public Charity Status:

17(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated July 2, 1999, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity during an advance ruling period.

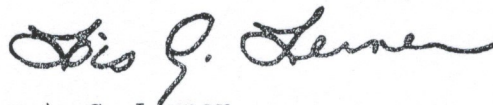
Based on our records and on the information you submitted, we are pleased to confirm that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading between 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements