



# DARE TO DECLARE

## CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION "DARE TO DECLARE" MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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

Please note: Per IRS regulations, grants can be awarded to nonprofit charities and municipalities, but NOT individuals nor businesses.

### Contact Information

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Year Incorporated: 1976

FEIN #: 23-2036005

Note: Please attach a copy of your 501c3 letter with this request.

### Organization Field of Interest

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

### Mini-Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation

	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	X	\$2,500
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### Your Dare to Declare Event:

Date	Time	Location Name	Location Address
July 4, 2026	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Maurice Stephens House, VFNHP	1000 Huntington Dr., King of Prussia PA 19406

**Please BRIEFLY describe: 1-how this funding will help your Dare to Declare Event, 2-who it will impact, 3-the approximate amount you'll be spending on Dare to Declare activities overall, and 4-who you are partnering/coordinating with.**

Funding from the Chester County Community Foundation's Dare to Declare mini-grant will help power the Valley Forge Park Alliance's (VFPA) Independence Day programming at its headquarters, the Maurice Stephens House, as part of Valley Forge National Historical Park's

(Valley Forge NHP) park-wide July 4 celebration. Valley Forge NHP has designated the Maurice Stephens House as an official House of Declaration reading location, where the VFPA will host three public readings of the Declaration of Independence throughout the day, each paired with live vocal performances of the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. Family-friendly, hands-on activities will take place between readings to encourage civic learning and participation. Grant funds will help to cover essential rentals and program supplies, such as tents, tables, seating and activity materials, that make the event possible.

The event will serve families, residents, and visitors to Valley Forge NHP, offering an accessible, welcoming opportunity to engage with the Declaration of Independence in a historic setting. Several hundred visitors will attend programming at the Maurice Stephens House throughout the day.

The VFPA anticipates total expenditures of approximately \$10,000 to deliver programming at this site that day. The requested \$2,500 will directly support the core infrastructure and supplies needed to host the event safely and comfortably, at no cost to the public.

The VFPA will present the program in close coordination with the Valley Forge NHP and fully integrate it into their official Independence Day schedule, contributing to a cohesive, park-wide celebration.

*Please e-mail this Mini-Grant request with your 501c3 letter to [grants@chescocf.org](mailto:grants@chescocf.org)*

*Dare to Declare Mini-Grant decisions are made on the 25th of each month.*

*Questions? Contact Grants Officer Stephenie Stevens (610) 696-8211 [grants@chescocf.org](mailto:grants@chescocf.org)*

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