



LET FREEDOM RING
AMERICA250 GRANT APPLICATION FORM
CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

VOICES OF BRANDYWINE

Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates (BBPA) is presenting "Voices of Brandywine," a living history presentation on August 2, 2026, as part of our "Brandywine: A Battle for Independence" series of programs commemorating our country's fight for independence. "Voices of Brandywine" is comprised of two different dramatic performances depicting events occurring on September 11, 1777, the day of the Battle of the Brandywine, on the land which is now Brandywine Battlefield Park. The performances will be staggered and each performance will be presented four times throughout the day, providing attendees flexibility with their scheduling, the ability to participate in both presentations and view a performance more than once. This unique program is provided to everyone who wishes to participate, regardless of life circumstances and status. These performances are accessible, outside venues. Canopy tents will provide participants with both shade on a bright, sunny day or protection from rain.

"*Across the Lines*" will be performed at the Benjamin Ring House, also known as "Washington's Headquarters" and depicts a scene focused on the moments leading up to battle from the perspective of Washington, and his decisions prior to the battle. The key characters include General Washington, Enoch Anderson, a captain in the Delaware regiment, from Newton, PA and Johann Ewald, a Jager captain.

"*The Cost of Brandywine*" portrays the impact the battle had on the lives of the community and features Mary "Polly" Frazer, whose husband was in the battle while she watched her farm being plundered, Joseph Townsend, a Quaker Witness and Dr. Benjamin Rush, a Philadelphia physician present at the battle. The historic Gideon Gilpin House will be the backdrop for this performance which was a Quaker Farm plundered by the British army.

Members of the audience are not passive spectators. They have the opportunity to be actively engaged and involved. Everyone will be provided with character cards prior to the performances so they can easily identify the characters and learn about the important roles they played in the fight for independence. The audience can speak and interact with historical interpreters after the performances. Period interpreters will include both Continental and British soldiers and Civilian and Quaker figures. They will speak with attendees about their experiences and challenges including what it was like to be a soldier, both on the battlefield and during the encampment and life in the community before and after the battle.

We wish to change the way we think of history. Our shared history is more than just a list of facts. While facts are important, there are additional lessons to be shared about the military, social and economic history of the people who lived the experience. "*Voices of Brandywine*" has the ability to tell the "Stories within the Story," developing a greater appreciation and understanding of the commitment, made by both the military and civilians, during the fight for American independence.

BBPA staff uses their historical knowledge to write the scripts and provide costume design advice. BBPA is partnering with Delaware Theater Company for this program for their services to direct and perform these dramatic presentations. BBPA volunteer reenactors will provide additional experiences and challenges.

The original budget for "Voices of Brandywine" is \$8,840 and funding for this amount has been provided by the Philadelphia Funder Collaborative for the Semiquincentennial and Longwood Foundation. Unfortunately, costs have risen more than what was expected and a "Let Freedom Ring" grant of \$2,250 will enable BBPA to successfully provide this one of a kind program, providing unique historical perspectives, and "*keep history alive!*"