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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

Contact Person Name: Pastor Robert Kossak
 Organization Name: Brandywine Baptist Church
 Address: 1463 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317
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 Email: robert.kossak@brandywinebaptist.org
 Website: www.BrandywineBaptist.org
 Year Incorporated: founded in 1692
 FEIN #: 23-6258251
 Note: Please attach a copy of your 501c3 letter with this request.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Govt	If other, please describe:			

Mini-Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500
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Your Dare to Declare Event:

Date	Time	Location Name	Location Address
Sept 12th 2026	11am	Brandywine Baptist Church	1463 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford PA

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.

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

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Brandywine Baptist Church, operating continuously since 1692 as one of America's oldest congregations, anchors this context at the intersection of history and service. Known as "The Church on the Battlefield," this historic property is also the site of the Battle of Brandywine cemetery. The Church regularly hosts worship, weddings, historical tours, and community outreach, weaving faith into the fabric of Chadds Ford's enduring legacy.

We are partnering with the Brandywine Battlefield Park Visitor Center and the local chapter of Daughters of the Revolution for an event which will serve to honor "The Known and The Unknown." DAR will present Brandywine Baptist Church with a dedication plaque which will list the known individuals who fought during the Battle of Brandywine and were laid to rest in our cemetery. We will also pay tribute to those "unknown" who fought and died but never had a properly recorded burial.

In addition to the reading of the Declaration of Independence, there will be speeches by Troy Grubb, director of the Battlefield Park Visitor Center, and Susan Wortech, director of DAR. After the speakers, an American flag will be ceremonially retired and buried on our grounds. The event will conclude with food and fellowship at no charge to attendees.

We believe that this event will have a positive impact on the local community at large, on families who may be descended from the Revolutionary soldiers being honored, on attendees who love the history of the United States of America, and on children who may attend and learn more about our history.

We anticipate that the cost for food, facilities, guests, decorations, and parking should not exceed \$2,000. The event is currently proposed for September 12th, 2026, with backup dates available if the weather does not cooperate.