



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 #: 23-6258251

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civil Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Governmental	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This examines & fosters fundamental rights of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness for All.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	\$2,250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10,000
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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@chescofcf.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@chescofcf.org

For Good. For All. Forever.



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.

In the spirit of "Let Freedom Ring," we will be partnering with our friends from the Kennett Square Chapter of the Underground Railroad on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, to formally recognize our Church's history as a stop on the journey from slavery to freedom.

In addition to a reading of the Declaration of Independence, we will have three speakers for the event: Crystal Crampton of the Kennett Underground Railroad, the Reverend Tyrone Thompson of Union Baptist Temple in Bridgeton, NJ, and our own Pastor Robert Kossak. Those in attendance will learn about the former slaves who travelled through our area and how they gained their freedom, as well as the role of Brandywine Baptist in this journey. Then they will gather for music, food, and fellowship.

We believe that this event will have a positive impact on the local community at large, on our brothers and sisters who descended from slaves, on attendees who love the history of the United States of America, and on children who may attend and learn more about our history, and on all who may gain a greater knowledge and respect for the impact slavery has had on American society.

We expect a large crowd from the community and surrounding area for our cookout, which will be free for all guests. We anticipate that the cost for food, facilities, guests, decoration and parking should not exceed **\$5,000**. The event is currently proposed for June 7th with backup dates available if the weather does not cooperate.