



Celebrate America's 250th Birthday!
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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

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 Year Incorporated: 1999
 FEIN #: 23-3008808
 Note: Please attach a copy of your 501c3 letter with this request.

Organization Field of Interest

<input 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/Govt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe: Main Street Org		

Mini-Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation

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

Date	Time	Location Name	Location Address
May 1	5:00-8:00pm	Downtown Oxford	112 Railroad Avenue, Oxford
August 7	5:00-8:00pm	Downtown Oxford	Downtown Business District
September 4	4:00-8:00pm	Downtown Oxford	Downtown Business District
October 2	5:00-8:00pm	Downtown Oxford	Downtown Business District
December 4	5:00-7:00pm	Downtown Oxford	Downtown Business District

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.

Oxford Mainstreet will use this funding to bring meaningful, family-friendly America250 programming to our five annual First Friday Street fairs (May, August, September, October, and December), which attract between 2,000 - 5,000 attendees per event. By hosting a dedicated "Dare to Declare" booth at each event, we will provide interactive, educational activities that celebrate the Declaration of Independence and engage our diverse community over several months rather than through a single-day celebration.

Funding will support hands-on activities such as America-themed face painting, patriotic make-and-take crafts, large-scale reproductions of the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, printed copies of the Declaration for attendees, a community signing display where participants can add their very own “John Hancock” to a huge Declaration of Independence, and a historical interpreter portraying Benjamin Franklin. At each event, we will also host a public reading of the Declaration of Independence to encourage reflection and civic pride.

This initiative will impact thousands of residents and visitors, particularly families and children, by making the 250th commemoration accessible, interactive, and inclusive. By spreading activities across five events, we anticipate reaching a broader cross-section of our community.

Oxford Mainstreet expects to spend approximately \$4000 on Dare to Declare activities overall. We spend tens of thousands on First Friday programming overall.

We will coordinate closely with the Oxford Area School District, the Oxford Area Historical Association, the Oxford Mainstreet Board of Directors, Oxford Borough, and dedicated community volunteers to plan and implement programming.

Thank you for your consideration!

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

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