

I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civic Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:		

Mission: Safe Harbor of Chester County's mission is to provide emergency shelter, nutritious meals, and individualized support that empowers adults experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency and long-term independence.

Geographic Area Served: Chester County, PA

Population Served: Unhoused individuals and residents of Chester County, PA facing food insecurity

Annual Budget \$ <u>1,709,062</u>	<u>8</u> # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>15</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>10</u> # of Board Volunteers
<u>83</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>350</u> # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>2</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses <small>100% = total</small>	_____ # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources: Private donors, state funding, corporate sponsors

This grant proposal is for: Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or _____ Capacity Building

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contingency Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnerships, Collaborations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merger, Closure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mission, Vision, Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Engagement & Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing, Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:				

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 10,000

CCCF Grant Application (General Operating Support)

Summary

Safe Harbor of Chester County offers a safe haven where adults experiencing homelessness can rebuild their lives with dignity, stability and hope. This grant will help sustain the essential services that nourish, empower and equip residents with the skills they need to pursue brighter futures. With this support, more individuals will gain confidence, secure employment and move forward into safe and permanent housing.

Nonprofit's overall aims, key initiatives, key achievements and distinctiveness

Safe Harbor of Chester County's mission is to provide emergency shelter, nutritious meals, and individualized support that empowers adults experiencing homelessness to achieve long-term independence. Our overall aim is to meet immediate basic needs while guiding residents toward lasting stability through compassionate care and trauma-informed programming.

A few of our key initiatives include our emergency shelter, community lunch program, and the Resident Success Program. Our Resident Success Program provides case management, job readiness support, financial literacy education, adult learning opportunities, transportation assistance and ongoing stabilization services after residents transition out of our shelter. Each year, we house more than 150 adults and provides 40,000 meals while maintaining a safe, supportive environment grounded in dignity and respect.

Safe Harbor is distinct in Chester County as one of the only emergency shelters providing trauma-informed care paired with structured pathways to employment, financial stability and permanent housing. Our leadership and staff are trained in compassionate care and crisis response to ensure that every individual receives support tailored to their needs and goals.

Funding Request

What specific needs and issues are being addressed, and through what programs and services?

This request supports Safe Harbor's general operating needs that make our core programs possible. Funding will strengthen our emergency shelter operations, daily meal service, and the Resident Success Program. Through shelter, meals, case management, job search assistance, digital and financial literacy education and transportation support, residents gain the foundation and skills necessary to move toward independence.

Why is it important to fund this now?

The need for emergency shelter and workforce readiness support in Chester County continues to rise as housing costs, food insecurity and economic instability increase. Safe Harbor remains at full capacity and demand for job readiness and financial literacy programming has grown significantly. General operating support is essential to sustain daily services, maintain safe and stable shelter operations and ensure that residents can access the resources they need to stabilize quickly and transition successfully into the community.

How will results and impact be demonstrated?

Impact will be measured through the number of individuals safely sheltered, meals provided, and participation in employment and financial literacy programming. We will track jobs secured, financial skills gained and successful transitions into permanent housing. Our case managers regularly conduct ongoing check-ins and post-exit follow ups to support our residents' continued stability, income improvements and long-term outcomes. Annual program data and resident success stories will further demonstrate the effectiveness of the services supported by this grant. We at Safe Harbor thank you for your consideration!