



## I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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### Organization Information:

#### Field/s of Interest:

	Arts, Culture, Heritage	x	Education, Library		Environment, Animals
x	Health	x	Human Services		Social Justice, Civic Engagement
	Religion		If other, please describe:		

**Mission:** The Believe & Achieve Foundation (B&A) is a community-based nonprofit committed to reducing food insecurity and expanding equitable access to youth enrichment opportunities. Our mission is simple and urgent: to ensure that children and families have access to nutritious food and transformative experiences that allow them to thrive.

**Geographic Area Served** (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): Chester County

**Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served.** (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)

Serving Children and Families throughout Chester County. Serving over 15,000 Children and Families

**Annual Budget** \$ 111,578.00 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
80 \_\_\_\_\_ % of budget for program expenses 5 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Board Volunteers  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ % of budget for administrative expenses 2 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ % of budget for fundraising expenses 500 \_\_\_\_\_ of Volunteer Hours  
100% = total

### Top 3-5 funding sources:

Grants, Individual Donors, and Annual Golf Outing

**This grant proposal is for:** x Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity Building

### If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

	Contingency Planning		Partnerships, Collaborations		Merger, Closure
	Mission, Vision, Strategy		Board Engagement & Leadership		Marketing, Communication
	Resource Development		Operations		Technology
	If other, please describe:				

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

### Proposal Summary: (a few sentences, please)

The Believe & Achieve Foundation (B&A) is seeking funding to support programs that reduce food insecurity and expand access to opportunities for children and families in our community. Through partnerships with local school districts and community organizations, B&A provides nutritious food and enrichment opportunities during critical times when school-based resources are unavailable, including school breaks, and summer months. This funding will help ensure families have consistent access to nutritious food while strengthening community well-being and supporting positive outcomes for children.



The Believe & Achieve Foundation (B&A) is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to reducing food insecurity and expanding equitable access to opportunities that support children, youth, and families. Our aim is to ensure that children have consistent access to nutritious food and meaningful experiences that promote healthy development, academic engagement, and long-term opportunity.

B&A works in close partnership with local school districts and community organizations to deliver programs within trusted, accessible spaces. This collaborative approach allows us to reach families efficiently, remove barriers to participation, and respond quickly to emerging community needs.

B&A's core initiatives include **Farm Fresh Markets**, which provide fresh produce and pantry staples to families experiencing food insecurity, and **B&A Boost**, an initiative that strengthens summer and out-of-school programs by expanding access to enrichment activities and experiential learning opportunities for youth.

Since its founding, B&A has built strong partnerships with local school districts (Coatesville Area School District, Kennett Consolidated School District, West Chester Area School District and the CCIU's Migrant Education Program) and various community organizations and now serves hundreds of children and families annually. The organization's distinctiveness lies in its partnership-driven model—working directly with local schools and community partners to identify needs, mobilize resources, and deliver practical solutions that address both immediate challenges and long-term opportunity gaps.

## **Funding Request**

Food insecurity remains a persistent challenge for many families in our community. Rising food costs and economic pressures have increased demand for assistance, particularly among households that rely on school-based meal programs and face gaps in access during weekends, school breaks, and the summer months.

Through **Farm Fresh Markets**, B&A distributes fresh produce and pantry staples directly within school and community locations, ensuring families have reliable access to nutritious food.

Through **B&A Boost**, B&A partners with schools and community organizations to strengthen youth programming by supporting enrichment activities, experiential learning opportunities, and resources that enable students to fully participate in summer and out-of-school programs.

Together, these initiatives address both immediate food needs and barriers to youth engagement that can limit academic success and personal development.

### **Why is it important to fund this now?**

Food insecurity continues to affect families as the cost of groceries and essential household expenses remains high. At the same time, financial barriers limit access to enrichment opportunities that help students stay engaged, build confidence, and develop new skills outside the classroom.

Funding currently ensures that B&A can sustain food distribution efforts while expanding youth opportunity through **B&A Boost**, enabling schools and community partners to respond directly to the needs of the families they serve.

### **How will results and impact be demonstrated?**

B&A evaluates program effectiveness through measurable outcomes, including:

- Number of children and families served
- Total pounds of food distributed through Farm Fresh Markets
- Number of youth participating in B&A Boost-supported programs
- Participation and engagement levels within partner programs

Ongoing collaboration with schools and community partners also provides qualitative feedback that helps assess impact, strengthen programming, and ensure responsible stewardship of funding.