

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Note: If Philanthropy Network's Common Grant Application is used, CCCF's Summary Sheet MUST accompany application. To obtain an electronic version of this application, visit www.chescocf.org

Date

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Organization Information:

Fields of interest:

Human Services

Mission: The Patrician Society strives to effectively meet the basic needs of economically disadvantaged adults, children, and families in the surrounding community.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): greater Norristown area of Montgomery County, PA

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served: In 2025: 2,607 unique families (comprised of 8,890 individuals) were served in one of more Patrician Society programs. In Montgomery County, 73,000 persons are food insecure. 57% choose between buying food and paying rent. The population in Norristown is 37% black, 27% Hispanic. According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, nearly 25% of Norristown residents are living at or below Federal Poverty Level.

N.B. this figure is grossly underreported due to the fact that a large percentage of the immigrant population does not participate in formal surveys.

Norristown residents living below the poverty level include 23% of all children and 16% of all seniors.

Annual Budget \$463,326
55 % of budget for program expenses
45% of budget for administrative expenses
0 % of budget for fundraising expenses
100 % total

4 # FullTime Equivalent Paid Staff
6 # of Board Volunteers
65 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
of Volunteer Hours/week 120

Top 3-5 funding sources: Private donations (71% of income in 2025); Foundation grants: 4 largest: Erb Charitable Fund, Genuardi Family Foundation, Pierce Family Foundation, Connelly Foundation

Is this grant proposal for: Capacity Building or **General Operating** x

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: ~~\$50,000~~

Proposal Summary: The Patrician Society is requesting funding for general operations in order to continue its multi-human service programs: Emergency Food Cupboard and **H.U.M.A.N. Program** (Helping with Utilities and Miscellaneous Aid for Neighbors).

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GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum,,

1. Nonprofit's history, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness

The Patrician Society is a nonprofit, non-sectarian multi-service organization which was founded and incorporated in 1981 with the purpose of serving verifiably needy persons in the greater Norristown area. The Patrician Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors, is tax exempt under I.R.S. Code 501(c)(3), and currently operates a multi-faceted human service assistance program.

In 2025, the agency served 2,607 unique verifiably needy households in one or more of its programs throughout the year- The only limitation on services is lack of available resources.

The agency is located in an economically depressed neighborhood largely inhabited by persons in the lower income strata. Agency policy, in order to be most useful in the delivery of services to this underprivileged population, is to provide only need-generated programming. To this end, the Patrician Society has begun such programs and has, when a particular need has been sufficiently met by other agencies, discontinued its own services in that area. Over the past 44 years, the Patrician Society has conducted a state-licensed after-school care center (the first in Norristown borough), a "tailgate" farmers' market, a men's overnight shelter, a children's summer day camp, a meal ticket voucher system, nutrition education classes for mothers receiving public assistance, psychological counseling services, an Hispanic support/socialization group, a summer youth jobs training program (in conjunction with the Temple University School of Social Administration), and a senior citizens' program.

Currently, the Patrician Society operates an Emergency Food Cupboard and assists families via its H.U.M.A.N. program (Helping with Utilities and Miscellaneous Aid for Neighbors). One distinctive aspect of the agency is that we have served the community uninterrupted for 44 years. We remained open all through the Covid pandemic after having made physical plant changes designed to continue service while keeping all clients, staff, and volunteers safe.

2. Funding request e Description of key initiatives o Emergency Food Cupboard - Eligible families are assisted with a grocery package containing enough non-perishable food for every member of the household to have 3 meals each day for 5 days. The family is required to provide identification for all members and is then eligible to receive 2 grocery packages each month in that calendar year.

In 2025, the Patrician Society provided 11,069 grocery packages to 2,276 registered families. Grocery packages are comprised of perishable and non-perishable food that is donated all through the year from various sources, including businesses, churches, schools, families, scout groups, and other institutions. In 2025, the Patrician Society received in-kind food donations from more than 450 unduplicated sources - a total of 36,181 "units" (bags, boxes) of food from all of its donors.

While the cupboard operates using all donated food, there are specific financial needs associated with the administrative costs of the program. There are approximately 65 regular volunteers who perform all required tasks including intake evaluations; clerical/computer duties; and offloading, separating, staging, shelving, re-packaging food.

The food cupboard is open year-round, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at other times by prior arrangement, and occasionally on a "drop-in" basis.

In terms of cooperation with other agencies, the Patrician Society is regularly involved with the Norristown Hospitality Center, Centra Behavioral Health, Catholic Social Service, Montgomery County Personal Navigator Program, Montgomery County Office of

Children and Youth, Montgomery County Office of Adult Services, and others in the sharing of referrals and provision of various services to ensure that all requests are fulfilled.

- H.U.M.A.N. Program (Helping with Utilities and Miscellaneous Aid for Neighbors) This program provides for eligible clients third-party payments for utility bills, heating oil, uninsured medical expenses, and other life-sustaining issues,

Agency staff reviews all prospective recipients (walk-ins and referrals) and does not rely solely on Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine eligibility. There is no arbitrary income cut-off for eligibility. Each family seeking assistance has different circumstances and assistance is thus determined by many factors including various types of family income and assets, number of persons in the household, current financial standing, and extraordinary or unusual family circumstances which may require Immediate attention.

After a review of each request, the Patrician Society will then allocate available resources as equitably and effectively as possible in order to best serve the most clients.

In 2026, the Patrician Society expects to serve 240 families with utility bill assistance or heating oil and 120 families with miscellaneous types of life-sustaining assistance (uninsured medical bills, SEPTA passes, basic insurance, etc.)

The Patrician Society receives 80-90 requests per week (walk-in clients as well as regular referral from Central Behavioral Health, Catholic Social Services, CADCOM, Salvation Army, DPW, and other agencies and churches.

- Specific needs & issues to be addressed: Due to the level of local poverty in which 1 in 9 families is food insecure with most food insecurity being caused by unemployment and/or underemployment, the Patrician Society seeks to provide a remedy with its multi-service platforms.
- Why it is important to fund this now: The overwhelming number of families with these issues is increasing annually. The Patrician Society is able to assist fewer than 20% of the families who approach us for help.
- How impact & results will be demonstrated The Patrician Society utilizes a daily, monthly, and yearly record review which involves accessing existing information gathered at the close of each program day. Such data shows that the emergency food cupboard and H.U.M.A.N. program have increased the service base in terms of number of families served. This data allows the agency to determine changes over time and to plan for and establish new and better methods of service delivery.
- For capacity building grant proposals: N/A

III. ATTACHMENTS

E-mail or mail this support information

1. Copy of 501 (c) (3) federal tax-exempt letter
2. List of Board of Directors, with their affiliations
3. Most recent annual report & financial statement, audited if available
4. Itemized organizational operating budget with actual results for prior fiscal year & current fiscal year to date
5. If capacity building initiative, itemized budget (including external consultant's proposal, if applicable)
6. Current strategic plan. If your nonprofit does not have a current strategic plan, explain why.

