



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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 Year Incorporated: established in 1685
 FEIN #: 23-1633788

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 type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Governmental	<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:		

A lot	Some	A little	
	X		This inspires & engages a wide array of people in commemoration of America's founding with our Revolutionary Declaration of Independence.
	X		This connects Chester County's stories to the nation's past, present & future.
X			This commemoration is truly by the people, for all people. We invite wide input & welcome all to actively participate.
X			This examines & fosters fundamental rights of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness for All.
	X		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,250	<input 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@chescofc.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@chescofc.org

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Honoring America's Roots in Westtown

The Westtown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) proposes a community tree planting initiative to celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial. Planting trees creates a living legacy that reflects the values of stewardship and civic responsibility that have shaped our country since its founding. By investing in trees today, the Township will create a living tribute to America's 250th birthday, while helping the environment and engaging residents in stewardship of their community.

Grant funding would support two interconnected components:

1. Community Tree Planting in Township Open Space

Planting native trees in Township open space will improve wildlife habitat, strengthen biodiversity, reduce stormwater runoff, and contribute to long-term environmental resilience. The EAC proposes to plant 50 potted trees and will also purchase materials (wire fencing, wooden stakes, wire ties, and mulch) to increase their survival rate. The EAC will work with the Arbor Day Foundation to choose species that are appropriate for the open space. Trees are expected to be delivered on April 24th, Arbor Day, and be planted on April 25-26.

2. Public Tree Workshop and Community Tree Giveaway

The EAC will host a public workshop led by the certified arborist that will provide residents with practical guidance on selecting appropriate native species, proper planting techniques, long-term tree care and maintenance, the environmental benefits of trees, including stormwater management, carbon sequestration, and habitat support. This educational component ensures that residents not only receive trees, but also gain the knowledge needed to help them thrive. A live demonstration will illustrate how to select appropriate planting locations, prepare the soil, and protect young trees from environmental stress.

Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to receive a free bare root tree to plant on their property. Each participant receiving a tree will be provided with a simple planting guide outlining step-by-step instructions for planting and maintaining their tree during the critical establishment period. The EAC will encourage participants to share photos of their planted trees or report planting locations, helping create a sense of shared participation and accountability within the community.

The EAC proposes to giveaway up to 50 bare root trees and will work with the Arbor Day Foundation to determine the most appropriate species for properties of 0.5 to 1 acre. The workshop will be held on Sunday, April 19th.

Together, the tree planting, workshop and tree giveaway will create a meaningful and lasting way for the Township to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary. The project aligns environmental stewardship with civic celebration, allowing residents to actively participate in honoring the past, while investing in the health and sustainability of the community's landscape for the future.

The total project cost as per the estimate provided by the Arbor Day Foundation is \$2,811.50.