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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.

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 Year Incorporated: 1996
 FEIN #: 76-0724241
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health & Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Govt	<input type="checkbox"/> If other, please describe:			

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
Fri May 29, 2026	8:30 – 10:30 am	Chester County History Center, West Chester	History	225 N High St, West Chester

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.

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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The requested \$2,500 will support The Fund for Women and Girls' "Dare to Declare" component of our 30th Anniversary Changemakers Event Series, featured as part of our Women's Rights Breakfast. This live spoken word performance will revisit the 1776 Declaration of Independence through the lens of gender and race by pairing the original text with excerpts from historic and contemporary voices, including the Declaration of Sentiments, *Ain't I a Woman?*, *The Negro Woman and the Quest for Equality*, and the Combahee River Collective Statement. The experience will invite reflection and dialogue, and conclude by asking participants to consider what comes next and the role each of us plays in moving closer to freedom and justice for all.

This experience will engage a diverse audience of community members across Chester County, including nonprofit leaders, advocates, caregivers, and residents. We will ground the program in lived experiences of today and connect it to current issues facing women and families. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how our history connects to present-day inequities, and with a stronger sense of their own voice and ability to take action.

The Dare to Declare component is part of a larger anniversary event. Venue and catering will cost approximately \$4,500. Additional funds will support program materials, including a printed Dare to Declare guide that walks participants through the journey from 1776 to today, incorporating the featured texts and providing space for personal reflection and commitments.

We are partnering with community members and advocacy leaders to bring a range of voices into the performance. We are also working in collaboration with the Chester County History Center as our venue partner. Chester County Commissioners will be present to recognize our 30th anniversary, and we continue to engage local sponsors, including WSFS Cares, Haverford Trust, Pegasus Technologies and others, to support and participate in the event.