



**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.

**Contact Information**

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 Year Incorporated: 1849  
 FEIN #: 23-1878172

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 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/Govt	<input type="checkbox"/> If other, please describe:			

**Mini-Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation**

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500
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**Your Dare to Declare Event:**

Date	Time	Location Name	Location Address
June 21, 2026	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Barnard Station/Pocopson Township Municipal Campus	650 & 664 South Wawaset Road West Chester, PA 19382

**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.

(See following page)

Please e-mail this Mini-Grant request with your 501c3 letter to [grants@chescof.org](mailto:grants@chescof.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@chescof.org](mailto:grants@chescof.org)

# For Good. For All. Forever.

## 1) How this funding will help your Dare to Declare Event?

Pocopson Township seeks to partner with the Friends of Barnard Station, the Pocopson Township Historical Committee, and the Pocopson Township Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee to host a Dare to Declare event as part of the America 250 celebration. The event will feature the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an ice cream social, and a patriotic bicycle parade designed to engage residents of all ages. Requested funding would help offset overall event costs, including live music, rental of an ice cream truck from Baily's Dairy (a Township-based business), prizes for the bicycle parade, and related marketing materials.

## 2) Who will it impact?

This event will impact all residents of Pocopson Township (population 4,539), and notices will be distributed to all Township households inviting them to participate. While the event is primarily focused on Township residents, it will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

## 3) The approximate amount you'll be spending on Dare to Declare activities overall.

It is anticipated that this event will serve as the primary Dare to Declare activity within the Township for 2026. In addition, educational materials will be made available at other Township events, including the Township's Founders Day, as well as at the Township Administration Building. The total anticipated cost for Dare to Declare activities for the year, including this event, is not expected to exceed \$1,000.

## 4) Who are you partnering/coordinating with?

The Dare to Declare event will be coordinated in partnership with Pocopson Township, the Pocopson Township Historical Committee, the Pocopson Township Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee, and the Friends of Barnard Station. The Township will also work with Baily's Dairy, a Township-based business, to rent its ice cream truck for the event. Additional support partners will include the Pocopson Township Public Works Department, which will assist with safety equipment and preparation of the event grounds, as well as Pocopson Home, which will provide parking accommodations.