



LET FREEDOM RING & DARE TO DECLARE FUNDING REQUEST

AMERICA250 GRANT APPLICATION FORM (AS OF 4/9/26-FINAL FUNDING REQUESTS) CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An electronic version of this application is available at <https://cccf250.org/planning/>

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Year Incorporated:

FEIN #: 23-6002855

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 checked="" 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 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.

Date: We plan to include a Dare to Declare reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$6,000
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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. Include any details about Dare to Declare readings of the Declaration of Independence – especially date/time/place.

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 grant request with your 501c3 letter to grants@chescof.org

Let Freedom Ring & Dare to Declare grant decisions are made weekly.

Questions? Contact Grants Officer Paige Mardsen (610) 696-8211 grants@chescof.org

For Good. For All. Forever.

I am writing to respectfully apply for funding support for a community mural project in celebration of America 250. My name is Kevin Scalfaro and I am the Founder of the Chester County Mural & Arts Project, as well as the Chairperson of the Downingtown Parks and Recreation Commission. Through both roles, I have worked to bring accessible, meaningful public art to our community, and this project represents an exciting opportunity to do just that on a larger, commemorative scale.

The proposed mural will be located in the heart of Downingtown at Kerr Park, a central and well-loved gathering space for residents and visitors alike. The design will feature a patriotic theme, centered around the powerful and symbolic image of the eagle. Beyond patriotism, the mural will also reflect the core values of community, unity, and diversity—celebrating the many voices and backgrounds that shape our town and our nation.

This project is intended to have a meaningful impact across a wide range of community members. Kerr Park serves families, local residents, youth groups, and visitors, making it an ideal location for a mural that invites reflection, pride, and connection. By creating a highly visible and inclusive piece of public art, we aim to foster a stronger sense of belonging and shared identity within Downingtown. The mural will serve as both an educational and inspirational landmark—encouraging conversations around history, unity, and the importance of diverse perspectives in shaping our country's story.

A key component of this project is its local impact. The mural will be designed and painted by a local artist, reinforcing our commitment to supporting regional talent and ensuring the artwork authentically represents the spirit of Downingtown. In addition, we plan to engage the community through fundraising efforts and outreach, creating a shared sense of ownership and pride in the final piece.

The total projected cost for the mural is up to \$6,000, which includes artist compensation, materials, site preparation, and protective coatings to ensure longevity. While we are committed to raising a portion of these funds through local efforts, grant support will be critical in helping us bring this vision to life. If awarded, we anticipate the mural will be completed by the end of June.

We believe this mural will serve not only as a visual landmark for America 250, but also as a lasting symbol of unity, reflection, and local pride for years to come. I am attaching some first draft ideas (along with my grant application).

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to provide additional details or answer any questions.

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