



I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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| | Arts, Culture, Heritage | | Education, Library | | Environment, Animals |
| X | Health | X | Human Services | | Social Justice, Civic Engagement |
| | Religion | | If other, please describe: | | |

Mission: The Center’s mission is to leverage our collective impact to provide access to health and human services. Together we improve the whole health and well-being of the community.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): CCCH serves the greater Coatesville, PA area.

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served. (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)

CCCH works with our tenant agencies to provide coordinated services at our site, providing about 3,000 Coatesville area residents annually with health and human services. In addition, CCCH has developed a range of its own programs to fill service gaps in greater Coatesville. These programs now reach about 1,500 people every year (nearly all residents of Chester County) and meet community need in the areas of early childhood education, food security, health education, and kinship family support.

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| Annual Budget <u>\$457,818</u> | | <u>2.5</u> | # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff |
| <u>88</u> % of budget for program expenses | | <u>9</u> | # of Board Volunteers |
| <u>9</u> % of budget for administrative expenses | | <u>7</u> | # of Active Non-Board Volunteers |
| <u>3</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses | | <u>40</u> | # of Volunteer Hours |

100% = total

Top 3-5 funding sources: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), \$199,010; Jennifer McNeil, \$15,000; Justamere Foundation, \$15,000; Chester County Community Foundation, \$10,000 for Strategic Planning

This grant proposal is for: Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or Capacity Building

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contingency Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships, Collaborations | <input type="checkbox"/> Merger, Closure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission, Vision, Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Engagement & Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Communication |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Resource Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technology |
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Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 10,000

Proposal Summary: *(a few sentences, please)*

CCCH is requesting general operating funds in the amount of \$10,000 to support our organization's work to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for the especially low-income and high-need community in Coatesville, PA. Our organization serves as a hub where several partner agencies collaborate to provide complementary services to Coatesville residents, while other organizations provide regular services and learning opportunities onsite. CCCH itself convenes all of our local service providers to determine gaps in service. Over time, we have developed several programs of our own to close these gaps and help Coatesville residents thrive. Your support at this time would also help us implement a much-needed expansion of our existing food distribution work and also a strategic advancement of our CARN network to strengthen the entire Coatesville community.

II. GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information in 1-3 pages. Please be brief.

1. Nonprofit's overall aims, key initiatives, key achievements & distinctiveness

Coatesville Center for Community Health (CCCH) was established in 1999 when it was determined that many Coatesville residents were unable to access critically needed social services due to lack of health insurance, lack of transportation, little knowledge about where to go for help, and few Spanish-speaking agencies. In response to this need, CCCH opened its doors in 2001 as “a one-stop shop” of co-located agencies strategically designed to address the complex needs of the diverse Coatesville community.

CCCH's tenant agencies are: Family Service of Chester County, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern PA, and the Chester County Health Department (WIC). We also routinely partner with local organizations not based in our building, including Legal Aid, the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, ChesPenn Health Services, and the Chester County Food Bank. By offering these organizations' services in conjunction with our in-house services and programs, we reduce still further the barriers local residents face to accessing the services they need to stay healthy and stable.

While our tenant agencies provide coordinated services at our site, CCCH is more than just a colocation site for local health and human services. CCCH convenes these agencies to work together to identify service gaps, develop a collective response, mobilize needed resources, implement innovative services, and conduct community outreach to other partners not under our roof. CCCH has also developed a range of its own programs to fill service gaps in greater Coatesville.

CCCH's work pursues two broad goals to improve population health:

- 1) Help low-income residents of Coatesville have greater access to necessary health and human services through co-location and service integration to overcome social, economic, and environmental barriers to good health. Coatesville residents benefit from this model, which provides safe, equitable, accessible, and efficient care and education including health insurance enrollment assistance, mental health services, reproductive health services, domestic violence services, information and referral, family education and support, and supplemental nutrition support.
- 2) Create a healthier, more equitable community by helping residents make healthy lifestyle choices and achieve improved health through free educational programs that improve the health knowledge and behaviors needed to build a better, healthier future for their families.

CCCH's directly run programs are designed to address identified needs in Coatesville, including:

- CCCH strengthened our partnership with the Chester County Food Bank three years ago to become an authorized Tier 2 Food Provider, which has increased our weekly produce availability and our variety of staple food items. The high rates of poverty in Coatesville, combined with the skyrocketing costs of food and steep cuts to many federal food programs, mean that our community will face serious food insecurity if nonprofits such as ours cannot fill the need. Our hope is to substantially increase the reach and quality of our food distribution programs year after year.

- We partner with Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania to provide regular Clean Slate and Expungement Workshops to assist those with a criminal background to expunge their records. This is a critical step for justice-involved individuals that can help them start fresh, access better employment opportunities, and build new lives.
- To help improve children's literacy in Coatesville, our Children's Literacy programming distributes hundreds of age-appropriate children's books each year to client families of our own programs (such as GRANDfamilies) and to our tenant agency families.
- Our innovative GRANDfamily Initiative continues to grow and expand its impact to many more families across Chester County. Ours is the only GRANDfamily program in Chester County, so we attract participants from Coatesville and also from more distant communities. The GRANDfamily Initiative provides important practical assistance, case management, life skills education and mutual/peer support for grandparents raising grandchildren. These families often face financial and legal challenges, as well as emotional challenges related to family trauma (typically incarceration, substance abuse, or death of the parent/s).

Together, CCCH's programs address numerous social determinants of health, including education, physical safety, employment, financial stability, safe and stable housing, and mutual support. Our programs also promote healthy choices through nutrition education and activities, giving people tools to improve their health into the future.

2. Funding request

- **What specific needs & issues are being addressed, via what programs and services?**
- **Why is it important to fund this now?**
- **How will results & impact be demonstrated?**

The City of Coatesville in Chester County is still our organization's primary focus area. Coatesville is among Chester County's poorest communities, with a median household income of \$57,323 (less than half the median household income of \$123,041 in Chester County as a whole) and a per capita income of just \$27,961. The poverty rate in the City of Coatesville is 20.4, more than three times the rate of that in the County as a whole. The poverty rate is more than 30% for children. In a community with so much poverty, families need a trusted, convenient hub to address their various healthcare and social service needs. CCCH has provided that hub for more than 20 years. The need, in this time of high inflation and slashed benefit programs, is urgent.

All CCCH programs operate year-round and are continually responsive to our participants' and community's needs. CCCH tracks all program participation, from the number of families participating in the GRANDfamily Initiative to the number of books and backpacks we distribute to local children to the attendance at our educational events. For our GRANDfamily Initiative, we also collect data on the demographics of the children and caregivers we serve. As we plan to expand our food distribution work, we will collect more information about the people who come to our Food Pantry in order to better understand the local need. Our CARN forum offers us the opportunity to gather information from community stakeholders about unmet needs in Coatesville and to strategize about collectively meeting these emergent needs.

Our anticipated outcomes for the current year, all of which seek to improve the health and well-being of Coatesville's families, include:

- Expand the food distribution capacity of our organization to offer more frequent opportunities for food pickup and a wider range and larger quantity of foodstuffs and serving a higher number of people, with a goal of 3,500 unduplicated individuals in 2026-2027, including at least 1,500 children.
- Serve at least 90 families/300 individuals through our thriving GRANDfamily Initiative.
- Offer at least 400 age-appropriate books to children throughout the year and provide at least 70 filled backpacks for our Back-to-School drive in summer 2026.
- Hold regular educational opportunities for our community members, including health events and Clean Slate/Expungement workshops.
- Continue to provide multiple channels for our CARN community network of agencies to communicate and share important information, include monthly virtual meetings, regular informational emails, and a community agency online forum.
- Expand our CARN work into a workforce and internship coordination initiative through partnerships with universities including West Chester University and others. CCCH [plans to create a centralized internship placement network for social work, public health, and human services students while supporting organizations that may lack the capacity or credentialed staff required for student supervision. Through existing MSW credentials within CCCH leadership, qualifying supervision could be provided for social work interns placed throughout the network. This expansion would strengthen nonprofit capacity, increase workforce development opportunities, and create additional support for organizations serving the greater Coatesville community.