



## I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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### Organization Information:

#### Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civic Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/> If other, please describe:			

**Mission:** The mission of the Oxford Area Senior Center is to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens in Southern Chester County by Providing Programs and services that promote health, wellness, and fellowship.

**Geographic Area Served** (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served): The Oxford Area Senior Center (OASC) serves individuals residing in 17 municipalities throughout the Avon Grove, Oxford Area, and Octorara School Districts. About 60% of our participants reside in the Borough of Oxford.

**Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served.** (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)  
 During our 2024-2025 fiscal year, the OASC served more than 800 individuals age 60 and older. More than a third of those we serve are over age 80. The majority of our participants are women (69%) and a large percentage of our seniors live alone. They are generally of modest means: 14% have incomes at or below poverty level and the remainder survive on limited, fixed incomes.

<b>Annual Budget</b> \$ <u>378,222</u>	<u>3.1</u> # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>85</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>14</u> # of Board Volunteers
<u>12</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>68</u> # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>3</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>4,344</u> # of Volunteer Hours

100% = total

### Top 3-5 funding sources:

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

### If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

<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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	If other, please describe:				

**Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:** \$ 5,000

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

The Oxford Area Senior Center (OASC) is requesting general operating support to maintain all of our nutrition, wellness, educational and social programs for the 800+ seniors we serve each year. Our facility serves as a hub for our community's often isolated and lonely seniors, where they can enjoy healthy meals, regular exercise, and support services to help them better navigate their later years.

## 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

The Oxford Area Senior Center is greater Oxford's hub for area seniors to receive assistance, access healthy food and exercise programs, and engage in educational and enrichment programs in community. The goal of programming at the OASC is to connect the senior citizens in our community (most of whom are low-income) with services that help them meet their basic needs and gain access to other resources that contribute to their health and independence. We offer our participants:

#### **Meal and supplemental food programs**

- Hot lunches served at the senior center each weekday, in a congregate setting
- Senior food boxes (filled with foods that include key nutrients for seniors, such as fresh produce, whole grains and items with reduced sugar and salt)

#### **Health and wellness programs**

- Weekly blood pressure screenings
- Gentle stretching and weightlifting programs
- Silver Sneakers and other exercise programs
- Mind Matters: Home safety and fall prevention education

#### **Social, recreational, and educational activities**

- Cards, games, painting classes
- Trips to theatres and factory tours

#### **Technology help**

- Helping with questions regarding cell phones, computers, software, tablets, etc.

#### **Information & Assistance Program**

- Individual counseling (by a state-certified, specially trained staff member) on all aspects of Medicare and assistance with enrollment
- Referral to the Chester County Department of Aging (for services such as meals, care management, etc.)
- Assistance and follow-up with applications for various County, State and Federal Assistance Programs (including VA benefits, SNAP, SSI)
- Assistance with community resources (housing, transportation, food, etc.)

Together, these activities provide a comprehensive support system for isolated seniors, promoting their continuing health, nutrition, learning, and community connections.

### 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?**

Oxford recently became Chester County's poorest community, surpassing Coatesville with a poverty rate of nearly 24%. For older adults living in or near poverty, and on fixed incomes, rising inflation and costs for basic needs such as food and rent can be challenging and can lead to poor nutrition and compromised physical and mental health. These rising costs are especially problematic for the seniors in our community, who are living on fixed incomes and in many cases well below the poverty line. The OASC offers a welcoming environment where seniors can stay healthy, active, and engaged with the community regardless of their means. Success for us means that the seniors we serve can:

- Access hot meals enjoyed in community during the week and healthy food they can take home to keep them adequately fed regardless of their income.
- Receive information and assistance from our team to help them meet a wide range of needs, including benefits enrollment support and connections to other services in the community.
- Enjoy senior-appropriate exercise programs to build strength and prevent health problems and falls.
- Connect over shared interests, participate in recreational activities and attend educational programs. These opportunities not only combat isolation but help foster meaningful relationships, creating a sense of belonging and companionship that can be vital for emotional well-being. By encouraging social interaction through regular events, clubs and group outings, we help individuals stay active and mentally stimulated.

The National Council on Aging studies indicate that adults who participate in senior centers learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvement in their physical, social, emotional, and economic well-being. The majority report receiving helpful information and acquiring new skills that contribute to their continued independence. We are proud to be Oxford's long-term resource for seniors.

Our collaboration with other organizations plays a vital role in enhancing the services provided to seniors at OASC. We work closely with the Chester County Department of Aging, which not only offers essential funding but also delivers valuable training and resources tailored to the needs of older adults. In addition, our partnership with the Chester County Food Bank enables us to offer supplemental nutrition beyond our regular noon congregate meal offerings. Through this network with the CCFB, seniors can benefit from the Chester County Senior Food Box program and receive monthly boxes. Weekly deliveries of fresh produce from the CCFB further support our efforts to ensure food security for seniors in the community. These collaborative efforts strengthen our ability to address basic needs and support overall well-being for those we serve.

Grant support will enable the Oxford Area Senior Center to continue these programs and support the seniors in Southern Chester County as we have for more than 50 years. In the coming fiscal year (7/1/26-6/30/27), we anticipate meeting the following goals and objectives:

- Serve at least 800 unduplicated Oxford area seniors.
- Provide at least 5,400 lunches for seniors to enjoy in community.
- Offer at least 260 varied exercise classes geared to seniors.
- Provide information and assistance support during at least 1,500 visits to our facility.
- Provide technology support and education during at least 300 visits to our facility.
- Continue to engage with our participants and our community with a robust volunteer program, maintaining a corps of at least 65 volunteers.

### III. ATTACHMENTS

*Email this support information. If it is on your website, please provide the URL.*

1. Copy of **501 (c) (3)** federal tax-exempt letter
  2. List of **Board** of Directors, with their affiliations
  3. Most recent **annual report**
  4. Audited or reviewed recent **financial statement**
  5. Itemized **organizational operating budget** with actual results for prior fiscal year & current fiscal year to date
  6. If capacity building initiative, **itemized budget** (including external consultant's proposal, if applicable)
  7. Current **strategic plan**. If your nonprofit does **not** have a current strategic plan, **explain why**.
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  - Proposals are considered "complete" when CCCF has **confirmed** receipt of the **Grant Proposal Summary Sheet, Narrative & Attachments**.
  - Proposals are shared electronically and online with Fund Advisors, Donors & Grant Panels.
  - Per IRS Regulations, applicants must be charitable, tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) certification & cannot be individuals.

Please contact Kevin Baffa, Grants Administrator or Stephenie Stevens, Grants Officer at **(610) 696-8211** or [grants@chescocf.org](mailto:grants@chescocf.org) with any questions.

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