

Chester County Community Foundation Grant Application

General Operating / Direct Participant Support Request | \$5,000

I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

Date	July 8, 2026	Grant Amount Requested	\$5,000
Organization Name	The Archangel Project	President	Shaun McLaughlin
Address	5013 Hiffletrayer Rd, Green Lane, PA 18054	Vice President	Matthew Robison
Phone	215-808-1512	Board Chair Name	N/A - no formal board currently in place
Website	thearchangelproject215.org	Board Chair Approval	N/A - founder approval provided
Year Incorporated	2024	Primary Contact Name	Shaun McLaughlin
FEIN	99-2857925	Primary Contact E-mail	thearchangelproject215@gmail.com
Tax Status	501(c)(3) public charity, 509(a)(2); effective May 6, 2024		

Field(s) of Interest	☒ Human Services ☐ Health ☐ Education ☐ Arts/Culture ☐ Environment ☐ Religion
Mission	The Archangel Project supports men in crisis through mentorship, fellowship, fitness, and steady one-to-one support, helping each man build routine, accountability, and the practical stability to take the next step forward.
Geographic Area Served	Based in Green Lane, Pennsylvania; current direct service includes Chester County, specifically Coatesville, West Chester, and Downingtown.
Population Served & Annual Number Served	Five active adult men currently served in Chester County: three in Coatesville, one in West Chester, and one in Downingtown.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Annual Budget (2025 expenses)	\$20,390	# FTE Paid Staff	0 (founders draw \$0)
Program Expenses	44.7% (\$9,116)	# Board Volunteers	0 - no formal board
Administrative / Operations Expenses	55.3% (\$11,274)	# Active Non-Board Volunteers	Two unpaid founders; no separate volunteers reported
Fundraising Expenses	0.0%	# Volunteer Hours	Not tracked
Total	100.0%		
Top Funding Sources	Individual donations; foundation grants; fundraising events; peer-to-peer fundraising; monthly giving program; faith-based giving.		

Proposal Type

☒ Direct Service Programs & General Operating ☐ Capacity Building

Proposal Summary

The Archangel Project requests \$5,000 to provide timely, documented practical support for adult men currently engaged in Chester County. Funds will help remove barriers that can disrupt work, housing, transportation, routine, and continued engagement in mentoring. Assistance will be tied to an individual support plan and recorded by date, de-identified case number, purpose, amount, and receipt. The request supports groceries and basic needs, transportation, limited housing stabilization, work-readiness and recovery-resource costs, low-cost activities that build healthy routine and connection, and a small emergency reserve.

II. GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

1. History, goals, key achievements, and distinctiveness

The Archangel Project is a Pennsylvania 501(c)(3) public charity founded in 2024 by Shaun McLaughlin and Matthew Robison. It serves adult men who are working through instability, transition, recovery-related challenges, or other practical barriers that can quickly become larger crises without steady support. Its stabilization services include assistance with housing, food, transportation, clothing, and other critical needs that remove barriers to successful reentry.

The work is straightforward. A participant is met with consistently, goals are discussed, and practical barriers are addressed as they arise. That may involve a ride to work, groceries during a difficult week, help navigating a housing problem, a connection to an outside resource, or a regular activity that helps a man stay connected to a healthy routine. Archangel is a mentorship and practical support organization. It does not provide detoxification, medical care, psychiatric services, or clinical counseling. When a participant needs those services, Archangel makes an appropriate connection and continues supportive contact.

As a young organization, Archangel has focused first on building dependable relationships, maintaining basic records, and meeting immediate needs without promising more than it can deliver. Its value is not a one-time transaction. It is the follow-through: a person who knows the participant, stays in contact, and helps keep a temporary setback from becoming a larger loss of housing, work, or connection.

2. Funding request

This request supports Archangel's core 90-day mentorship track and the direct practical assistance that makes the track meaningful. Participants meet with a mentor regularly and receive short check-ins between meetings. The work begins with immediate needs and a basic plan, then moves toward routine, work and family goals, stable support, and next steps. At the end of the 90 days, the participant and Archangel decide whether continued mentoring, another focused period of support, or a connection to another organization is most appropriate.

Specific needs and issues addressed

The request is focused on five active Chester County participants and verified Chester County referrals during the grant period. Current participants are in Coatesville, West Chester, and Downingtown. The common need is not one diagnosis or one circumstance. It is the need for a small, fast, accountable source of help when a barrier appears. A grocery shortage, missed transportation, a small housing gap, lack of clothing, or loss of a healthy routine can affect employment, stability, and willingness to stay engaged. Archangel uses practical assistance alongside mentoring so that support is not limited to conversation.

Example of practical support. Upon release from prison, a participant was provided with transportation and a three-night stay at a local hotel. This support provided immediate stability and time to secure long-term housing.

Why funding is needed now

Archangel is operating with a modest cash balance. Its current bank balance is \$8,860, while 2025 total expenses were \$20,390. A dedicated pool for documented participant support allows the organization to respond when timing matters without diverting its entire operating base to one immediate need. The grant would also allow the organization to strengthen the simple records needed to show what was provided, why it was provided, and what happened next.

How results and impact will be demonstrated

Archangel will keep a private, non-clinical case log using case numbers rather than names. Over the grant period, it will report in aggregate on the number of Chester County participants receiving mentoring contact or direct support; the number and type of documented support actions; 30- and 90-day engagement checks; referrals or agreed next steps; and grant-funded expenses supported by receipts and approval notes. Success will be measured conservatively: a participant remains engaged or leaves with a documented next step and an appropriate connection. The organization will not represent this work as clinical treatment or claim outcomes it cannot document.

III. PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

Use	Amount
Groceries and basic needs	\$1,200
Transportation and work access	\$900
Limited housing stabilization	\$1,200
Work-readiness / recovery-resource costs	\$600
Fitness, fellowship, and healthy-routine activities	\$400
Emergency reserve for documented participant needs	\$700
Total	\$5,000

Each expense will be tied to a de-identified case number, date, purpose, amount, receipt, and approval note. Housing stabilization and the emergency reserve require a written approval note.

IV. PLANNING STATEMENT

The Archangel Project operates from a written business and program plan that defines its mission, its 90-day mentorship approach, and its near-term service goals. As a young organization operated by its two founders, it has not adopted a separate multi-year strategic plan with formal financial targets. Its immediate priorities are to deepen service in Chester County and improve financial and participant-support recordkeeping.

V. ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter
- Governance information provided in place of a current board roster and board-chair approval
- Financial summary and itemized operating budget with 2024 actuals, 2025 actuals, and 2026 year-to-date information