



I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission: RSN helps under-resourced college and trade students meet basic needs to reach their academic goals and improve life outcomes.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):

RSN serves higher education students who attend a number of RSN's partner educational institutions. Approximately 10% of the 600 students we serve (**60+ students and their families**) live in Chester County tracked through zip code analysis.

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

In 2025 we served over 600 students. Many of the students we serve are non-traditional students, bringing a diverse set of life experiences. In 2025, 61% of students served were black indigenous people of color (BIPOC), 44% of students with dependents (children or aging parents), 28% first-generation students, 18% immigrant students, and the average age was 27. The students we serve hold full-time or part-time jobs and have dreams of better-paying employment and a more sustainable future.

Annual Budget \$463,600

86 % of budget for program expenses

14 % of budget for administrative expenses

% of budget for fundraising expenses

100% = total

2 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff

11 # of Board Volunteers

41 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers

10,185 # of Volunteer Hours

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:

	Contingency Planning		Partnerships, Collaborations		Merger, Closure
	Mission, Vision, Strategy		Board Engagement & Leadership		Marketing, Communication
	Resource Development		Operations		Technology
	If other, please describe:				

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

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

Resilient Students Network (RSN) respectfully requests \$5,000 in general operating support from the Chester County Community Foundation to strengthen our capacity to help under-resourced college and trade school students overcome basic needs barriers that threaten their education. General operating funding will provide flexibility to sustain essential programs that address food insecurity, housing instability, and emergency financial needs while supporting the organizational infrastructure necessary to expand our impact across southeastern Pennsylvania. This investment will help ensure more students can remain enrolled, complete their education, and achieve long-term economic mobility.