I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

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

Mission: **Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) is the only non-profit organization in Chester County whose mission is to provide accessible and Affordable acupuncture and related therapies to improve the physical, mental and emotional health of individuals in our communities. AHA believes that everyone should have access to the healing power of acupuncture. We do all that we can to make our care physically And financially accessible to all who choose to use it.**

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

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served. *(Include Chester County # &/or % served.)*
Over 98% from Chester County. In 2025 AHA served 416 patients with 2514 visits.

Annual Budget $_278,582_____ ___4_____ # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
___100_____ % of budget for program expenses __4_____ # of Board Volunteers
_____ % of budget for administrative expenses ___3_____ # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
_____ % of budget for fundraising expenses ___55_____ # of Volunteer Hours
100% = total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Individual Donations, Charlotte Weaver Foundation

This grant proposal is for: ____Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or _x___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	[x]	Technology
[ ]	If other, please describe:				

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: $___5000_____

Proposal Summary: *(a few sentences, please) Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) is requesting funding to create a new website that will help us to promote our services, cultivate relationships, support donations and direct appropriate internet searches to us.*

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The need for accessible and affordable healthcare remains significant. At the same time, acupuncture continues to be an underutilized resource within the American healthcare system. In 2018 the Joint Commission, a non-profit organization operating in the United States that accredits over 22,000 hospitals and healthcare services, implemented new standards requiring all hospitals to make non-pharmacological treatment for pain, **including acupuncture**, available and, when not available, to educate patients on where these treatments could be accessed on discharge. This recommendation to offer or refer for acupuncture would apply to over 100 million emergency room visits annually in the United States alone.
The challenge is no longer simply demonstrating that acupuncture is an effective healthcare option. The challenge is ensuring that people **know about acupuncture, can afford it, can find an appointment when they need one, and have an accessible facility where they can receive care.**
Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) is the first and only non-profit organization in Chester County whose mission is to provide accessible and affordable acupuncture and related therapies to improve the physical, mental, and emotional health of people in our community. AHA was founded in May of 2022 by Margaret Sheehan, who holds a Master of Traditional Oriental Medicine Degree from the Pacific College of Health and Science (formerly the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine). She is a Pennsylvania Licensed Oriental Medicine Practitioner (LOM). Margaret is also a graduate of West Chester University, with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work in 1980.
AHA opened its clinic in October of 2022. They offer acupuncture and related therapies in an accessible office in a plaza that includes Physical Therapy, Pain Management, Podiatry, Ophthalmology and a 12 Step Clubhouse. This location helps to make acupuncture more visible to potential patients. The abundant parking also makes it possible for patients with limited mobility to come for treatment.
AHA strives to make acupuncture treatment financially accessible by offering care on a sliding scale fee basis. Acupuncture therapies are not always covered by health insurance and even when they are, high deductibles prevent patients from using those benefits. Even people of modest means may find it hard to afford acupuncture treatment.

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There are currently four acupuncture practitioners working in AHA's clinic. Acupuncture and related therapies can improve physical, mental and emotional health in many areas, including acute and chronic pain, anxiety, depression, women's health, addiction recovery support, integrative care for cancer patients and those recovering from cancer treatment. Our Residents are Licensed Acupuncture Practitioners (LAc.), and our senior practitioners are Pennsylvania Licensed Oriental Medicine Practitioners (LOM). Our residency program was established in 2025 and is a great success. Residents are mentored in a supportive environment, and senior practitioners are sharing their twenty plus years of clinical experience to the benefit of all our patients. Daily interactions in the clinic and monthly skill building sessions offer opportunities for staff to learn from each other. The Residency program is expecting to recruit two new practitioners in the fall of 2027.

We have served more than 1045 patients with over 9000 visits since our inception and are continuing to fund our sliding scale program through grants and donations. Since our inception, AHA staff have participated in community events which have included offering care at events such as:
Chester County Veterans Resource Fair in Malvern
The Juneteenth Celebration at the Community Center in West Chester
Fundraiser for A Child's Light, at the United Way Headquarters in Exton
We regularly offer pro bono care at Thistle Hill, a recovery home for women recovering from being trafficked.

2. Funding Request for Capacity Building, September 2026
Acupuncture Healing Arts
AHA is requesting a Capacity Building Grant of $5000 which will enable us to have a professionally designed new website. Our current site is not optimal for creating awareness of our services, generating donations, creating and publishing blog posts, and connecting us to appropriate web searches. We need to create more awareness of the value of our services and publish our results in a streamlined way. A professionally designed website would help us to reach more patients.