

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: 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, 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 _____ 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: \$ 5000 _____

Proposal Summary: (a few sentences, please) Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) is the first and only non-profit in Chester County with a mission to provide accessible, affordable acupuncture and related therapies. We are requesting funding in support of our General Operating Budget for 2026. A \$5000 grant will help us provide subsidized acupuncture treatments.

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Direct Services Program and General Operating
Nonprofit's history, goals, key achievements and distinctiveness

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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 individuals in our communities. It was founded in May of 2022 by Margaret Sheehan, LOM.

Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) was created around a simple but powerful belief: high-quality acupuncture care should be accessible to everyone who can benefit from it. We are building more than an acupuncture practice. We are creating a way for acupuncture to become a more accessible and integrated part of healthcare.

In the last four years we have:

- Established a clinic specifically designed for acupuncture care
- Created a Resident Program to mentor the next generation of practitioners
- Developed both private and community treatment settings
- Offered treatments offsite in a recovery home for victims of sex trafficking
- Implemented an income-based sliding scale, including no-cost care for patients who meet our designated income threshold

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- Built relationships with healthcare providers and community organizations including West Chester Community Center (Melton Center), Veterans Resource Fair, Juneteenth Celebration, and the United Way
- Received significant community and financial support for our mission
- Cared for 1045 people with over 9000 visits in our clinic, approximately 3% of which are utilizing our sliding scale program

Funding Request

Acupuncture Healing Arts (AHA) is requesting General Operating funding to support our organization in Chester County in 2026. With our mission to provide accessible, affordable acupuncture and related therapies, a \$5000 grant will help us provide high-quality care to our patients as we work on deepening community and healthcare partnerships and strengthening organizational sustainability.

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 receiving mentoring in a supportive environment and senior practitioners can share their twenty plus years of clinical experience to the benefit of all our patients.

We will continue to measure our impact by tracking: treatment outcomes, number of patients served, number of community clinic visits, number of patients receiving sliding-scale or no-cost care, number of clinical hours offered, evening and weekend utilization, number of community organizations served, number of healthcare and community partnerships developed, number of educational presentations and outreach events, number of residents participating in the training program, number of practitioners completing the residency program, fundraising and grant-development progress and patient and community feedback.