



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: CVIM provides free, high-quality healthcare to low-income, uninsured working people to help them live healthy, productive lives and to assure health equity in the Chester County region.

Geographic Area Served All of Chester County plus surrounding communities

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

In FY27, CVIM will serve nearly 5,000 patients from low-income, uninsured working families. They are ineligible for government insurance programs including Medicare, Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Most CVIM patients are Hispanic, and many are immigrants employed in low-wage jobs in our region's vital agriculture and service industries. They cannot afford their own health insurance without sacrificing basic needs such as food and housing. Without CVIM, most would rely on hospital emergency rooms (ERs) for healthcare.

Annual Budget \$7,647,609 (cash operating budget)

54 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff

91.6 % of budget for program expenses

27 # of Board Volunteers

3.2 % of budget for administrative expenses

332 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers

5.2 % of budget for fundraising expenses

33,700 # of Volunteer Hours

Top 3-5 funding sources:

CVIM is fully funded by philanthropy. In FY26, our top donors were

- \$1,700,000 from 5 individual donors each giving more than \$100,000
- \$418,000 ARPA grant through Chester County
- \$250,000 grant from AstraZeneca 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: \$10,000

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

CVIM is grateful for the partnership of the Chester County Community Foundation to address the healthcare needs of local uninsured patients. In FY27, CVIM will continue focusing on operational sustainability while preparing for even more patients as a result of changes to federal health insurance programs. A general operating grant will help us sustain recently expanded and enhanced programs and services while preparing for anticipated increase in need for our services.



Community Volunteers in Medicine Grant Application to Chester County Community Foundation, Part II - Narrative

i. Overall aims, key initiatives, key achievements & distinctiveness

Founded in 1998, Community Volunteers In Medicine (CVIM) delivers comprehensive medical services and prescription medications at no cost to nearly 5,000 adults, children, and seniors annually. We operate a central facility for primary and specialty medical care, dental and vision care, plus a free dispensary. In addition, we operate three dental satellites and one medical satellite in locations convenient to where our target patient population lives and works. We also provide auxiliary services to support patient access including free transportation and extended non-traditional hours.

CVIM patients live in every zip code in Chester County as well as surrounding neighborhoods in Delaware and Montgomery counties and occasionally Berks, Philadelphia and Bucks counties. Most of CVIM's patients self-identify as Hispanic and range in age between 30 and 60, prime years for working and family responsibilities.

Many patients are managing more than one chronic disease, including diabetes, hypertension, cardiac disease, and oral health issues. Without CVIM, half our patients say they would rely on hospital emergency departments and forgo preventative healthcare, seeking treatment only when their needs become dire. By the time they reach CVIM, their needs are complex, chronic and interconnected.

CVIM offers a caring approach that integrates primary care with more than 20 specialty services delivered by bilingual practitioners assisted by volunteer interpreters. More than 90% of our patients report improved health under our care. They frequently say they feel valued and seen in our Healthcare Center, sometimes for the first time in their lives. Many of our healthcare outcomes typically exceed national standards for the population we serve.

Our unique business model, which is 100% supported by philanthropy, relies on 332 dedicated volunteers and 50+ community partnerships, including hospitals, private healthcare practitioners, and pharmaceutical companies. We are proud to perennially earn the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency, a Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating, and a Gold Rating from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. These distinctions indicate that we fulfill our mission while adhering to the highest standards of program effectiveness and financial stewardship.

ii. Funding request: what specific needs & issues are being addressed, via what programs and services?

CVIM respectfully requests a \$10,000 general operating grant to help meet the region's growing healthcare needs with CVIM's time-tested quality and solid healthcare outcomes. Our FY27 budget supports a team of 54 professional FTEs and 332 dedicated volunteers. Our primary and specialty medical care focuses on preventative care in medical, dental and vision care in addition to chronic disease management with programs and services for patients managing diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, COPD, women's health, and behavioral health.

FY27 Patient Services Goals

- Serve about 5,000 patients
- Complete about 20,000 medical visits & 10,000 dental visits
- Provide 300 free rides for patients with transportation challenges
- Provide 35,000 - 40,000 free prescription medications
- Provide school-based oral health screenings and fluoride treatments for 500 - 900 preschoolers
- Coordinate advanced care provided by community partners, up to \$3 million value
- Deliver 1,800 - 2,000 immunizations for flu and other infectious diseases

FY27 Health Outcome Goals

- 65 - 75% of female patients receive timely screenings for breast and cervical cancers
- 50% of adult patients are screened for colorectal cancer
- 40% of patients with hypertension maintain blood pressure control
- 80% of patients with diabetes maintain blood sugar control

Why is it important to fund this now?

People without insurance live sicker and die younger. Research proves this statement, and healthcare practitioners know it. CVIM serves the people who fall through the cracks in our nation's healthcare system; that gap is getting wider. Our local healthcare network was out of reach for at least 35,000 uninsured people in Chester County even before these changes. Now, thousands more county residents are projected to lose health insurance, leaving more people than ever without access to medical care.

CVIM serves people who don't qualify for government insurance and cannot afford to purchase private insurance without sacrificing other basic needs for their families.

Now, many low-income earners will no longer be able to afford Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance due to increased premiums and reduced subsidies. Medicaid recipients will need to renew coverage and prove work status twice as often, presenting administrative barriers to maintaining coverage. Also, many immigrants will lose that coverage, including refugees, people seeking asylum, survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence, and many other people who are here legally.

By the Numbers: (as of August 10, 2026)

- 191,000 Pennsylvanians dropped Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance coverage for 2026, including 6,899 in Chester County, 35% of ACA policy holders in the county.
- Pennsylvanians with incomes between 138% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) saw premium increases of 72% to 200%. CVIM serves people with incomes under 300% of FPL.
- Additionally, 310,000 residents statewide are expected to lose their Medicaid coverage, including roughly 6,000 in Chester County.

- More than 25,000 people are projected to lose Medicaid coverage in neighboring Montgomery and Delaware counties.

[Sources: [PA.gov Human Services Data Dashboard](#) and [Pennie](#).]

How will results & impact be demonstrated?

An extensive list of patient service metrics is monitored monthly including the number of patients served and types of services provided, as well as wait lists that indicate where needs exceed our capacity to provide specific services. We conduct a patient satisfaction survey at least once each year, along with focus groups that seek input and feedback from patients. Patients consistently report that their health has improved due to CVIM's care. Our Board-level Professional Standards Committee, led by our Medical Director, oversees quality assurance for services and program evaluation.