



**Chester County Fund for Women and Girls**

*Leading and Uniting the Community for Women and Girls*

## **Core Grants FAQ**

### **Q. Why is CCFWG shifting to two-year core grants?**

A. We are transitioning all core grants to two-year grants as part of our ongoing commitment to ensure our grantmaking achieves the greatest possible impact. After much research and discussion among our Board of Directors, Grants Policy Committee, colleagues in the field, grant applicants and grantees, this shift reflects our understanding that social change takes time and our desire to build stronger relationships with our grantee organizations by better equipping them to effect social change over a longer period of time.

Over the last few years, CCFWG awarded two-year grants to select core grant recipients to help us evaluate the implications of a shift to two-year funding. Our evaluation of the process and experience for the grantees and CCFWG confirms the need to implement the shift for all core grant recipients.

### **Q. Are all CCFWG grants two- year grants?**

A. No. Grants distributed through the Girls Advisory Board and Impact Grants: Moving Her Forward grant programs will remain one-year grants.

### **Q. Will there be an open Core Grants RFP every year?**

A. No. In order to keep grantees on the same cycle, Core Grant applications will be reviewed every other year by the Grants Allocation Committee. However, for those funded, a site visit will occur towards the middle of the two-year grant period to learn more about the current status of the program and organization and to ensure that the grant requirements continue to be satisfied. CCFWG will contact the grantee organization to schedule the site visit.

### **Q. Will the shift mean a change in the Core Grants application process?**

A. No. The criteria for the evaluation of grant applications will not significantly change. Thus, the question asked on the application and narrative will not be significantly different. The application review timeline will also remain the same. Please see the RFP for details on the timeline.

### **Q. What are the requirements to receive the second year of funding?**

A. In order to receive the second year of funding, the grantee organization must demonstrate satisfactory implementation of program(s) and participation in evaluation through a site visit and delivery of a Year One Grant Report. In addition, the second year of funding is subject to the availability of funds. Other requirements may be included in the grant award notice received by a grantee organization.

CCFWG also encourages grantee organizations to participate in trainings and programs offered to grantees and local non-profit organizations by CCFWG. In addition, we welcome open dialogue with our grantee partners so that we can effectively support the work of our grantees beyond funding and explore collaborations with CCFWG and other organizations towards the mission of advancing resources and opportunities to women and girls.

**Q. How much will our organization receive in the second year?**

A. If grant requirements have been met and funding remains available to CCFWG, the grantee organization will receive the same amount awarded in the first year.

**Q. I have never applied for funding from CCFWG. Am I still eligible to be considered?**

A. Yes. Please refer to the Request for Proposals (*hyperlink when posted*) and CCFWG website for more information on funding priorities and guidelines.

**Q. What are key dates of the application process and grant period?**

A. The application and grant period timeline can be found on page four of the Request for Proposals (*hyperlink when posted*).