

**Lancaster County Community Foundation
Summary of 2011 Round 3 Competitive Grants**

Fund/Organization	Grant Amount
Capacity Building Fund; Estimated in Grant Guidelines: \$50,000; Total Recommended: \$48,000	
Compeer Lancaster-a program of Mental Health America	\$10,000
Compeer Lancaster requests a Capacity Building grant in the amount of \$10,000 to fund a strategic planning project to develop a realistic plan for financially sustaining the organization beyond the next fiscal year. Compeer Lancaster, in partnership with the Nonprofit Resource Network (NRN), has already developed and implemented a request for proposals to identify business planning strategists to develop a strategic plan that will serve as a roadmap to long-term, independent sustainability.	
Lancaster County Council of Churches	\$8,000
The Lancaster County Council of Churches proposes to strengthen all aspects of its fund development and communications programs, and to identify previously untapped sources for support. LCCC will conduct an assessment of its programs and create a comprehensive plan of action for increasing support and dollars raised annually with the assistance of professional fund development council. Additionally, staff training and coaching in the areas of fund development and communications will take place throughout the engagement.	
Lancaster Farmland Trust	\$10,000
Lancaster Farmland Trust will evaluate the feasibility of establishing a "community farm." The farm will connect people to the land that grows their food; help children learn about farming and good nutrition; promote the use of fresh, local products; assist farmers in implementing more sustainable farming practices; and conduct research on innovative and sound environmental techniques.	
North Museum of Natural History & Science	\$10,000
The North Museum of Natural History & Science respectfully requests funding to implement recommendations identified through the American Association of Museum's Museum Assessment Program (MAP) process to ensure the Museum's sustainability in anticipation of the creation of a newly renovated facility.	
SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Inc.	\$10,000
SELHS has a new CEO starting on December 12, 2011. This will follow the successful completion of our \$6.75 million capital campaign and renovation/expansion project which doubled the size of our organization. With a successful staff retreat in the summer of 2011, we now need the Board and Senior Management to chart a course for the organization's next five years.	

Long-Term Creative Solutions Matching Fund; Estimated in Grant Guidelines: Part of \$800,000; Total Recommended: \$500,000

Community First Fund	\$100,000
<p>Community First requests \$100,000 to build capacity to seek Federal New Markets Tax Credits. In five years, the program will stimulate more than \$50 million of public and private investment in Lancaster and Columbia by developing community-based health care facilities, charter schools for low-income students, grocery stores in neighborhoods and downtown businesses. This approach will provide a new model for doing business for Community First Fund. Partnerships: Lancaster EDC, City of Lancaster, Columbia Borough</p>	
Community Life Network of Columbia - Compass Mark (fiscal sponsor)	\$50,000
<p>This project will develop the entrepreneurial skills of Columbia youth and define two specific tracks of opportunity wherein these youth will create self-sustaining enterprises that generate employment, foster entrepreneurial thinking, engage community collaboration and instill the pride that comes from a community rebuilding itself. Partnerships: Compass Mark, LG, UW, Columbia School District</p>	
Lancaster County Medical Foundation	\$100,000
<p>Project Access Lancaster County (PALCO) and Dental Access Lancaster County (DALCO) represent an unprecedented philanthropic network of 905 medical providers and 130 dentists, serving residents of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, leveraging existing healthcare resources in the community. The Patient Navigation Program aims to develop innovative patient navigation interventions to reduce or eliminate health disparities and improve cost-effectiveness. These interventions are designed to decrease the time between a finding, definitive diagnosis, and delivery of quality standard care services. Partnerships: Southeast Lancaster Health Services, Water Street Health Services, Welsh Mountain, Hope Within, Center City Clinic, Lancaster General Downtown Medicine.</p>	
SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Inc.	\$100,000
<p>SELHS is piloting an integrated dental/medical care model to combat the epidemic level of tooth decay affecting impoverished and minority children in our community. This program will embed dental hygienists in our medical departments to do on-the-spot dental assessments of at risk children, fluoride varnish treatments and immediate follow-up appointments in our dental department as-needed. Partnerships: St. Joseph Health Ministries; local schools</p>	
Spanish American Civic Association (SACA)	\$150,000
<p>Support is requested for Tec Centro, an innovative bilingual technology center currently in development and partnered with the Lancaster County Work Investment Board and educational providers. Tec Centro will provide training for high-demand industry jobs, adult basic education and remedial English language skills necessary for employment. Serving 900 low-income adults each year, Tec Centro will diversify the regional and local labor market while providing badly needed economic opportunity to underserved ethnic populations. Partnerships: WIB, HACC, PSU</p>	

Creative Solutions Matching Fund; Estimated in Grant Guidelines: Part of \$800,000; Total Recommended: \$326,555

Bethany Christian Services

\$15,000

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) strengthens families through a community building approach. SFFC is a network of host families that extends the community safety net by providing parents in need, a temporary, loving family (home) where their children can safely stay in times of crisis, without fear of losing custody. SFFC is a voluntary alternative to the state child welfare system. SFFC provides needed time for parents to address and resolve their personal crisis.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Harrisburg, Inc.

\$37,900

Catholic Charities, in partnership with SouthEast Lancaster Health Services (SELHS), seeks to integrate physical and behavioral healthcare at SELHS's Arch Street location. This project will integrate Catholic Charities' behavioral health programs and staff with primary care health services at SELHS, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The objective of this integration is to improve healthcare outcomes by integrating behavioral healthcare with the treatment of physical health conditions, when there is a concomitant mental health component. Partnership: Southeast Lancaster Health Services

Diamond Street Early Childhood Center

\$50,000

Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC) will lead the implementation phase of a Shared Service Alliance in Lancaster County for providers of Early Childhood Education (ECE). An Advisory Committee formed and identified initial areas of collaboration: shared professional development and formation of a substitute teacher pool, among others. The goal is to provide greater access and affordability of high quality early education to families through greater efficiency of cost and time-saving measures for ECE businesses. Partnerships: local school districts, local early childcare providers.

Lancaster Farmland Trust

\$50,000

How do you turn \$1 million into \$2.6 million? How do you focus the attention of major national foundations on Lancaster County? Lancaster Farmland Trust is embarking on an initiative that will provide the opportunity to maximize privately raised funds and partner with the Pew Charitable Trusts and the William Penn Foundation to become the first county in the nation to preserve 100,000 acres of farmland. Partnerships: Pew Charitable Trusts and William Penn Foundation

Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment

\$40,000

Through Intergenerational Mentoring and Community Champions, this initiative will help youth ensure a successful future by staying in school, exploring career options, and giving back to their community via service projects benefiting their neighborhoods. Partnerships with local businesses and agencies will anchor this program to the school district. Youth will acquire the character traits and leadership abilities necessary to become self-sufficient, productive adults. Partnership: School District of Lancaster

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra	\$30,000
Symphony in a Snap! will make symphonic music more accessible everyone in Lancaster County with a unique, inclusive, engaging concert series and a reduced ticket price based on income. With ticket prices ranging \$4-\$25, the program will attract a younger, more diverse audience of non-regular attendees. Social receptions with musicians, pre-concert chats, musicians performing in relaxed attire, and diverse, accessible musical performances will create a welcoming environment.	
Power Packs Project	\$15,000
The Power Packs Project (PPP) is effectively fighting childhood food-insecurity in Lancaster County. In just five years, PPP has grown to serve over 500 local families in 23 Lancaster County schools. PPP's model of community-wide collaboration is a truly creative solution to feeding hungry children within our communities. Now, through its innovative and self-sustaining Affiliate Program, PPP is working to help thousands of new hungry people in six additional underserved school districts in Lancaster County. Partnerships: local school districts	
Thaddeus Stevens Foundation	\$38,655
This project creates and implements an unparalleled fun, interactive, career exploration website for middle and high school youth. It introduces and engages youth in exploring careers not otherwise shared through their traditional contacts. It aligns students, guidance counselors, career coaches, technical educators, industry representatives, and postsecondary programs. It connects personnel employing or holding such careers with students allowing them to gain knowledge for planning their postsecondary educational pursuits, eliminating a pending skills gap. Partnerships: WIB, local school districts	
Water Street Health Services - program of Water Street Ministries	\$50,000
Water Street Health Services (WSHS) is requesting funds for the hire of a full-time Pharmacy Technician in partnership with Project Access Lancaster County, PALCO, to enhance medication access. This will establish a coordinated prescription drug access program for the uninsured poor in Lancaster County. Partnerships: PALCO, LG, Southeast Lancaster Health Services.	

Social Enterprise Planning Fund; Estimated in Grant Guidelines: \$60,000; Total Recommended: \$73,900

Assets Lancaster

\$9,500

To explore the feasibility of providing capital and counsel to underserved entrepreneurs and social innovators. We will explore best practices for innovative, higher-risk local microlending, including peer-lending, to underserved entrepreneurs and social enterprises and test the model with clients. We will also research leading efforts around social enterprise training, counsel and financing to test the feasibility of expanding our long history of business planning and training to support local social enterprise efforts.

CAP - Community Action Program of Lancaster County

\$12,000

CONTACT will explore the opportunity to provide fee based educational programs which leverage the volunteer resources and organizational knowledge on suicide awareness and prevention and active listening. The project will strengthen knowledge and understanding in the community regarding mental health and customer service practices, providing support to education, business and social services and a new income stream to CONTACT to support its ongoing work.

Downtown Ephrata, Inc

\$15,400

Economic growth requires creativity and adaptive solutions to ever changing business challenges. This is especially true for non-profits. This project explores the feasibility of creating a high-tech shared office facility (or "incubator") to encourage economic growth in a rural, under-served area of Lancaster County (Ephrata). The project would not only meet the needs of the small business community, but would be designed to provide cash flow for Downtown Ephrata, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board

\$20,000

In this proposal, the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, the PA CareerLink® of Lancaster County, and five other faith and community-based partners suggest that they will connect their community networks to form a transitional job network where social enterprises will provide employment for a target group that includes persons currently participating in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), ex-offenders, persons who have exhausted their unemployment compensation, unemployed veterans, and other low income folks.

Mayor's Office of Special Events

\$17,000

MOOSE requests grant funds to develop a feasibility study exploring the market potential for assessing fees for event planning services and whether these services represent a viable social enterprise for the organization. A comprehensive set of services and programs for event producers would generate revenue and allow MOOSE to fulfill its mission. The feasibility study will also include an implementation plan, including financial forecasts and an operation and management plan.

Ah-Ha Seed Fund/ Estimated in Grant Guidelines: \$25,000; Total Recommended: \$25,000	
Bright Side Opportunities Center	\$5,000
Bright Side Opportunities Center (BSOC) is seeking \$5,000 in order to generate an effective "Marshall Plan" with the purpose of improving the outcomes of African American students in Lancaster County. Our goal is to remove the barriers that keep students trapped in poverty. The Brighter Tomorrow Initiative will lead to comprehensive community interventions led by students and will include parents and community organizations.	
Imani Edu-Tainers African Dance Company	\$5,000
Aya targets reduced obesity rates among youth, through use of entertainment media. An online toolkit will provide a safe environment allowing for data collection, continuous project monitoring and participant interaction. Online, participants will access fitness information, surveys and an instructional African dance fitness DVD of easy-to-follow, yet invigorating African dance fitness moves, thus promoting African dance as an effective calorie-burning option. A safe online environment will allow for data collection and continuous project monitoring.	
Keystone Art & Culture Center	\$5,000
Keystone Art & Culture Center (KACC) will develop youth leadership in the Lancaster Art community by recruiting and training 20 youth ages 12-18 who will advise on public art projects, hone skills and exhibit work in the KACC youth artists studio, and serve as catalysts promoting youth arts engagement through social media and example. The Youth Arts Advisory Panel's goal is to sustain a thriving arts community through the next generation.	
Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board	\$5,000
Students United is a student-led community based project with the goal of creating a common student voice. We propose an approach to community decision making where youth are treated equally in community processes involving the current future state of the community.	
Theatre for Transformation - YWCA of Lancaster (fiscal sponsor)	\$5,000
Sweeter the Berry celebrates the sweetness of life in multicultural Lancaster. A quarterly performance showcase on First Fridays, this program is organized with and for young people.	