



## COMMUNITY HOPE FUND, INC.

*Dedicated to promoting youth development and  
supporting the charitable needs of individuals and families  
in Ocean Township, New Jersey and the surrounding communities.*

### ***Grant Application Guidelines***

CHF will provide small grants to support nonprofit organizations and programs that promote youth development, specifically, programs that build the 40 Developmental Assets in Youth as established by the Search Institute ([www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)). Developmental Assets represent the personal relationships, opportunities and qualities that help youth to thrive and protect them from harmful and unhealthy choices. Youth with assets are less likely to engage in alcohol and drug use, violence and sexual activity. The average young person experiences fewer than half of the 40 assets. Research has shown that after-school programs can cultivate Developmental Assets in kids by: promoting a constructive use of time; reinforcing emotional health and physical well-being; building self-esteem and social competency; and fostering a commitment to learning.

Grants, in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,500 per organization, will be available on an annual basis. However, grant requests exceeding this range may be considered based on extenuating circumstances.

All applicants must be a nonprofit organization and community-based program located in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Preference will be given to programs conducted within Ocean Township.

#### **Grants will be considered for youth-development programs that:**

- Employ innovative and research-based models to promote youth development;
- Are conducted within a 20-mile radius of Ocean Township, NJ; and
- Have clear and reasonable goals and measurable outcomes.

#### **Funding will not be given for:**

- Individuals
- Political causes, candidates, advocacy programs and organizations or campaigns

#### **Instructions:**

- Proposals must include application form.
- Applications must be post-marked by May 26, 2024
- Final notifications will be made by the end of August. No follow-up calls, please.
- Send proposals to:

Community Hope Fund, Inc.  
Attn: Grants Committee  
P.O. Box 263  
Oakhurst, NJ 07755



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### *Grant Application Form*

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax-Exempt ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact / Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone / Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Mission: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Organizational Budget: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost of Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Please include the following attachments to your application:**

- Narrative describing the program (no more than 2 pages):
  - Describe how the program promotes youth development (referring specifically to the Developmental Assets enhanced through the program);
  - Describe the youth served by the program including number, ages and demographics;
  - Outline the programs goals and objectives; and
  - Describe how the programs anticipated outcomes will be evaluated and measured.
- A project budget including other funding sources received or pending.

*All of the information contained in this proposal is true and accurate. If awarded grant funding, grantee agrees to use funds only as specified within this proposal and also agrees to provide a follow-up written report by March 31, 2025 describing the progress and outcomes of the program to date and providing an accounting of how funds have been used. Community Hope Fund, Inc. retains the authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.*

Executive Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Use Only	Date Application Received: _____
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