



Thank you for applying to the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Tell your story clearly and concisely. Attachments are required; follow all directions. Failure to answer questions, utilize this template, or attach required documents will disqualify your application. **Answer all questions using information that applies to the project seeking support of grant funds.** Contact Jennifer Strechay, Program Offer for Community Investment, at 717-236-5040 or jstrechay@tfec.org with questions.

APPLICANT SNAPSHOT

Applicant Organization Name

Community Check-up Center of South Harrisburg, Inc.

Provide your organization's name as currently recognized by the IRS

- Check box if the Applicant Organization Name above is a "Doing Business As" name and the provided 501c3 letter states a different name. To be recognized by the "Doing Business As" name, attach ONE legal document using the provided name. If not provided, TFEC will utilize the 501c3 name.**
- Check box if the Applicant Organization uses a Fiscal Sponsor and provide name here**
Click or tap here to enter text.

Project Title

Vaccinate A Child

Project Title must match title listed throughout application and online

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader

Shari Bellish, Executive Director, 717-233-1700, cccdirector@comcast.net

All contracts and notifications of grant status will be addressed to the individual provided here

Applicant Organization's Physical Address

38c Hall Manor, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Applicant Organization's Address for Mailed Communications

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All contracts and notifications of grant status will be sent to the address provided here

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Contact Completing Application

Shari Bellish, Executive Director, 717-233-1700, cccdirector@comcast.net

If application questions arise, this individual will be contacted by TFEC staff

Areas to be served as part of the project; check all that apply

City of Harrisburg Immediate Surrounding Areas of the City of Harrisburg Other

Counties to be served as part of project; check all that apply

Cumberland Dauphin Perry

Projected Number of Individuals to be served by project

	Total number of ADULTS served
3000	Total number of CHILDREN (ages 17 and under) served
	Total number of ALL INDIVIDUALS served by the project

If above data is not appropriate to project, be sure to fully state the audience type and numbers to be served in Question 2 of the Impact Narrative

Organization’s Mission Statement: Do not exceed this page

The Community Check-Up Center (CCC) is a non-profit organization working in partnership with the community to improve the health and wellness of low-income children, women, and men.

The Center is guided by six basic principles to support this mission:

1. To provide high quality health care
2. To accept all patients regardless of ability to pay
3. To individualize the treatment of each patient
4. To deliver services in a holistic approach and in partnership with other health care providers
5. To serve the multi-lingual residents of our patient community
6. To be a more accessible and comprehensive alternative to hospital emergency rooms.

Organization History: Do not exceed this page

The Community Check-up Center (CCC) was founded in 1994 by a group of low income Head Start mothers who were concerned about the lack of adequate, accessible health care for children on Medical Assistance. CCC is located in the South Harrisburg area known as Hall Manor. It began as a pediatric office; women’s services were added in 1997 when the need for family planning services became apparent. CCC has continued to add services for children and families alike. Today the Children’s Health Center provides comprehensive health care from newborn to 21 years of age. This includes management of chronic illnesses, immunizations, well-child checks and physicals, and preventive health screenings. The Women’s Health Center performs annual exams, including cancer screening, Gardasil immunizations, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy testing and referrals, gynecological evaluations/menstrual issues, and well-care for women of menopause age. CCC also provides reproductive health counseling and STD/HIV testing for men.

In 2019, CCC completed approximately 4,000 patient visits. Services are offered to all persons, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care. Almost 60% of our adult patients were uninsured and most qualified for free services on our sliding fee scale. The majority of our children are covered by CHIP; we also see a number of children who were not born in the United States and are therefore not eligible for benefits. The community composition is 54% Latino/Hispanic, 36% African American, 6% Caucasian, and 4% multi-ethnic. Our patient community, the majority of whom are poor, uninsured, underinsured, and undocumented, have come to trust CCC, our medical professionals and staff to provide quality health care without additional burden to their restricted funds. It is critical that our patients return for follow-up or continued care.

Recent Grant History: Do not exceed this page

Did you apply for and receive a grant from the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund in 2019? Yes No

If so, state the project's name, amount awarded, and describe the current status of the project that was awarded funds in 3-4 sentences or less. If "no" type NA.

NA

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

1. Capture your project and the community need it seeks to address in 200 words or less.

An alarming trend across the country is the significant drop in pediatric vaccinations; Pennsylvania leads the country with a near 50% decline in vaccinations since this time last year. COVID-19 is stopping children from being vaccinated for preventable, contagious diseases such as measles, chicken pox, whooping cough, etc. at accelerating rates. With lower than normal vaccination coverage, children are at greater risk for these diseases than for COVID-19.

This trend is particularly prevalent with poor children, significantly so with the Community Check-up Center's population. It is critical to our mission that we protect children from preventable diseases and safeguard the public health of our region. It is with this determination that we have recently announced our 'Vaccinate a Child' campaign. The initial campaign goal is to vaccinate 500 children in preparation for going back to school; going forward we will continue an aggressive vaccination campaign to meet the ongoing needs for childhood immunizations through young adulthood, including influenza, and potentially, COVID-19.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Answer questions 2-10 clearly and concisely; no limit.

2. Describe the proposed project, the geographic area it will serve, and the audience to be served; state why this audience was selected. You **MUST** use and complete the following statement within your answer, "Grant funds will be used to _____".

"Vaccines are one of the most powerful tools in the history of public health, and more children are now being immunized than ever before," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "But the pandemic has put those gains at risk. The avoidable suffering and death caused by children missing out on routine immunizations could be far greater than COVID-19 itself."

The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who because of an inability to pay might otherwise not be vaccinated. In Pennsylvania, the Department of Health offers vaccines to children who are uninsured, underinsured, i.e. insurance does not cover immunizations, or Medicaid eligible (children who have health insurance through a state Medicaid program). Children up to the age of 18 are eligible to participate in the VFC program. The Community Check-up Center is an authorized VFC provider.

Because of the pandemic, parents are afraid to take a healthy child to their healthcare provider; consequently, pediatric vaccinations across the country have dramatically declined. If a child is not vaccinated, he or she is at risk of contracting and spreading otherwise preventable, contagious diseases.

The Community Check-up Center has experienced a sharp decrease in the number of pediatric visits in general and vaccinations in particular. This concern has led to the creation of a 'Vaccinate a Child' campaign to encourage families to visit CCC for routine check-ups and immunizations. As part of the campaign's recent launch, when a family agrees to keep their child's vaccinations current, they will be given ingredients for a nutritious, generous spaghetti dinner for four. The goal of the campaign's launch in August 2020 is to vaccinate 500 children.

This campaign launch is being funded through donations from The Hershey Company, Lamar Advertising Company, in-kind supporters including Cornerstone Coffeehouse, Char's Tracy Mansion and WITF as well as individual donors. As a thank you, all contributing donors were invited to a virtual spaghetti dinner hosted by WITF with the Cornerstone's Chef Chuck LaPorta sharing Italian cooking secrets.

The recommended schedule for childhood and adolescent vaccinations begins at birth through 24 months of age, with boosters and catch-up vaccines continuing through the teenage years and into adulthood. Sixteen different vaccinations are recommended by the VFC program, including diphtheria, measles, Hepatitis A and B, HPV, influenza, etc. Consequently, the Vaccinate a Child campaign will not end in 2020, will be ongoing, and CCC will continue to find creative and innovative ways to bring families in for check-ups and vaccines.

Vaccines are free through the VFC program and we rely on our trusted staff to administer the program. Grant funds will be used to purchase the necessary equipment to ensure vaccines are maintained safely, specifically upgrading to a VFC recommended medical refrigerator and a data logger.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, vaccines should be stored in a refrigerator between 35 degrees F and 46 degrees F. Improper storage, particularly temperature, can result in reduced vaccine potency and increased risk of vaccine preventable diseases. The CDC encourages the use of pharmaceutical grade units and temperature monitoring devices such as a digital data logger. A data logger electronically records temperature readings at set intervals. The stored data, which can be downloaded to a computer, can be used for VFC audits and to establish recording patterns of vaccines over time.

DATES & LOCATIONS

3. When and where will the project take place? List dates and locations as appropriate in chronological order. State if provided dates/locations are confirmed, estimated, or to be determined.

The Vaccinate a Child campaign is based at our Hall Manor facility of South Harrisburg. The campaign launch took place July 30, 2020 with a virtual spaghetti dinner. Distribution of healthy dinners to families is confirmed for late August and will continue as long as dinners last.

The Vaccinate a Child campaign will continue as an integral part of the Children's Health Center's services. Children up through the age of 18 need vaccinations and in many cases boosters. As parents feel more comfortable coming into the clinic, we expect a steady increase in demand for vaccines throughout 2021. We anticipate that parents will bring children to CCC to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as it becomes safely available.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

4. Does the project involve partnerships, collaborations, service, or affiliations with other organizations that will strengthen the project? If so, LIST their name(s) and corresponding role(s) within the categories below OR if this does not apply to you, state why your project would be best positioned for success as a single organization.

SINGLE ORGANIZATION STATEMENT: The CCC works collaboratively with many regional organizations (Harrisburg Housing Authority and local hospitals) and individuals (medical professionals, community leaders, and other non-profit organizations). All such relationships strengthen the quality of care we provide. Our partnership is with the community. We believe our organization operating as a single non-profit entity provides the most trusted care for our patients. They know us, trust us, and rely on us as their neighborhood healthcare provider.

PARTNERSHIPS: *We are equally invested in providing this project and success is dependent upon all organizations and shared roles although one entity serves as the applicant for this grant. Our application includes a letter from each partner that states their role in this relationship.*

NA

COLLABORATIONS: *We are working with other organizations to make this project happen, but we serve as the lead organization for this grant opportunity and our project success is enriched by, but not dependent upon, our collaborators. An additional letter is NOT required, but may help the application.*

NA

SERVICE: *Our project will serve these organizations and cannot take place without their commitment to accept service. Our application includes a letter from each organization (this includes schools) that states their intent to participate.*

NA

AFFILIATIONS: *Our project may be affiliated with these organizations in some way, but is not 100% dependent upon their participation. An additional letter is NOT needed.*

NA

COMPARABLES

5. Are other organizations in your service area providing services that are similar to your proposed project? If yes, state their names or services and explain how your project differs. If no, state NA.

Hamilton Health Center provides similar services but due to location, is inaccessible to many Hall Manor residents. Our patients appreciate the fact that we are in the heart of their community and our staff has been working with them and their families for years. Both our pediatrician and our family services provider have been providing care to this community for over 20 years.

ASSESSMENT & IMPACT

- 6a. What will project success look like? Provide a brief overview of the project's key outcomes, outputs, and/or other results of success.

The goal of our Vaccinate a Child campaign is to increase the number of visits to the Children's Health Center, thereby providing the CDC recommended vaccinations necessary to all children in a timely manner. In general, a key outcome is to stop the spread of preventable, contagious diseases to improve and protect the public health of our service community.

- 6b. How will project success be measured and documented (i.e.: how will you know the project is successful? Are you collecting value statements, numbers served, surveys, photos, before and after images, or using other methods)?

The Community Check-up Center is required to document all healthcare visits. Our electronic health record system (EHR) enables us to keep track of the number of patient visits and services provided, including vaccinations. Since we do not yet know the delivery schedule for COVID-19 vaccines, it is difficult to predict the exact number of immunizations we will perform in 2021.

FUNDING & SUPPORT

7. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, will you be able to implement the project as stated? Explain as needed.

The Vaccinate a Child campaign is a key focus for 2021 and its success is critically important to the CCC and the community we serve. If we are not funded at the level requested, we will continue our fund raising activities to ensure full implementation.

8. This grant opportunity will not fund 100% of any project. Restate the amount you are seeking and describe other funding sources and amounts.

The Community Check-up Center is requesting a \$1,000 grant from the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund. Throughout the year we continually fund raise, including our annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction as well as participate in the Walking for a Healthy Community event. Due to the pandemic, these events have been held virtually. In 2019, the events raised approximately \$15k for CCC.

9. Did the applicant organization end its most recent fiscal year with a budget surplus or deficit? If so, briefly state the amount of the surplus or deficit and how the surplus may be used (i.e. is it earmarked for another program) and/or how the deficit may be handled.

The CCC ended the most recent fiscal year with a budget deficit and as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this deficit continues. The Board of Directors is working diligently to raise the necessary funding to support the healthcare needs of our community. Proceeds from the recent Vaccinate a Child campaign launch will be used to support this campaign going forward. The grant money from Martin M. Sacks will be earmarked for equipment needed for the 2021 campaign. The CCC Board of Directors is committed to this campaign and will continue to find creative and new ways to support it in spite of limitations due to the pandemic.

ACCESS & INCLUSION

10. As a community foundation, TFEC fosters a climate of purposeful inclusion that values diversity of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. Please state how your project will be made accessible to all individuals who qualify for participation in the project and describe any accommodations, modifications, technologies, or services you will offer to ensure that all eligible participants experience the best possible services or outcomes.

The Community Check-up Center is located in and serves the healthcare needs of the low-income project of South Harrisburg known as Hall Manor. Our primary focus is on the medically underserved women and children of this community and surrounding areas. The community composition is 54% Latino/Hispanic, 36% African American, 6% Caucasian and 4% multi-ethnic. Patients are poor, uninsured, and underserved. The project for which we are requesting funds, the Vaccinate a Child campaign, is available to children from birth to 18 years. Ensuring that vaccines are at peak potency and effectiveness means they must be consistently maintained within precise temperature ranges. Grant money will be used to upgrade technologies to protect vaccines. Safely vaccinating a child means healthier children, families and communities.

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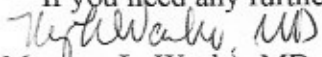
July 28, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support of the Community Checkup Center of South Harrisburg's application for the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund.

As a long-time Pediatrician in the Harrisburg Community with a focus on the underserved, I have known of the Checkup Center since its beginning more than 20 years ago. I know the Pediatricians who work there and provide an important service to the community. The Checkup Center serves a diverse population of children, both insured and uninsured, and the staff are committed to their patients. The bilingual support staff is a great asset and offers a comforting environment to the patients and their families, both in times of medical need and for ongoing well-child care. They do a great job creating a private-practice atmosphere and providing continuity of care to a community that is otherwise underserved.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.


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2020 MARTIN M. SACKS MEMORIAL FUND SIGN & SUBMIT FORM

Provide signatures from the applicant organization, below. Both organization representatives must sign.

By providing your original OR digital signature below, you agree that the provided information in this application is true to the best of your knowledge and may be submitted for review. Completion of this form is one component of your Complete Application.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President/CEO	_____	Shari Bellish
		Ink Signature	Digital Signature
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board President	_____	Holly Leggett/Diane Voda
		Ink Signature	Digital Signature

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO BE UPLOADED & SUBMITTED BY 4PM IN THE DEADLINE DATE

All grant materials must be submitted through the TFEC online application system by 4pm on the deadline date. This grant opportunity does not utilize delivered or mailed materials.

- Complete Application:** Applicant Snapshot, Project Snapshot, Project Narrative, Budget Worksheet, and Sign & Submit Form with original or digital signatures.
- Board of Directors List:** Professional affiliations (ie: work positions and/or titles as applicable) must be included.
- No more than TWO letters of support with original or digital signatures. LETTERS OF SUPPORT ARE OPTIONAL FOR THIS GRANT OPPORTUNITY but must be received by the deadline date.** Letters of support from the applicant organization's Board of Directors will not be accepted. Identical form letters are discouraged.
- If you have indicated PARTNERSHIP with or SERVICE to other Agencies as stated in Question 4, you must include letters with original or digital signatures documenting the relationship.** A letter of Partnership or Service may also serve as a letter of support if support is expressly stated.
- Applicants who utilize a FISCAL SPONSOR** must include a letter signed by the Executive Leader of the Fiscal Sponsor organization indicating agreement to serve as the Fiscal Sponsor. An original or digital signature is required.
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter**
- 1st Page of Applicant Organization's Most Recent 990.** If 990 is not available, upload applicant organization's most recent audit or financial statement to meet this requirement.

QUESTIONS

If you should have any questions regarding this form or TFEC grant opportunities, contact Jennifer Strechay, Program Officer for Community Investment, at jstrechay@tfec.org or 717-236-5040.