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APPLICANT PROFILE

Applicant Organization Name

Farm of Hope 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**
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Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader

Jim Gainer, CEO/Executive Director

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

Applicant Organization's Physical Address

201 Trail Road, Hershey PA 17033

Applicant Organization's Address for Mailed Communications

201 Trail Road, Hershey PA 17033

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

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Contact Completing Application

Julia Adams, Development Coordinator, juliaadams@hopespringsfarm.org, 617-759-2057

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

Organization's Mission Statement

The mission of Farm of Hope Inc. is to provide adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and Autism a meaningful day through joyful group activities on a family farm setting and in our community.

Organization History (Do not exceed this page)

In 2005, Nina and Neil Rovner purchased 17 acres, including a barn, a 1600-square-foot garage, and a farmhouse, with the intent of creating a much-needed day program for their adult daughter with special needs. Hope Springs Farm has expanded to include therapeutic animal care, horticulture, experiential learning, and several community-based volunteer, education, and recreational programs. We now have a staff of 36 highly specialized professionals supporting 60 program participants daily, and serve approximately two dozen non-profits in the region. We incorporated as a 501c3 in 2016.

PROJECT PROFILE

Project Title

Farm of Hope Pathways to Pasture Project

Project Title must match title listed throughout application and online.

Project Areas of Focus

UPSTREAM GENERAL

Choose UPstream General if your project utilizes upstream strategies but is not principally centered upon the categories below. See the grant guidelines for additional detail.

UPSTREAM: FOCUS AREAS

Choose an UPstream Focus Area (if your project is principally centered upon one or more of the categories below). Please select only those area(s) that apply to this project. See the grant guidelines for additional detail.

<p>EDUCATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education & development programs for children & youth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs serving adults</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT & PARKS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental stewardship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture & the arts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Park beautification & improvement</p>
<p>HEALTH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & human services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cancer awareness and/or research</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dental care for those in need</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health & human services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HIV & AIDS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with debilitating or terminal illness</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual disabilities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of head and/or spinal cord injury</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchasing of devices that improve accessibility</p>	<p>HOMELESSNESS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness & hunger</p>
<p>MENTAL HEALTH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Counseling for children with terminally ill family members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Guidance, counseling, or programming that includes guidance and/or counseling for youths</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mental health</p>	<p>SENIORS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Programs & projects serving older adults</p>
<p>COMMUNITIES OF FOCUS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disaster relief & human services that serve the communities of Lebanon City, PA and Cressona, PA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Programs and projects that benefit residents of Millersburg, a borough of Dauphin County, PA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Projects to enhance Camp Hill Borough parks provided by youth organizations such as Scout programs or other youth organizations; programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education within Camp Hill.</p>	

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

Cumberland Dauphin Franklin Lebanon Perry Northern York (Dillsburg Area)

Projected Number of Individuals to be served by project

400+ Total number of ADULTS served

60+ Total number of CHILDREN (ages 17 and under) served

460+ 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.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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

The Pathways to Pasture Project will create new paved walkways into the pastures enabling those with specialized equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.) safe and easy access to the animals and gardens, and reconfigure and construct our driveway and parking lots to establish a protected and efficient entry and exit to the farm as well as greater parking capacity.

“Everyone deserves to live a life of meaning.” The adults that attend at Hope Springs Farm (referred to as "Growers") come to us with challenges unique to each individual, presenting obstacles that can keep someone from participating in community activities and consistently making a meaningful contribution to society. At the Farm, we purposefully maximize Growers' abilities through essential farm chores, hands-on experiential learning activities, community volunteerism, and social recreation designed to help each Grower achieve their individual goals.

By increasing access to the core of our inclusive program, we create positive change by addressing several obstacles at their source: providing safe and passable routes into our pastures and pens, preventing potential accidents and safety issues at entry and exits to the farm for parents, providers, and transportation companies, and expanding our parking to accommodate a growing community transportation fleet, visitors, and staff.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

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

2. The GHCF UPstream grant opportunity seeks to improve our area communities by supporting existing or new “upstream” systems, interventions, programs, or projects that attempt to create positive social change by addressing a problem at its source rather than managing its “downstream” symptoms. Describe your proposed upstream project, the geographic area it will serve, and the audience to be served; state why this audience was selected. Include how/why your project is “upstream” and how your project is working to address a specific need or needs. You **MUST** use and complete the following statement within your answer, “Grant funds will be used to _____”.

The Farm of Hope "community" is multi-fold – it includes our Growers (adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or Autism), their families and care providers, our staff and volunteers, and the residents and business of Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lebanon, Berks, and Lancaster Counties. The Farm has been active for over 13 years, but over the past few years, we have focused our efforts on finding ways for our Growers to be active, continuing members to the community at large. A substantial part of this effort has involved bringing the Growers out into the community through several successful volunteer programs. We currently send between six and eight vans with Growers and staff to various area non-profits where they participate fully in the jobs and activities needed to keep those organizations active and growing. One key result of these programs is that the greater population has become more familiar with and more accepting of adults with special needs. By interacting regularly and in familiar environments with a wide variety of businesses and organizations, the wall that sometimes separates our Growers has begun to crumble. Our Growers are no longer as isolated, and are experiencing the joy of being purposeful and impactful members of society.

With the Pathways to Pasture Project, ***we proactively build on this momentum by bringing people TO Hope Springs Farm.*** Our neighbors have seen us in the community – now it is time for them to come and see us, see our environment and the wonderful work we are doing on the Farm. It is important for the public to experience the therapeutic effects of feeding, cleaning, and caring for a variety of farm animals. It is eye-opening for them to taste the vegetables and fruits from our gardens, to enjoy the beauty of our flowers and plants, and to touch and feel the items produced in our art and woodworking studios. Finally, it is so important that the general public have a chance to join us in a yoga or music therapy class, in painting murals on the new barn wall, in singing at our holiday sing, and in preparing the grounds for another season in the Spring.

This project is "Upstream" because it looks to the future, anticipates potential obstacles and eliminates them, providing a safe, welcoming, and accessible environment for all. By increasing access to the core of our inclusive program, we create positive change, addressing several obstacles at their source: providing safe and passable routes into our pastures and pens, preventing potential accidents and safety issues at entry and exits to the Farm, and expanding our parking to accommodate a growing community transportation fleet, visitors, and staff. Our geographic area are the six counties we serve; the audience is the extended "Hope Springs Farm" community. Grant funds will be used in Phase Two of the project to:

1. Excavate the existing parking area and driveway.
2. Reconfigure and excavate three new walkways into the remote pasture areas, a U-shaped drop-off driveway, and new vehicle parking areas, and to prepare for new asphalt.
3. Install binder and wearing.
4. Paint parking and handicap lines as needed.
5. Clean up and disposal.
6. Stormwater management construction, to include installing a drain and catch basin, digging a trench a trench to the existing retention berm, increasing the size of the berm if necessary to ensure appropriate stormwater drainage.

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.

Excavation, construction, and paving (all taking place at 201 Trail Road, Hershey PA) is to be completed during the spring of 2021. This timeline includes storm water construction (installation of a larger berm and other environmental accommodations). Exact dates for these phases have not been confirmed due to COVID-19 delays in the industry; however, we are in constant contact with the vendors and an engineering firm. Each subphase of this process takes approximately 45 days, so a total of 150-180 days is necessary to complete this portion of the project.

The next phase – any additionally required construction and environmental improvements such as grove planting, etc. – will proceed during the summer and fall of 2021, with a start date dependent upon the current delay impact, and the need for appropriate timing for planting in this region.

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 is best positioned for success as a single organization.

SINGLE ORGANIZATION STATEMENT: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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.*

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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.*

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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.*

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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.*

Our project positively impacts a number of organizations that provide essential volunteers to our Farm; these include various area colleges and community groups whose values overlap with our own. Additionally, we have communicated with some of the transportation providers for our Growers to best understand the safety and access concerns with regard to dropping off and picking up Growers each day.

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.

NA

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.

- Increase in the number and type of Growers to which we can provide therapeutic animal intervention. The "Pathways to Pasture" Project extends those paths well *into* the pastures and creates "landing pads" where wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment can be stabilized. This initiative will allow us to invite potential Growers requiring specialized equipment to our program, and the pastures and animals will be exponentially more accessible for everyone. The care farm component of Hope Springs Farm's program is personal, warm, and *uniquely reciprocal* when compared to a traditional therapeutic healthcare settings. With support and guidance, the Growers complete daily agricultural and animal care tasks that facilitate a profound impact on overall behavioral and cognitive functioning. These foundational programs provide growth, emotional security, and happiness for the Growers, who communicate their sense of purpose to their own families as well as the community at large.
- Increased safety and improved access for Growers, staff, visitors, and volunteers.
- Greater parking capacity allowing an increase in the number of volunteers and visitors to the Farm, and additional space for our own fleet. This also prevents traffic tie-ups on Trail Road and the contiguous streets; and improved relationships with neighbors potentially impacted by traffic snarls as the volume of access to our facilities increases.

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)?

We will measure success for this project in several ways:

1. Completion of multiple paved pathways and landing pads in the pastures and gardens.
2. Completion of stormwater management construction (per regulations) in order to reconfigure our parking and driveway.
3. Completion of new circular driveway and larger parking lot.
4. Formal and informal surveys of regular users of our facilities, including staff, providers, transportation companies, and families; with these we will measure the level of satisfaction that Growers are safely dropped off

and picked up and whether we have prevented as much traffic congestion as possible with the new configuration.

5. We will continue to take photos (before and after) of the grounds as each phase of the project is initiated and completed.
6. We will continue to maintain accident reporting and will closely examine data related to the new installation of pathways and vehicle access.
7. We will assess whether the new configurations and pasture/animal access has an impact on the number and type of Growers, volunteers, and visitors we are able to accommodate on the Farm.

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.

We have already raised enough funds to complete the Engineering phase of this project (over \$25,000) and have received funds (\$15,000) and pledges toward the implementation of demolition and construction phases. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, we will continue to apply for grants and solicit businesses in our area for their support. As a last resort, we may have to take out a loan in order to insure that the work is completed in a timely fashion. Some of the pledges and applications have been delayed as a result of the COVID-19 economic distress.

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

We are requesting \$10,000 against a total need of \$128,430. We have received to date \$40,000 (Donald B. and Dorothy L Stabler Foundation/\$25,000; Dauphin County Local Share Fund/\$15,000), and currently have pending but not yet approved applications (Leo Niessen Jr, Charitable Trust/\$10,000; Fraklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation/\$5,000). We also will be applying to the Stabler Foundation again this year for continued support for this project.

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 state how the surplus may be used (i.e. is it earmarked for another program) and/or how the deficit may be handled.

We ended 2019 with a surplus of \$4782 which will be rolled into our operating budget for 2020, as the economics of COVID-19 have cost our organization substantially.

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.

Hope Springs Farm shares TFEC's values. Purposeful inclusion is at the core of our mission, and a critical motivator for the implementation of the Pathways to Pasture Project. Diversities of age, gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, national origin, and range of abilities are accommodated with specialized staffing; continual and regular training and education of our staff and volunteers; modified facilities including ADA-compliant access to buildings, grounds, and transportation' and adaptive technologies.

BUDGET WORKSHEET

Complete the Budget Worksheet below; a Project Total is required.

ITEM OR SERVICE <i>Examples include: Contracted Services, Equipment, Personnel, Supplies; list your own as appropriate.</i>	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM OR SERVICE	REQUESTED GRANT FUNDS <i>Indicate where funds sought through this grant opportunity will be applied.</i>	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES <i>State the names and amounts of all other funding sources.</i>	PENDING, COMMITTED, OR RECEIVED <i>Using a P, C, or R, indicate the status of all funding sources.</i>	\$ TOTALS <i>Add across to provide a total for each row. Total columns as indicated in bottom row.</i>
Contracted Services	Engineering Survey and Planning	\$	25000 Stabler Foundation	R	\$25000
Contracted Services	Stormwater Management Plan	\$	1400 Operating Budget	R	\$1400
Contracted Services	Excavation, Paving, and Construction	\$10000			\$10000
Contracted Services	Excavation, Paving, and Construction	\$	15000 Local Share Municipal Grant	R	\$15000
Contracted Services	Excavation, Paving, and Construction	\$	40000 All State Renewal Award	P	\$40000
Contracted Services	Excavation, Paving, and Construction	\$	2030 TBD: Additional Grant applications and fundraising	P	\$2030
Contracted Services	Grove Planting and associated construction costs	\$	35000 Fruit Tree Planting Foundation	P	\$35000
		\$			\$
		\$			\$

TOTALS	\$10000	\$118430		\$128430
	Total: Requested Grant Funds	Total: Other Funding Sources		PROJECT TOTAL

Board of Directors Farm of Hope Inc. Hershey PA

Nina Rovner – President
Thomas Feit – Vice-President
Nancy Markey – Treasurer
Deborah Parker – Secretary
Patti Feit
Carol Hosler
Joseph Joyce
Dale Marshall
Jim Cichelli
Jim Gainer, CEO/Executive Director, Farm of Hope Inc.

Nina Rovner- Board President. Nina is the parent of a Grower and the co-founder, in 2005, of Hope Springs Farm. She has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. She is licensed by the state of Pennsylvania as a state provider of services to developmentally disabled adults.

Thomas Feit – Board Vice President. Tom is a service delivery manager in the telecom industry and a graduate of the Dauphin County Technical School. He and his wife Patty are parents of a son with Down Syndrome and autism who has been a Grower since he graduated from high school in 2006.

Nancy Markey – Board Treasurer. Nancy is a lifelong resident of Hummelstown. After working for 20 years at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center as the Assistant to the Nurse Manager of the Obstetrics & Labor and Delivery Unit, Nancy continued to work at Maderia Chiropractic until 2012 when she retired. Nancy volunteered at the annual Children's Miracle Telethon for 27 years. She is the treasurer of Woodmen Life Hershey Chapter 364.

Deborah Parker – Board Secretary. Deborah is the parent of three children with Fragile X Syndrome and autism and so brings passion, experience and knowledge to the board. She is head of the Central PA Fragile X Resource Group and a Parent to Parent volunteer. She is also active in the Lebanon County Special Olympics and the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA). Her family maintains a small non-profit, The Jacob Foundation, which raises money for local struggling families.

Patti Feit – Patti is a graduate of Harrisburg-Steelton-Highspire Vocational-Technical Program of Practical Nursing. A former licensed practical nurse, she now drives a special needs school van. She and her husband Tom are the parents of a Grower who has thrived at Hope Springs Farm since he graduated from high school in 2006.

Carol Hosler - A Hershey PA native, Carol worked for over 10 years at the Children's Miracle Network, where one of her responsibilities was planning and executing the annual Miracle Party at the Hershey Motor Lodge. Prior to CMN, Carol worked as a supervisor at the Central Transportation Department at Hershey Medical Center. She volunteers at the Hummelstown Food Pantry, and is on the Women's Ministry and Hospitality team at her church.

Joseph Joyce – Joe is the Executive Vice President of Property & Casualty at Keystone Insurers Group. He is also Board Chair of the National Board of Directors for The Autism Society of America (ASA). He has served on the Board of ASA since 2012, and has been Board Chair since 2016. Joe has a BA in Economics from LaSalle University and an MBA from Penn State. His son, David Joyce, attends Hope Springs Farm.

Dale Marshall – Dale has a degree in Child Development from the University of Tennessee. She and her family have lived in the Harrisburg area almost 40 years. As the parent of a Grower, her board membership represents the views and interests of the parents.

Jim Cichelli –

Jim Gainer – Jim entered the US Air Force and became a Leadership and Management Instructor and earned a BS from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Business Management. After a successful 20-year Air Force career Jim and his wife partnered in real estate to become the company's 'Rookie of the Year' and 'Top Overall Agent.' Jim and his family returned to the Hershey PA area in 2007 managing real estate offices, then in 2012 worked for Penn DOT an HR Manager. Jim and his wife were both Hope Springs Farm volunteers for many years, before he accepted Nina Rovner's invitation to become Executive Director in April 2015 and helped launch the agency known as Farm of Hope Inc., that runs Hope Springs Farm as well as the newest program Hope in the Community.

Pat and Kathy Lister
32 Early Land
Annville PA 17003-8623

May 27, 2020

Dear Grants Committee,

We are writing about Hope Springs Farm's request for an UPStream grant for the Pathways to Pasture project, which we also know as the Land Development project.

Hope Springs Farm is doing amazing work in Dauphin County and making an impact not only here, but in many of the surrounding counties as well. More than simply providing satisfying, rewarding activities and services, our Growers (adults with special needs) are experiencing direct and reciprocal therapies by participating in daily care of a variety of animals. Each morning and afternoon, the Growers are responsible for feeding and caring for the animals, and as a result, each have an important and purposeful role in daily life on the Farm. They take ownership and responsibility for the sheep, pigs, mini horses, goats, chickens, alpacas, and rabbits, and subsequently develop relationships with the animals themselves, as well as with the other Growers through shared experiences with the animals.


This request for funding will help to provide paved pathways so that Growers with mobility issues are able to gain access regularly to the pastures where the animals spend their days. There will be landing pads, so that people with wheelchairs and walkers can stop, relax, communicate, and enjoy the environment around them as a community. These accesses will also allow for a broader spectrum of special needs to be served at the farm, to include those people for whom this equipment is a necessity. Finally, these new pathways will also make the Farm pastures and gardens more available for visitors to the Farm – people who visit, volunteer, and partake in the many activities open to the public each season.

These programs are so important to the social, emotional, and physical development of these adults, and to our knowledge, do not exist anywhere else in our region. It is imperative that no one is prohibited from participating. This project makes that possible.

Please seriously consider this grant request. As parents of a Grower, we know firsthand the weight of the differences made by this special place. We can only imagine how much better it will be in the future when more people have the opportunity to be part of this wonderful experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pat and Kathy Lister

John and Jackie Spittal
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Elizabethtown PA 17022
717-615-4190
jackiespittal@comcast.net

May 19, 2020

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
ATTN: Jennifer Strechay
PO Box 678
Harrisburg PA 17108-0678

RE: Hope Springs Farm Upstream Grant Application

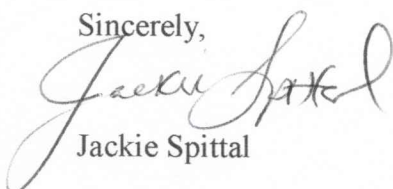
Dear Ms. Strechay and Grants Committee:


We are writing in support for Hope Springs Farm's UPstream grant request. Their request is an important one, as it improves the safety and accessibility of overall facilities for the daily users of the farm (many of whom have unique mobility issues), as well as visitors, transportation companies, providers, and the public in general. It is a proactive approach to the increasing needs of our community, thereby addressing potential issues before they become problematic. This project will also allow the Farm to serve a greater portion of the special needs population by giving them access to the more remote parts of campus.

Our relationship with Hope Springs Farm is as parents. Our daughter goes to the farm every day, and we are frequently, therefore, on site. We continue to be impressed with the breadth of activities (animal care horticulture, cooking, crafts, music, yoga, volunteerism, etc.) that Johanna participates in, as well as the constant concern with establishing and reaching social, self-advocacy, communication, and motor skills goals. She often comes home tired at the end of the day, but with a greater sense of independence, self-awareness, and community involvement. She loves the animals and shares her successes with family and friends with great enthusiasm.

As a family that knows firsthand the importance of health and safety of those who participate at Hope Springs Farm, we fully support this request for funding, and the difference it will make in so many lives. We can be reached at the above telephone number or email address for any further information that may be useful in making your decision.

Sincerely,


Jackie Spittal


John Spittal

Kathy Vosburg

1415 Mount Gretna Road
Elizabethtown PA 17022

May 27, 2020

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
ATTN: Jennifer Strechay
PO Box 678
Harrisburg PA 17108-0678

Dear Grants Committee:

I am writing to support the Farm of Hope (Hope Springs Farm) application for a grant in the amount of \$10,000, to be applied to the second phase of the Pathways to Pasture Land Development Project at the Farm.

As the care provider of an adult with special needs, I can attest to the unique and immense benefits that my family member realizes as a Grower. Access to the Farm facilities -- and in particular the animals -- is a key component of the therapeutic and community-building experience she enjoys.

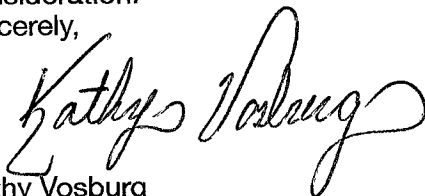
Hope Springs Farm is always looking for ways to improve their programs, and to proactively provide greater breadth and depth, not only to the current Growers, but to future participants and the community at large. To that end, Jim Gainer and the staff have completed an engineering study as the first step toward expanding the access to the animals (and the horticultural areas of the Farm) by paving sidewalks that will end with large platforms for people with impeded mobility, so that the pastures are more accessible. In addition, they have given a great deal of thought to the increasing number of vehicles that enter and exit the Farm, dropping off/picking up Growers, volunteers, staff, and visitors, and have designed a circular driveway and expanded parking areas so that safety for everyone is ensured. The Farm's own fleet of "community vans" -- used to bring the Growers to volunteer opportunities every day -- is growing with increased demand for this type of community service. Part of Jim's vision is that their own fleet be parked away from the main house, thereby removing the potential dangers of moving vehicles in pedestrian space. As I understand it, this is a complicated project in that there are environmental factors and precautions that must be implemented as part of the paving and construction.

Before COVID-19 became a financial factor, Hope Springs Farm intended to complete this project in

three phases. Everything has been delayed, but Jim and his staff continue to plan, working with the engineering firm and the contractors so that once it is possible to do so, the project will continue as close to schedule as can be with the paving and excavating phase, followed by the planting phase. Please give this grant application your full attention, and if I can provide any further information, please

let me know. I may be reached at 717-368-4108. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Vosburg". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail on the "g".

Kathy Vosburg

2020 GREATER HARRISBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPSTREAM 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.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | President/CEO | _____ | Jim Gainer |
| | | Ink Signature | Digital Signature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Board President | _____ | Nina Rovner |
| | | Ink Signature | Digital Signature |

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO BE UPLOADED & SUBMITTED BY 4PM ON 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 Profile, Project Profile, 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.
- ONE, TWO, or THREE letters of support with original or digital signatures. Applicants may submit the number of letters that will best support their application.** Letters of support from the applicant organization's Board of Directors will not be accepted. Identical form letters are discouraged. A minimum of ONE letter of support is REQUIRED for this grant opportunity regardless of response to Question 4.
- If you have indicated PARTNERSHIP with or SERVICE to other Agencies as stated in Question 4, you must upload 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.