



**2020 GREATER HARRISBURG
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRUST FUND
GRANT APPLICATION
DATE DUE: AUGUST 1, 2020**

Thank you for applying to the Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation 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 provide required materials will disqualify your application. **Answer all questions using information that applies to the project seeking support of grant funds.** Contact Jennifer Strechay, Program Officer for Community Investment, at 717-236-5040 or jstrechay@tfec.org with questions.

APPLICANT SNAPSHOT

Applicant Organization Name

PennCares Support Services

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.

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader

Deborah S. Allen: Executive Director, dallen@penncares.org, 717 632 5552 x 4101

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

Applicant Organization's Physical Address

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Name, Title, Email, Phone of Contact Completing Application

Gerrie Reddinger, Children's Program Coordinator, 717-632-5552 x 1106

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

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

- Cumberland Dauphin Franklin Juniata Mifflin
 Lebanon Perry
 Northern York (Dillsburg Area)

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Answer questions 1-5 clearly and concisely; no limit (except for Project Snapshot)

PROJECT TITLE Sensory Friendly Community Event Series: A series of year round community events for individuals with sensory processing disorder, autism and other special needs that aim to foster awareness and acceptance.

Project Title must match title listed throughout application and online

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT

PennCares is a community based organization that provides early intervention, work opportunities, and life long supports services, addressing the full continuum of care with dedication, skill and a commitment to quality support and individual empowerment while prompting independence.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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

The Sensory Friendly Community Event Series is a series of sensory friendly events. The aim of this series is to provide the opportunity for children with sensory processing, autism or other special needs an opportunity to participate in sensory friendly versions of typical community events. Events such as Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza, Fall Fest, Fourth of July Celebration and Sensitive Santa. These events give families a way to experience the simplicities of childhood that often times are incredibly challenging and overwhelming for individuals with sensory processing, autism and other special needs.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

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 _____". Include when and where the project will take place. List dates and locations as appropriate in chronological order and state if provided dates/locations are confirmed, estimated, or to be determined.

The Sensory Friendly Community Event Series is a series of sensory friendly events that will take place at Monaghan Presbyterian Church located at 1185 Gettysburg Pike in Dillsburg, PA and Grace Brethren Church in Franklin County. The Sensory Friendly Community Events Series is aimed to serve families who have children with sensory processing disorder, autism or other special needs. Often times, when children have some sort of sensory need, a "simple" community outing such as going to an egg hunt or seeing santa is too overwhelming and can lead to meltdowns. By providing sensory friendly versions of typical community events, this allows ALL families to attend community events and be successful. The need for these events was inspired by the positive response and feedback from the Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza that took place on April 13, 2019 at Monaghan Prebsyterian Church. The event had twenty five children registred and twenty two children attended which was a great turnout for an innagural event. The feedback from that event was 100% positive and families requested more events. Based upon this feedback, PennCares and Monaghan Presbyterian Church collaborated and offered the first Sensory Friendly Santa on December 21, 2019. Twenty one children and their families

attended this event. The overwhelming response to this event was gratitude. One mother hugged the organizer of the event and said “ You have no idea how much this means to us. This is big deal for our family.” Together with community partners, PennCares is planning to offer the following sensory friendly events: Mar 27, 2021- 9-11am -Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza, July 3, 2021 5-7pm -Friendly Fireworks: A Sensory Friendly event to celebrate Independence Day, October 30, 2021 9-11am Sensory Friendly Fall Fest and December 18, 2021 9-11am Sensitive Santa. All of the dates and times are confirmed. Grant funds will be used on event materials such as LED Easter eggs, prizes for Easter eggs, snacks, craft supplies, gross motor equipment, books, sensory tactile toys and sensory bin items.

FUNDING

3. Restate the amount you are seeking from TFEC and describe any other funding sources and amounts. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, will you be able to implement the project as stated? Explain as needed.

PennCares is seeking \$1422.00 for The Sensory Friendly Community Event Series. This would enable PennCares to offer events year round. Monaghan Presbyterian church has committed to funding the cost of plastic Easter eggs used at the Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza as well as the candy inside the eggs. Mr. Carr has generously donated his services as Santa Claus. Blue Moose Solutions is committed to sponsoring cost of photography for the events. If the proposal is not funded at the level requested, the sensory friendly events would be limited to only the Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza and Sensory Friendly Santa event. The Friendly Fireworks and Fall Fest would not be able to be carried out due to budget constraints.

PROJECT SUCCESS

4. What will project success look like and 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 success of The Sensory Friendly Community Event Series success will be based on numbers served and family surveys. The surveys will be available at each event and also emailed to families after the event(s). Registration will be required for these events and thus it will be easy generate the numbers served based on registration and event attendance. PennCares will also be obtaining photos of the events and posting these on social media to share our successes with the community.

ACCESS & INCLUSION

5. 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 Sensory Friendly Community Event Series is open to people of ALL abilities. While these events are targeted at individuals with sensory needs, it is welcome to all. All of the building is ADA compliant and on a level surface. These events are free to the community. Extra care was taken into consideration when developing these events. There are two sensory rooms located within the church that participants can use to decompress if needed. Volunteers are trained to be compassionate and patient. Past volunteers include an occupational therapist, a physical therapist and special education teachers. All activities can be adapted to meet the need of each participant. On the registration form, there is a box that participants can check if they require special accommodations such as noise cancelling head sets, dietary restrictions, etc.

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>List where funds sought through this grant opportunity will be applied.</i>	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES <i>List 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>
Supplies	2400 Plastic Easter Eggs and egg filers	\$150	Monaghan Presbyterian Church \$ 150.00	C	\$300.00
Supplies: Sensory Friendly Egg Stravaganza	LED Easter Eggs, Craft Supplies, Sensory Bin items, snack, noise cancelling head phones	\$372		P	\$300.00
Staff Salary	Paid compensation for staff working sensory friendly events	\$350		P	\$350
Equipment Rental	Projection Screen	\$	Party Gaming Harrisburg \$100.00	C	\$100.00
Supplies: Friendly 4th	Arts & Crafts, Sensory Bi items, snack, LED light up toys	\$200		P	\$200.00
Supplies for Fall Fest	Pumpkins, Sensory Bin Items, Arts and Craft Supplies	\$200		P	\$200.00
Vendor	Santa Claus	\$	\$150.00 Mr. Art Carr has agreed to donate his Santa Service to this event	C	\$150.00

Sensory Santa Supplies	Books	\$150		P	\$150.00
Equipment	Photography for events	\$	Blue Moose Solutions has agreed to supply the photographer and photos \$150.00	C	\$150.00
TOTALS		\$1422.00 Total: Requested Grant Funds	\$550.00 Total: Other Funding Sources		\$1972.00 PROJECT TOTAL



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July 14, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Monaghan Presbyterian Church and our partnership program with PennCares. For the past two years Monaghan has been engaged in a conversation with PennCares on ways to reach out to the families in our community with special needs and challenges.

Our congregation has been blessed in the past several years with many families worshipping with us who have children with special needs, auditory and sensory sensitivities. As we have embraced these families we realized how challenging things we take for granted can be, especially for the youngest amongst us.

In talking with PennCares our eyes have been opened to the countless ways we can open our home up to the community. We began with reimagining two of our spaces. One was what we called the cry room, a room where families could bring squirmy children and still see and experience worship. This space has been reimagined and is being transformed into a tranquility space, wonderful for kids who just might need a quieter environment. Our traditional nursery is being reimagined to be a moving and grooving space, with areas for kids who just need a safe place to let it out.

It has been amazing to watch the church embrace this partnership and project and even come up with new activities. From this conversation came the idea for a sensory friendly Easter egg hunt. We held that in partnership with PennCares this past April and it was a wonderful experience. It was such a great experience that we have committed to hosting a sensory friendly Santa event as well. It got church people excited to do more.

It is our hope through this grant process to be able to partner even more closely with PennCares to offer four events next year. In addition to the Sensory Friendly Egg-Stravaganza; we have agreed to host a fall festival, sensitive Santa and sensory friendly fireworks. How wonderful it would be for kids in our community to be able to experience things that they wouldn't normally be able to. Hearing from families who attended the events that their kids had never been to one before, that made us realize that our role in our community is not to create big huge events for everyone, but to help create events for those who are left out of those events.

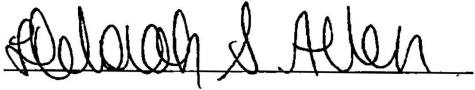
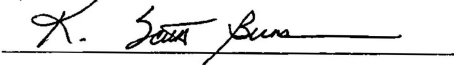
We look forward to partnering with PennCares on many different ideas. We are excited to see where this journey takes us. Thank you for considering us in this grant process.

Blessings

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2020 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRUST 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 type="checkbox"/>	President/CEO		Click or tap here to enter text.
		Ink Signature	Digital Signature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board President		Click or tap here to enter text.
		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 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.
- Letters of support are OPTIONAL for this grant opportunity but must be uploaded by the deadline date. No more than TWO letters of support with original or digital signatures may be provided.** Letters of support from the applicant organization's Board of Directors will not be accepted; identical form letters are discouraged.
- 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.

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.