



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

The Nativity School of Harrisburg

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

Athletic Equipment for The Nativity School of Harrisburg

Project Title must match title listed throughout application and online

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader

Lavelle Muhammad, Executive Director/Principal, principal@nativityharrisburg.org, 717-236-5602

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

Applicant Organization's Physical Address

2102 N. 5th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Applicant Organization's Address for Mailed Communications

PO Box 5500, Harrisburg, PA 17110

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

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Contact Completing Application

Denise Hirn, Director of External Relations, er@nativityschoolofharrisburg.org, 717-802-1064

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
100	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 Nativity School of Harrisburg is a private, independent, faith-based, non-denominational preparatory middle school that exists to break the cycle of poverty for low income, inner city boys by providing a comprehensive middle school education free of charge and by continuing to provide educational and support services throughout high school, including full scholarship assistance if needed to attend a private high school. Finally, counseling and support is provided for the college application process.

By raising funds in lieu of charging tuition, Nativity ensures that the student’s only “job” is to learn and grow as a young man, so he will be equipped to overcome cultural and economic barriers to achievement.

Organization History: Do not exceed this page

Since inception in 2001, Nativity has successfully transformed students whom many consider forgotten into successful learners through a long-term comprehensive approach effecting permanent, positive change. What started as an idea to help make a positive change in the lives of young men in the community by three local businessmen has grown into a fully functional middle school and graduate support program. Over the years our school has added more programs to ensure our students’ success. In the fall of 2020 we will move into our own, much larger school building to provide the opportunities and quality education our school provides to even more students living in Harrisburg. Another exciting change for this year is the addition of a Graduate Support Director who will work with our high school and college students. In this past, this was accomplished by two part-time volunteers.

In total, over 300 students have graduated from The Nativity School of Harrisburg. Almost 100% went on to graduate High School, and more that 60% continued on to college studies or technical school.

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.

We did receive a grant in 2019 for our project “Athletic Programs at The Nativity School of Harrisburg” in the amount of _____. Our basketball season started in January 2020, however was cut short due to COVID-19. This fall, we hope to be able to participate in some socially distanced athletic events.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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

The Nativity School of Harrisburg exists to provide the academic, character, and social education that middle school age boys living within the grip of poverty in Harrisburg, PA need to overcome the hurdles presented by their homes, neighborhoods, and schools. We focus on education as a lifelong process including social and character development. In addition to the core classes, our staff and faculty emphasize love of learning; study and organizational skills; respect for self, others and property; decision-making; problem-solving; sportsmanship; and time management.

Our students come from the underperforming Harrisburg School District where overfilled classes, fights, and drugs are part daily life at school. Statistically, the school district's graduation rate is a mere 45%. When pulling these young men into our school, we create individualized learning plans in a structured environment where they can succeed. By keeping our school tuition-free for our students, we ensure that their only "job" is to learn and grow as a young man. Additionally, because we rely on private donations to fund our program, we lessen the burden on the Harrisburg School District, which allows them to reallocate some funds to places where they are desperately needed.

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 _____".

The Nativity School of Harrisburg has been located on the second floor of the Camp Curtain YMCA and shared gym space with the Y with little to no storage space for our own athletic equipment. In September 2020, we will be opening the doors to our school at our own, permanent home with a gymnasium and plenty of storage space.

Middle school age boys, by nature, have a constant need for physical activity. They perform best academically and socially when they have the opportunity to move around throughout the day. At the Nativity School of Harrisburg, our boys have daily recess, military drill, and physical education classes. During the winter months our school's basketball team takes to the court and in 2019, were the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg league champions. Playing a team sport further improves mental health and social skills in children.

During the 2020-2021 school year, our school seeks to add additional athletic opportunities, for our students.

Our project will serve underprivileged young men residing in the Harrisburg School District. We chose this audience because there are few other opportunities for these boys to participate in sports teams in the city and we know that we can provide a safe and positive experience for them.

Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment.

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.

This project will take place beginning in January 2021 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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: Our project is best positioned for success as a single organization. However, we may allow students from other private schools to play on our teams should space allow.

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.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Other schools and organizations in the city offer athletic teams. The main difference is that play on our teams will be completely fee free for our students.

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.

We want to see our students learn to play together as a group with positive sportsmanship and learn to love being active. That is what success will look like to us.

- 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)?

Though not a true measure of success, we will look at the team's records. We will also survey the players and parents.

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.

Yes, as we are seeking funds from other sources

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 seeking \$1,000. We have requested funds from other local foundations and one national foundation. The amounts range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

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.

Our most recent fiscal year ended on June 30, 2020 and while our final numbers have not been determined, we ended the year with a surplus due to fundraising for our new school building but not yet having the expenses from the renovation.

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.

Our project will be made accessible to all individuals who qualify for participation by adding additional volunteers and/or support staff. If needed, modifications can be made.

TOTALS	\$1,000	\$2,350		\$3,350
	Total: Requested Grant Funds	Total: Other Funding Sources		PROJECT TOTAL

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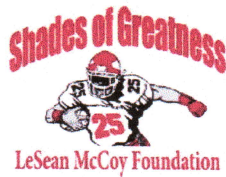
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July 16, 2020

RE: Letter of Recommendation for The Nativity School, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

To whom it may concern:

Shades of Greatness, Inc. ("SOGI"), the *LeSean McCoy Foundation*, remits this correspondence in enthusiastic support of The Nativity School's application for grant funds or assistance in continuing its comprehensive middle school education program for inner-city boys in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The Nativity School provides exemplary education to middle school aged Harrisburg boys in an atmosphere that fosters academic success, perseverance, and character development. Small classroom sizes allow behavior, learning styles and attained social skills to be addressed for academic and personal success. Committed educators, comprehensive curriculum and support not only in the middle school setting but continuing through high school and college helps produce young men determined to break cyclical poverty that affects their families and communities and become academically, personally and professionally successful.

For years, SOGI has worked with and will continue to work with/support The Nativity School in endeavors where we can aid the education, training, and advancement of inner-city boys. The Nativity School fosters life-long learning and develops each student's uniqueness and individuality, so they thrive socially and academically. We support the passion, commitment and results generated by attendance at The Nativity School and feel that continued funding/support will facilitate more academic success stories for inner-city boys. It is with such conviction, that we ask every consideration to be given to their application.

Should you require further information or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne McCoy, President
Email: leseanmccoyfoundation@gmail.com

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.

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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.