

## 2026 Aastha Horizons Grant

The **Aastha Horizons Grant** seeks to support organizations dedicated to enhancing Lancaster County. Applications from initiatives addressing a wide range of topics, including but not limited to education, healthcare, social services, environmental conservation, arts and culture, community development, and youth empowerment are welcome. This grant will provide resources for projects that demonstrate a commitment to making a positive impact in our community, whether by addressing immediate needs or fostering long-term sustainability.

Grants typically range from **\$1,000 – \$5,000**.

### Aastha Horizons Fund

“Aastha” is a word in the Indian language meaning belief, faith, trust, hope for a better tomorrow. Like the sunrise over the horizon which symbolizes hope and a new day, the [Aastha Horizons Fund](#) will create significant impact while addressing community needs and will provide Asian-Indian American community members with a channel for collective philanthropy.

This fund is a giving circle, which means it welcomes other donors to contribute their gifts, time, and suggestions for organizations to receive grants. Donors also have the ability to donate “pro bono services” used to benefit the community. [Click here](#) to learn more about the extraordinary story of this fund.

### Application Process

1. Submit an application using this [online application form](#) before the deadline, **11:59 pm on Wednesday, July 15**.
2. Contact Deepa Balepur at [Deepa@compass-pa.com](mailto:Deepa@compass-pa.com) if you have any questions.

### Application Questions

- **Name of Organization**
- **Website**
- **Project Name:** Name of project that you are seeking funding for.
- **Project Description:** Please describe your proposed project. This information may be shared with our board and/or in a press release.

- **Project Narrative:** Describe the proposed project, the geographic area(s) of Lancaster County it will serve, and the distinct audiences to be served.
- **Funding:** Please state the amount you are seeking through this grant opportunity and describe any other funding sources and amounts you are exploring. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, will you be able to implement aspects of the project as stated?
- **Budget:** Describe your budget in detail, itemizing each item or service, a description, and the portion of grant funds being dedicated to that piece.
- **Project Success:** What will project success look like and how will project success be measured and documented? How will you conduct program evaluation?
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Does your project offer any volunteer opportunities, especially family-friendly activities on weekends? Kindly elaborate.
- **In-kind Giving:** Does your project offer any in-kind giving opportunities? Kindly elaborate.
- **Additional Comments:** Is there anything else you would like to share about your project?

## Contact Information

To get involved or learn more:



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