

Project Overview

The Bristol Corn Dog Festival is more than a celebration of food; it is a signature event that strengthens community bonds, attracts visitors, and provides opportunities for local nonprofits and businesses to thrive. Each year, we strive to balance tradition with innovation, ensuring the festival remains dynamic and community-driven.

One of our most popular attractions is the sale of donated corn dogs, with proceeds benefiting local nonprofits. However, demand has outpaced our capacity—last year, wait times exceeded 45 minutes. To address this challenge, BOTR proposes **The Extraordinary Bristol Corn Dog Trailer Project**, a mobile food trailer designed to dramatically improve efficiency, increase sales capacity, and enhance the festival experience.

Project Details and Budget

The proposed trailer will be an **8 ft by 24 ft unit**, fully equipped and modified for safe, high-volume corn dog production.

- **Base Trailer Cost:** \$32,000
 - **Frying Equipment:** \$10,000
 - **Modifications (oil tank, water supply, sinks, waste water ,sales facilitation):** \$20,000
- Total Estimated Cost: \$62,000**

This investment will not only serve the corn dog festival but also support other downtown events such as **Movie Night in the Park**, the **Bristol Library Car Show**, and promotional evenings for local arts and entertainment. In all cases, proceeds will benefit nonprofits providing volunteer labor.

Community Collaboration

BOTR has secured in-kind support from a local trailer manufacturer and is partnering with the **Career Center** to involve students in the design and compliance process. Students will gain hands-on experience in engineering, food safety research, and equipment selection—making this project an educational opportunity as well as a community enhancement.

Funding Request

We respectfully request **Community Foundation support for 50% of the total project cost (\$17,000)**. BOTR will secure additional funding through in-kind contributions and local sponsorships to cover the remaining balance.

Impact

Your investment will:

- Reduce wait times and improve visitor experience at the festival
- Increase fundraising capacity for local nonprofits
- Provide a versatile asset for year-round community events
- Create educational opportunities for Career Center students

We believe this project embodies the spirit of community, innovation, and collaboration that the Bristol Corn Dog Festival represents. Thank you for considering our request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and answer any questions you may have.