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Dear Community Leader:

I am pleased to share the latest edition of the Pennsylvania Grant and Resource Directory. The directory was updated throughout the past year and includes new grant programs that have opened during the pandemic.

While the directory is not a comprehensive list of all government programs, it is a snapshot of the popular and helpful state grants and other resources available in our Commonwealth.

The working partnerships between state and local governments and community organizations have never been more vital as we all respond to the challenges in re-opening in 2021.

If you need more information about a particular program, I encourage you to visit the agency's website for the most up-to-date information or contact my office at (717) 783-3822. I hope that you find the 2021 Pennsylvania Grant and Resource Directory helpful in your good works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amen Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amen Brown
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Pennsylvania Grant & Resource Directory



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It is important to note that grant and loan programs may change in a fiscal year. It is always best to check websites or contact the government agency to learn about the current status of any program.

The Basics

1. **Determine your need.** Draft a plan and circulate for input.
2. **Research and find opportunity.** Search or browse websites, catalogs and private foundations for potential grants. This may require some creative thinking. Gather facts and figures to support your need. Often, grant solicitations will describe what they do not want, but will not fully explain what they will accept.
3. **Locate the grant contact person or website.** Once you have identified potential funding sources, inquire with the grant contact to learn the application process and how best to present your request in a way that maximizes the chances of award selection.
4. **Write proposal.** Learn how to write grant proposals and incorporate the decision makers' terms, best interests or focus.
5. **There are seven components to a proposal:**
 1. introduction of the organization
 2. summary of the project or need
 3. problem/needs assessment
 4. project objective
 5. project design
 6. funding needs and project budget
 7. project evaluation or review
6. **Review and edit the grant application(s).**
7. **Check regularly.** Keep records, follow up as needed, and thank everyone for their help. Sign up for notifications and check websites weekly for updates and new grant postings.

How Your Representative Can Be of Further Assistance

- Partner or coordinate with local governments or regional groups on a shared goal or goals.
- Direct the applicant to websites, contact persons and grant writing sources.
- Write letters of support.
- Follow up with grant sources to ascertain status of the grant.

Common Funding Terms

- **Appropriations – State** – Legislation requiring the governor's approval authorizing an agency, department, board, commission, or institution to spend a specified amount of money for a state purpose during a particular period of time, usually a fiscal year. The state government fiscal year begins July 1 and ends on June 30 of the next calendar year.



- **Appropriations – Federal** – An appropriation of monies received from the federal government. All federal funding, regardless of source, is deposited in the state treasury and must be appropriated by the state legislature. Federal funds are appropriated for a specific period of time. The federal fiscal year (FFY) begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following calendar year.
- **Corporate Donations** – Corporate donors may set aside funds for public relations and philanthropic purposes. Companies often administer the donations directly or through their foundation. Check the corporate website to look at the philanthropic focus or to see which corporate foundations it is linked to.
- **Grants** – Government grants are usually competitive in nature and are administered by federal, state, and local government entities. Government grants are used to carry out a government-authorized purpose.
- **Individual benefits** – The government provides assistance through benefit programs that serve an important purpose, such as job training, nutritional assistance, education, social security benefits, veterans assistance, Medicare and Medicaid.
See www.benefits.gov or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Apply-for-Benefits.aspx>
- **Private Foundations** – There are private foundations (usually funded by an individual, family or corporation) and public charities (community foundations or other nonprofit groups). The Department of State provides an annual report on charitable organizations. The report provides an overview of registration, investigations, and audits of charitable organizations. Some private foundations qualify for tax exemption under the IRS definition of 501(c)(3). Private foundations' annual IRS Forms 990-PF are available to the public <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-990-pf> To request a copy of an application (including all supporting documents), or a tax return, an IRS Form 4506A is needed: https://www.irs.gov/site-index-search?search=4506-A&field_pup_historical_1=1&field_pup_historical=1 More information is available at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits>
- **Procurement: State** – The Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) defines procurement as buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any supplies, services, or construction. DGS administers procurement activities through the Cooperative Purchasing Program or COSTARS program: <https://www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Pages/default.aspx>

Grant Writing Guides & Other Grant Resources

- **Pennsylvania Government Portal website** – www.pa.gov
The state's main webpage links to all state agencies. Type in "grants" under the search feature or visit an agency's homepage and search for a particular program name or enter the word "grant."



- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** – <https://www.grants-gov.net/cfda.php>
The catalog provides a full listing of all federal programs available to state and local governments.
- **Gov1** – <https://www.gov1.com/>
Gov1 is an independent, unbiased information service providing innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges facing cities and towns around the world. It administers the Grant Finder (<https://grantfinder.com/>) showing funding opportunities for federal, state, corporate and foundation grants for municipalities and community nonprofits.
- **Candid** – <https://candid.org/>
Candid was born February 1, 2019, when the Foundation Center and GuideStar joined forces. It aims to connect people who want to change the world with the resources they need to do it. Candid has many free live and on-demand courses on how to address funding needs. <https://learning.candid.org/training/>
- **The Chronicle of Philanthropy** – www.philanthropy.com
The Chronicle of Philanthropy is a subscription news source in print and online for nonprofit leaders, fundraisers, and grant makers. Along with news, it offers lists of grants, fundraising ideas and techniques, statistics, reports on tax and court rulings, summaries of books and a calendar of events.

Free Sources, Foundations, Community Foundations, Libraries

- **Nonprofit Expert** – <https://www.nonprofitexpert.com/>

The Nonprofit Expert provides free resources for nonprofits of all types and sizes; it provides tools, guides, and advice to nonprofits.

There are designated libraries that house reference collections:

Library	City
Albright Library	Scranton
Allentown Public Library	Allentown
Beaver County Library System	Aliquippa
Butler Area Public Library	Butler
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Nonprofit Resource Center	Pittsburgh

Chester County Library	Exton
Citizens Library	Washington
Community Library of the Shenango Valley	Sharon
Dauphin County Library System	Harrisburg
East Stroudsburg University	East Stroudsburg
Erie County Public Library	Erie
Franklin Public Library	Franklin
Free Library of Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Hazleton Area Public Library	Hazleton
James V. Brown Library	Williamsport
Lancaster Public Library	Lancaster
Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library	Bristol
Martin Memorial Library	York
Montgomery County Community College	Blue Bell
Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center	Pittston
Northampton Community College	Bethlehem
Pottstown Regional Public Library	Pottstown
Reading Public Library	Reading



- **Community Foundations**

Community foundations are nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly supported grantmaking organizations. These foundations are public charities, since they develop broad support from many unrelated donors with a wide range of charitable interests in a specific community. A community foundation has an independent board that is broadly representative of the public interest. Foundations maintain diverse grants programs. In addition, they often play a leadership role in their communities, serve as a resource for grant information and broker training and technical assistance for local nonprofits. The following is a list of community foundations in Pennsylvania: [Community Foundations List](#)

- **The State Library of Pennsylvania**

The State Library of Pennsylvania is one of the largest research libraries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has information on almost every area of human concern. It provides information and materials from its collections and automated resources to state government, state institutions and the general public. It is also charged with maintaining a definitive collection of publications of all agencies of the commonwealth and serves as a regional depository for United States Government publications.

Need help in locating materials or information? You have options: Call the State Library's Reference Desk at 717-783-5950 (General) or 717-787-3273 (Law/Government Publications)

Email the State Library using the online form www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Contact/Pages/default.aspx Chat online with a librarian at www.askherepa.org/

Chat online with a librarian about government information at www.govtinfo.org/

Other Resources

- **Women's Funding Network** – www.womensfundingnetwork.org

Women's Funding Network is the largest philanthropic network in the world devoted to women and girls around the world. It has a large philanthropic network that helps charities, private foundations, and community foundations.

Key Federal Funding Sources

- **Grants.gov** – www.Grants.gov

Grants.gov is the main website to access for researching and registering for federal grant opportunities and programs. The site allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies.



- **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars** – www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars
The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB circulars are cited in catalog program descriptions.
- **United States Government portal**
The U.S. government’s official web portal, www.USA.gov, is the online guide to U.S. government information and services.

Businesses and Nonprofits – www.usa.gov/business This section provides links and resources for starting and managing a business or nonprofit.

Government-to-Government – www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Government aid and programs that provide financial help for individuals and organizations.

- **USA Spending** – www.usaspending.gov/Pages/Default.aspx
USA spending is a publicly accessible, searchable website mandated by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to give the American public access to information on how their tax dollars are spent.

Related Federal Sources

- **Federal Citizen Information Center** – www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/usagov
The U.S. General Services Administration’s Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) helps Americans find information through its websites, its National Contact Center, and its publication distribution center. Call for points of contact about government agencies, programs, and services by dialing 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). Order a catalog of federal consumer information by calling 1-888-8-PUEBLO (1-888-878-3256).
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Services for the Public** – www.usace.army.mil/About/
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides many services for the public, including emergency response, flood damage reduction and environment stewardship.
- **U.S. Department of Justice – Americans with Disabilities Act** – www.ada.gov/
The ADA Homepage provides information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **U.S. Department of Labor – Disability.gov** – www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability
Disability.gov is a comprehensive online resource designed to provide people with disabilities with the information they need to know quickly and easily. The site provides access to disability-related information and programs available across the government on numerous subjects, including civil rights, education, employment, housing, health, income support, technology, transportation, and independent living.



- **U.S. Small Business Administration – Borrowing Money** – www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans
Resource for businesses considering a loan application.
- **Corporation for National and Community Service** – www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants
The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is an independent, federal grant-making government agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. CNCS programs include Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF), and Social Innovation Fund (SIF). These programs have helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. CNCS provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering.



Department of Aging www.aging.pa.gov

As the designated state unit on aging, the department upholds the provisions of the Older Americans Act as well as Pennsylvania's Act 70 of 1978. Many programs and services are available through an aging network that consists of 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which cover all 67 counties in the Commonwealth. To locate the nearest AAA or senior community center, or for more information on the Department of Aging programs, please visit www.aging.pa.gov. The department also publishes an annual guidebook called "Benefits and Rights for Older Pennsylvanians," which lists sources of help and information available to older Pennsylvanians. To obtain a copy, contact your representative or senator. The publication is also available online at www.aging.pa.gov.

Apprise

APPRISE is the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Trained counselors provide free, objective information to help Medicare beneficiaries and those nearing Medicare eligibility to explore their Medicare choices. The program helps individuals understand their health insurance options in order to make informed decisions about their health care coverage. APPRISE counselors are thoroughly trained in Medicare and can also provide local, personalized information about Medicaid, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D prescription drug plans, financial assistance programs, and long-term care insurance. Counselors also understand Medicare rights and protections and can assist beneficiaries file Medicare appeals. The toll-free APPRISE Helpline is 1-800-783-7067. All services are free and confidential. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550.

Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program

The goal of the Caregiver Support Program is to reduce caregiver stress by offering support and financial reimbursement for certain caregiving out-of-pocket expenses ranging from respite care to supplies related to caregiving. Caregivers are assigned a Care Manager from their local Area Agency on Aging who assesses their needs in the caregiving role, provides emotional and educational support including local support groups and technical assistance, and manages financial reimbursement provided to the caregiver. Modifications to the home, such as installation of a chair lift or a wheelchair ramp, or assistance with the purchase of an assistive device may be approved on a case-by-case basis if they are necessary for providing support to the caregiver. Pennsylvania's Caregiver Support Program is designed for individuals who are caring for loved ones who are suffering from an illness or disability that causes a functional deficit which requires assistance, or for a dependent child. The following individuals may qualify for benefits:

- A caregiver age 18 and older who is the primary caregiver for a functionally dependent individual age 60 and older or an individual of any age who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.
- A caregiver age 55 and older caring for an individual age 18-59 who is related by blood, marriage, or adoption, with a non-dementia disability.



- A caregiver age 55 and older who is not the biological parent but is the primary caregiver for, and related by blood, marriage, or adoption to, a child under the age of 18. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging. Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) – The Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) program provides a supervised, homelike living arrangement for adults age 18 and older who are unable to live independently in the community. Dom Care homes are certified by the local Area Agency on Aging for three or fewer residents. Area Agencies on Aging match eligible residents to Dom Care providers with consideration of their mutual needs, preferences, and interests. Area Agencies on Aging also provide ongoing care management services to residents and conduct annual Dom Care home inspections. Residents of the Dom Care home receive assistance with self-help activities such as bathing, grooming, and laundry.

Domiciliary Care (Dom Care)

The Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) program provides a supervised, homelike living arrangement for adults age 18 and older who are unable to live independently in the community. Dom Care homes are certified by the local Area Agency on Aging for three or fewer residents. Area Agencies on Aging match eligible residents to Dom Care providers with consideration of their mutual needs, preferences, and interests. Area Agencies on Aging also provide ongoing care management services to residents and conduct annual Dom Care home inspections. Residents of the Dom Care home receive assistance with self-help activities such as bathing, grooming, and laundry.

Dom Care providers assure the resident receives nutritious meals, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance with self-administration of medication, when needed.

Dom Care providers are typically individuals who open their homes and are willing to provide residents with housing, support, care, and encouragement in a family-like setting. They participate in a certification process to make sure their home meets health and safety requirements. The success of the Dom Care program is dependent upon these nurturing individuals who have the desire to give daily, personalized care and attention to residents and encourage a sense of belonging and independence in their own home.

For more information, visit aging.pa.gov or contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

Senior Community Centers

Area Agency on Aging-supported Senior Community Centers are community settings that facilitate the social, emotional, and physical well-being of older Pennsylvanians as part of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programming and services. They offer a wide variety of activities and services that vary from center to center depending on the needs and desires of the consumers and community being served. The following services are provided at no cost to participants over the age of 60, or spouses of participants accompanied by an eligible participant:



- Nutrition services such as:
 - Congregate meal services
 - Nutrition education
 - Nutrition screening and counseling
- Fitness and well-being classes
- Educational programs for creative instruction, self-enrichment, and independent living
- Volunteering opportunities

Senior Community Centers also facilitate access to services that may be available within the local Area Agency on Aging's (AAA's) program service area, such as:

- Providing information, referral, and outreach
- Transportation
- Legal and advocacy assistance
- Employment services
- Volunteer services
- Ombudsman services
- Housing and placement services and assistance
- Any other services that may be available in the local community

Modernization of Senior Community Centers

The Department of Aging offers grant opportunities for senior community centers to modernize their facilities and improve their programs and services, consistent with the goals and direction of the State Plan on Aging. The objective is to help senior centers prepare for changing demographics and make them more attractive to a younger aging population. The department issues these funds through a competitive grant process.

Details can be obtained online at www.aging.pa.gov or by calling 717-783-1550.

Nutrition Services

The Department of Aging provides for quality nutrition services to older Pennsylvanians through senior community center and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and personalized assessments, assistance with applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and information and online resources.

Nutritious meals are available to individuals age 60 or older and their spouses at various senior community centers across the state. Meals are available either on location at the center (congregate



meals) or they can be delivered directly to eligible individuals who have nutritional needs or are nutritionally at-risk through the Department's OPTIONS Program. Meals are provided free of charge, but participants may give an anonymous donation to help offset the cost of the service.

For local resources, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or go online to www.feedingpa.org. For more information on the department's nutrition programs, call 717-783-1550.

Adult Day Services Centers

Technically known as Older Adult Daily Living Centers (OADLCs), this community-based program provides a protective environment for older adults and adults with a dementia-related disease, offering those who are not capable of full-time independent living an alternative to institutionalization. The Department of Aging inspects and licenses adult day service centers on an annual basis. In addition to performing annual licensure inspections, the department's Division of Licensing provides technical assistance to licensed centers to help them provide quality service to older Pennsylvanians.

For more information or to find out if funding is available to help subsidize the cost of adult day services, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging, go online to www.aging.pa.gov or call 717-214-6716.

Older Adult Protective Services

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA) for adults 60 years of age and over. OAPSA provides services necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of older adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves and who are at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment. This law also safeguards the rights of older adults while providing for the detection, reduction, correction or elimination of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment.

The department works closely with the 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), which administer the older adults' protective services program at the local level. The local AAAs are responsible for intake of reports, investigation into allegations of all types of abuse and providing protective services to older adults. Within the department, the Protective Services Office is responsible for conducting quality assurance reviews and providing technical assistance to local protective services programs across the commonwealth.

Reports may be made on behalf of an older adult, whether the individual lives in the community or in a care facility. Any person who believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned may call the 24/7 elder abuse hotline: 1-800-490-8505. The reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

For information about the department's Older Adult Protective Services program, call 717-772-4679.

Options

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging's OPTIONS Program provides services to help Pennsylvanians who are 60 years of age and older to remain in their homes and communities. A comprehensive interview is conducted by the local Area Agency on Aging to determine eligibility and



identify the consumers' unmet needs. A Care Manager works closely with the consumer to develop a plan of care to address the unmet needs and coordinates the provision of services.

Benefits: Services available under the OPTIONS Program may include:

- Adult Daily Living Services
- Assistive/Adaptive Devices
- Care Management
- Emergent Services
- Home Health Services
- Home Modifications
- Home Support

*Not all services are available in every county.

There are no financial eligibility requirements, however, consumers receiving OPTIONS services may be required to share in the cost of services they receive. The consumer's cost share fee is based upon countable monthly income on a sliding scale. Financial verification is required to receive services.

For more information or to apply for OPTIONS services, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman

The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for and empowers individuals receiving long-term care services in both community- and facility-based settings. An ombudsman visits individuals who reside in long-term care facilities to advocate for those who cannot do so on their own.

The ombudsman's mission includes providing residents with information on their rights as consumers and helping them exercise those rights, pursuing remedies to their concerns, and advocating for the strict enforcement of long-term care standards.

To contact the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for program details, or to see how you can support your local Ombudsman Program, call the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) or the State Office at 717-783-8975.

Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE)

PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare are Pennsylvania's pharmacy assistance programs for older adults, offering low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents aged 65 and older. They cover most medications that require prescriptions, including insulin, insulin syringes, and insulin needles. PACE and PACENET are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and are funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery.

For more information or to apply, call 1-866-712-2060 or visit www.pacecares.magellanhealth.com/.



Additional department resources for assistance with prescriptions include:

- Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse (PA PAP) – The department funds a statewide service center staffed by trained specialists, who can help uninsured and under-insured adults apply for prescription assistance through various programs. Anyone without PACE coverage or government-funded health insurance, including Medicare, can apply by calling 1-800-955-0989.
- Pennsylvania Prescription Price Finder – Anyone can access this free department-maintained resource that lists local prices on commonly used drugs, local pharmacy listings, information on low-cost generics, and drug information materials. To access the information, simply call 1-800-835-4080 or visit www.parxpricefinder.com.

Health & Wellness Program

The Department of Aging’s health and wellness program is designed to educate and enable older Pennsylvanians to remain healthy and independent for as long as possible. The program focuses on key wellness areas, including exercise, nutrition, chronic conditions, injury prevention, medication management and behavioral health. A variety of free education, health, and wellness programs, including evidence-based wellness programs and activities are available in your local community.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) assigns unemployed low-income individuals age 55 and older to part-time community service positions with public and private nonprofit agencies such as social service agencies, public housing facilities, senior centers, public schools, etc. SCSEP strives for participants to obtain an unsubsidized job through the work experience obtained from the community service assignment. Participants usually work an average of 20 hours a week for which they are paid the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher.

If you live in Clinton, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Philadelphia, Northampton, Washington, Westmoreland, or Wyoming counties, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging. If you live in a county that’s not listed in the previous sentence, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Aging’s SCSEP contractor, The AARP Foundation. In addition to the 7 AAAs and The AARP Foundation that operate SCSEP in the commonwealth through contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, there are other national organizations that operate the SCSEP Program through direct contracts with the U.S. Department of Labor.

SCSEP participants must be unemployed, age 55 or older, and meet income requirements.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources

The PA Link assists older adults (over 60) and individuals with disabilities by providing information and connecting them to the supports and services they need (non-medical and medical) to live safely in their



homes and communities. It is a coordinated network of partners that allows an individual to initiate contact with any PA Link partner and access needed information, assistance, resources, or next step in the process. The No Wrong Door approach attempts to minimize duplication of efforts by both individuals and providers, thereby streamlining access, reducing confusion, preserving resources, and creating a safety net for the most vulnerable.

The PA Link:

- Informs and connects individuals that are aged 60+ and individuals with disabilities to local long-term services and support resources.
- Provides objective information and one-on-one assistance to streamline access to community services and supports.
- Diverts individuals from more costly forms of care such as nursing facility and hospital readmissions.
- Empowers people to make informed decisions about long-term services and supports, maintaining independence and aging in place.
- Contributes to a one-stop-shop approach to accessing long-term services and supports.

For more information, please call the PA Link Call Center: 1-800-753-8827.



Department of Agriculture www.agriculture.pa.gov.

Agricultural Product Promotion, Education, and Export Promotion Matching Grant

Who May Apply: Nonprofit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations.

Uses: To promote agricultural products, educate consumers, and grow export markets. This round will prioritize eligible projects that support the industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, as well as projects that improve food security in the Commonwealth, including projects that improve access to nutritious food, decrease food waste in schools and other settings, and that leverage Federal, community and State resources through public-private partnerships.

Funds: Reimbursement matching grants. The department intends to make up to \$300,000 available for grants under the program.

Funding Source: General Fund

Deadline: **February 19, 2021**

More Information: Can be found in the January 16, 2021 PA Bulletin notice at Pennsylvania Bulletin (<http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/>).

Agricultural Hemp Promotion, Education and Export Promotion Matching Grant Program

Who May Apply: Nonprofit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations.

Use: Projects aimed at increasing sales, export, or consumer awareness of Pennsylvania hemp products. Eligible projects may include regional or national promotion.

Funds: Reimbursement grants up to 50% of project costs. The minimum matching grant is \$1,000. A total of \$253,000 will be available statewide.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 5, 2021**

More Information: See the February 13, 2021, PA Bulletin at [Pennsylvania Bulletin \(pacodeandbulletin.gov\)](http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/).

Agritourism

Find ways to attract consumers to your agritourism operation.

Contact – Gwyn Rowland: growland@pa.gov, 717-783-8462 or www.visitpa.com

Beginning Farmer Tax Credit

This program allows the seller or lessor of agricultural land, equipment, buildings, and livestock to a qualified “beginning farmer” to apply for and receive tax credits against the seller or lessor’s Pennsylvania income tax obligations in the year of the sale or lease. To qualify as a beginning farmer, To qualify, a farmer must: (a) have farming income in no more than the ten most recent tax years;



(b) possess demonstrated experience or transferable skill; (c) intend to provide the majority of labor and management; (d) show that farming will be a “significant source of income.”

Contact – Phillip Stober at pstober@pa.gov

Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund

A grant designed specifically to provide Pennsylvania fairs with matching funds for capital improvement projects on fairgrounds.

Contact – Tracy Barone: tbarone@pa.gov 717-772-3094, or visit www.agriculture.pa.gov

Crop Insurance Program

Since many farmers cannot control disasters, it is wise to transfer some risk to crop insurance in exchange for a manageable premium that can be a part of a budget. Crop insurance can also work as part of a seamless package with pre-harvest crop marketing programs that can help to increase profits in good years. The Crop Insurance Program is a work in progress that may have new benefits for your farm on a year-to-year basis. Farmers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent to get the details or their local Farming Service Agency.

Contact – Christy Rebehn: RA-AgBusiness@pa.gov 717-409-0219

Land Trust Reimbursement Grant Program

An individual grant will reimburse a qualified land trust up to \$5,000 of expenses incurred in acquiring an “agricultural conservation easement,” as defined in the Agricultural Area Security Law. Expenses include appraisal costs, legal services, title searches, document preparation, title insurance, closing fees and survey costs. A land trust must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and include the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements or other conservation easements in its stated purpose. An eligible land trust seeking reimbursement grants under the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at 717-783-3167

Organic Cost Share Program

Reimbursement toward organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact – Michele Brookins at mbrookins@pa.gov 717-836-3973

Good Agriculture Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Cost Share Program

Reimbursement toward GAP/GHP certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact – Michele Brookins at mbrookins@pa.gov, 717-836-3973



PA Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Board Grants

Who May Apply: Higher education institutions, tourism and economic development organizations, nonprofits, private businesses, and others.

Uses: To conduct promotion, marketing, and research projects to increase quality and sale of malt and brewed beverages. Priority is being given to projects that will help support the Pennsylvania Beer Industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline: Concept papers and budget must be emailed to

RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov by **February 26, 2021 at 4 PM**

Funding Source: State Stores Fund

More Information: Can be found in the January 16, 2021 PA Bulletin notice at Pennsylvania Bulletin (<http://pancodeandbulletin.gov/>).

PA Wine Marketing and Research Board Grants

Who May Apply: Higher education institutions, tourism and economic development organizations, nonprofits, private businesses, and others.

Uses: To conduct promotion, marketing, and research to enhance Pennsylvania's wine industry. Priority is being given to projects that will help support the Pennsylvania Wine Industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline: Concept papers and budget must be emailed to RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov by **February 26, 2021 at 4 PM**

Funding Source: State Stores Fund

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PA Preferred® Program

Assists Pennsylvania farmers by encouraging consumers to purchase Pennsylvania products. At the same time, consumers will know that they have found foods grown and processed under some of the world's most stringent food safety standards.

Contact – Gwyn Rowland: growland@pa.gov, 717-783-8462 or www.visitpa.com

Small Business Administration 504

The CDC/504 loan program is a long-term financing tool for economic development within a community. The program provides growing businesses with long-term fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

No dates specified.



Any for-profit small business with a net worth less than \$7.5 million and a net profit of less than \$2.5 million is eligible. One job must be created or in some cases retained for every \$50,000 of net SBA 504 funds in the project within two years of disbursement.

Contact – www.sba.gov

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

To increase the visibility and market share of Pennsylvania's produce, nursery, horticulture, and nut products; there are federal grants authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.

Contact – Morgan Sheffield: msheffield@pa.gov, 717-787-3568

Federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Who May Apply: State and local organizations, producer associations, academia, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders.

Use: Projects that will increase visibility and competitiveness of the state's horticultural specialty crops including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, and nursery crops.

Funds: Requests may be made for a minimum of \$20,000, provided the amount reasonably represents the cost of the intended project.

Funding Source: Federal funding

Application Deadline: Concept proposals due **March 5, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Specialty Crops Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](#).

State level Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

This program is under the PA Farm Bill and is aimed to increase the visibility and market share of specific crops not named under the Federal definition, such as hemp, hops, hardwood, and honey.

Who May Apply: State and local organizations, producer associations, academia, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders.

Use: To promote high-priority specialty crops (hemp, hardwoods, honey, hops; also, barley, rye, and wheat for distilling, brewing, and malting) through projects like child and adult nutrition education, participation in international standard setting bodies, improving efficiency of distribution systems, good manufacturing and handling practices, research, development of seed varieties, and pest and disease control.

Funds: \$460,000 will be distributed in total, with 6.2% going to low-income rural areas and 3.8% going to low-income urban areas.

Funding source: General Fund



Application Deadline: Concept papers due **March 5, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov).

Contact – Morgan Sheffield: msheffield@pa.gov, 717-787-3568

State Food Purchase Program

Grants to counties or a designated lead agency to purchase food to be provided to the needy. Grants are allocated based on unemployment, food stamp recipients not on public assistance, legal immigrants, medical assistance recipients, and households with earned income receiving assistance.

Contact – Sandy Hopple, 800-468-2433

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Direct Loans

Government-funded loans made by FSA. FSA also provides loan customers with supervision and credit counseling. Farm Ownership, Operating, Emergency, and Youth loans are the main types of loans available under the Direct program. Funds are also set aside each year for loans to minority applicants and beginning farmers.

No dates specified. Loan applicant must pay a credit report fee, lien searches (if loan is made), and filing and recording security instruments.

Contact – www.fsa.usda.gov/

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Guaranteed Loans

The loan provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

No dates specified. FSA charges a guarantee fee of 1 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This fee may be passed on to the borrower. Guarantee waived for: assistance loans; loans where more than 50 percent of the loan funds are used to pay off direct FSA loan debt; and loans in conjunction with down payment farm ownership loan program.

Contact – www.fsa.usda.gov/daf/

Urban Agriculture Grant Program

The program provides funding in the form of a reimbursement grant to eligible applicants seeking to improve urban agriculture infrastructure in Pennsylvania. Two types of grants are available – collaboration (up to \$50,000) and microgrants (up to \$2,500).

Contact – Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov for more information or contact Mike Roth, microth@pa.gov



Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program

Who May Apply: An individual, partnership, association, business, or municipal government.

Use: Projects that grow agricultural infrastructure in urban food deserts to improve access to fresh, local food and provide opportunities for hands-on learning, community-building, and for people to become social entrepreneurs.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Micro-grants up to \$2,500 in matching funds for one-time projects or a single entity applicant. Collaboration grants up to \$50,000 in matching funds. A total of \$500,000 is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **April 16, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants \(pa.gov\)](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).

Very Small Meat Processor Federal Inspection Reimbursement Grants

The program provides funding in the form of reimbursement for certain eligible costs incurred with meeting Federal inspection and certification guidelines during the planning and start up periods for a very small meat processor operating within the commonwealth.

Contact – Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov for more information or contact Josh Scheinberg jscheinber@pa.gov

Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program

Through the awarding of grants and the placing of conditions upon how grant moneys are to be spent, the Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program will fund eligible projects for agricultural and youth organizations in the Commonwealth. The grant program is competitive.

Who May Apply: Agriculture and youth organizations, such as FFA, 4-H, Ag in the Classroom, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and vocational education programs. Schools and school districts may also apply on behalf of an agriculture and youth organization.

Use: Educational programs, workforce development programs, seminars and field trips, agricultural safety training programs, capital projects, equipment purchases, and projects approved by the board, as well as projects addressing biosecurity and illness prevention and containment practices in agricultural and food production operations, food processing operations, and charitable food distribution networks.

Funds: Non-matching reimbursement grants up to \$7,500. For eligible capital projects and equipment purchases, matching reimbursement grants (50% match) up to \$25,000.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 5, 2021**

More Information: Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill or contact Sara Gligora, sgligora@pa.gov

Click on [Ag and Youth Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).



Farm to School Grant Program

Farm-to-School Program is to educate prekindergartners through fifth graders and their families about the importance of choosing healthy, locally produced foods and increase awareness of Pennsylvania agriculture. Furthermore, the initiative should aid Pennsylvania farmers in gaining access to new markets within this Commonwealth. Any school district, charter school or private school with prekindergarten classes, a kindergarten program or elementary school classes through the fifth grade, that is located and operates within this Commonwealth, may apply for funding.

Who May Apply: School districts, charter schools, and private schools with pre-K or K-5 classes.

Use: To educate pre-kindergartners through fifth graders and their families about the importance of choosing healthy, locally produced foods through nutrition education in the classroom, field trips, and other activities. Projects must have a completion date of no later than June 30, 2021.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$15,000 per school. A 25% match is required; may be in-kind contributions. A total of \$500,000 is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **March 30, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Farm to School Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov/farm-to-school).

Contact – Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill or contact Patrick Andrews, patriandrew@pa.gov

Farm Vitality Planning Grants

Who May Apply: Farmers and prospective farmers.

Use: Professional services to assist with business planning, efficient transitions of farm ownership, strategic farm expansion, product diversification, and financial and technical expertise in order to enhance the long-term vitality of PA farms.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grants up to \$7,500. Grants are limited to 75% of the total project cost. Up to \$1 million is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/Farm-Vitality-Planning-Program.aspx>.



Department of Community & Economic Development (DCEd)

DCEd Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or www.dced.pa.gov

Act 47 – Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (MFRA)

Act 47 empowers the department to declare certain municipalities as distressed and provides grants and loans through the Financially Distressed Municipalities Revolving Loan Fund to aid in the recovery process. The fund assists municipalities in recovery from conditions which caused them to become financially insolvent. The resources provided by the MFRP are vital to municipalities that experience severe financial distress, to ensure their ability to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of their residents. After a municipality is designated as distressed, a recovery plan coordinator, funded by the program, is designated. The coordinator develops a comprehensive fiscal recovery plan for the municipality, assists the municipality to implement the plan and monitors the recovery process. The recovery plan addresses all operational aspects of the municipality and includes strategies to revitalize the local economic base and corresponding tax base through development of effective public-public and public-private partnerships and targeted state funds and action. Loans made under the program are repaid into the Revolving Fund and are then used to make additional loans and grants for other distressed municipalities. Grants are used to implement key recovery plan objectives. Eligibility: Financially distressed local governments.

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

The commission was established by Congress in 1965 to support economic and community development throughout the Appalachian Region. ARC, as defined in ARC's authorizing legislation, is a 205,000-square-mile region that follows the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. It includes all of West Virginia and parts of 12 other states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The projects funded in the program areas create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase school readiness, expand access to health care, assist local communities with strategic planning and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses. Eligibility includes: Technical assistance projects, Industrial site development, Local access road, Local government assistance demonstration projects, Acquisition and development business incubator or multi-tenant facilities, Destination or asset-based tourism, and Not-for-profit entities.

Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program

Program provides tax credits to owners of agricultural assets who sell or rent agricultural assets to beginning farmers. The program is administered in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue. Those eligible to apply for a Beginning Farmer Tax Credit must: 1. Be an individual, trust, or pass-through entity that is the owner in fee of agricultural land or has legal title to any other agricultural asset 2. Sell or lease agricultural assets to a Beginning Farmer 3. Be subject to



Personal Income Tax (Article III) 4. Be in state tax compliance with the laws and regulations of the commonwealth as determined by the Department of Revenue. The commonwealth shall issue no more than \$5,000,000 in tax credits for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2019 and no more than \$6,000,000 for the taxable years beginning December 31, 2020.

Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority: Venture Investment Program

The Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Venture Investment Program (VIP) is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania initiative intended to address the financing needs of technology-oriented businesses by increasing the amount of risk capital available. The VIP operates pursuant to the statutory authority of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (“BFTDA”). The goal of the VIP is to assist in establishing a technology-based economy within Pennsylvania, allowing Pennsylvania to compete in the global marketplace. Venture Capital Firms possessing the following are eligible: Resources, expertise, and intent to invest in companies that are primarily located (or companies that maintain a majority of their business) in PA. Those that target investment sectors that are technology related or high growth oriented (i.e., life sciences, advanced manufacturing, information technology). Focus the majority of their investments in startups that are in seed stage or early stage of development. Those interested in applying need to complete Appendix A and will be issued an invitation to apply if deemed eligible to participate in the program. See guidelines for additional details.

Ben Franklin Technology Partners Challenge Grant Program

The Ben Franklin Technology Partnership is comprised of a network of four independent organizations known as the Ben Franklin Technology Partners. The network serves the commonwealth by playing a major role in promoting and supporting business innovation within the state. The Ben Franklin Technology Partners provide access to capital, business expertise, technology commercialization services and a network of resources in order to advance the development of new technologies. The Challenge Grant Provides funds to businesses through the four Ben Franklin Technology Partners for access to capital, business expertise, technology commercialization services to advance the development of new technologies and for the generation, conservation, and transportation of alternative and clean energy. Eligibility: Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Entrepreneurs, Start-up & early-stage companies, Established companies, Investors, Higher education, Research and BFTP alumni companies.

Coal Refuse Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit

The Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit provides tax credits to eligible facilities which generate electricity by using coal refuse for power generation, control acid gases for emission control, and use ash produced by the facilities to reclaim mining-affected sites. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes a person that owns an eligible facility, or is a transferor, purchaser, affiliate, or assignee of a person to which a Coal Refuse Tax Credit certificate is issued. The commonwealth shall issue no more than \$7,500,000 in tax credits in fiscal year 2016-2017 and \$10,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018. Eligible applicants are Qualified Taxpayers and must



be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Institutions Tax.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant provides grants to enable communities to effectively address local community development needs in smaller cities/communities and rural areas. (Urban counties and major cities are funded directly by HUD, not through DCED.) Funds are used for community development needs such as infrastructure, housing, and community facilities (senior centers, fire halls, recreational improvements). All activities must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income people (below 80 percent of area median income), eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need. Eligibility: Entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities, Competitive program is available to all municipalities that are not direct federal recipients of CDBG funds and state Act 179 entitlement municipalities with a population less than 10,000.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

The CDBG-DR program provides grants to units of local government for federally designated disaster areas impacted by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene. There are 36 identified counties impacted by the storms. This program is designed to fit the needs identified from the disaster. Eligibility: Units of local government, consortia, and nonprofit entities in the 36 counties impacted.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The mission of (CSBG) is to provide a full range of services and activities having a measurable impact on the causes of poverty in a community or those areas of a community where poverty is a particularly acute problem. Funding is used for community engagement and activism to remove obstacles that block the achievement of self-sufficiency; employment and training resources; literacy activities; obtaining adequate housing; grassroots activities that provide intervention to the causes of poverty; addressing the needs of youth through programming or coordination; and making more use of or coordinating with welfare reform efforts. Eligible applicants must be a federally recognized Community Action Agency.

Early Intervention Program (EIP)

See Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP)

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)

Tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization. Pass-through entities, such as S-Corporations, Partnerships, LLCs, etc., can now apply the same day as C-Corporations.



Applications must be submitted electronically using DCED's Single Application for Assistance. See the business application guide on our website: dced.pa.gov/eitc. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made. Eligibility includes: Businesses authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax, Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921. Funding: Tax credits equal to 75 percent of its contribution up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. Can be increased to 90 percent of the contribution if business agrees to provide same amount for two consecutive tax years. For contributions to Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organizations, a business may receive a tax credit equal to 100 percent of the first \$10,000 contributed and up to 90 percent of the remaining amount contributed up to a maximum credit of \$200,000 annually.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The ESG Program provides funds to assist homeless persons and prevent homelessness, including a full range of needs: the chronically homeless, victims of domestic abuse, veterans, youth, persons with disabilities, and displaced families. Funding is used for street outreach services, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing (placement in housing units), homelessness prevention (emergency payments to prevent eviction), and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS data system reporting). This program supports any homeless individual living in either an emergency shelter or location not suitable for habitation. Eligibility: Any general purpose units of local government, including cities, boroughs, and townships, towns, counties, home rule municipalities, and communities that desire to apply "on behalf of" other municipalities. Local governments may apply "on behalf of" nonprofit organizations. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for a regional project as long as it demonstrates a regional need.

Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program (EEP)

Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes the issuances of Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program to expand the Concert Rehearsal and Tours in Pennsylvania. Eligibility is restricted to Concert Tour promotion companies, Concert Tour management companies, or other Concert management companies that produce a series of live musical Concerts with performances featuring a live musical performer or performers in front of a live audience within the commonwealth. Performances must be held at two or more different locations within Pennsylvania that qualify as a Class 1 Venue, Class 2 Venue, or Class 3 Venue, as defined in the Act. Credits may be awarded for up to 40 percent of eligible expenses up to \$800,000 per taxpayer per fiscal year. The budget allocation is \$4 million a year beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.



Film Tax Credit Program

The Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit Program is an economic development tool to foster the growth and development of the commonwealth's film industry. The program authorized under Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes the issuance of Film Production Tax Credits in an effort to expand Pennsylvania's film industry. Recipients of a Film Production Tax Credit may use the tax credit to offset their Pennsylvania state tax liability or sell, assign, or transfer the credits to another entity. A Film production is eligible for the tax credit program if Pennsylvania production expenses comprise at least 60% of the Film's total production expenses. Eligibility is restricted to the following types of film production: a feature film, a television film, a television talk or game show series, a television commercial, a television pilot or each episode of a television series intended as programming for a national audience. Eligibility Postproduction expenses incurred at a Qualified Post production Facility. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC)

The Historic Preservation Tax Credit provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will complete the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure into an income-producing property. All projects must include a qualified rehabilitation plan that is approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as being consistent with the Secretary of the Interior. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. The tax credits awarded to a qualified taxpayer shall not exceed 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures as determined by the application in connection with the completed project. Those eligible to apply are qualified taxpayers which include an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock-Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax.

Home Program (HOME)

HOME is a federally funded program that provides municipalities with grant and loan assistance as well as technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low- and very low-income Pennsylvanians. Uses of this grant include: New construction, rehabilitation, financing mechanisms, acquisition of rental or sales housing and rental assistance for low- and moderate-income families. Eligible applicants are Local governments that are not HUD participating jurisdictions, Local government on behalf of private, non-profit, and for-profit housing development corporations.

Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP)

The Industrial Sites Reuse Program promotes the reuse and redevelopment of former industrial land and sites by providing funding for public entities, private nonprofit economic development groups, and



companies to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work. Entities cannot have caused or contributed to the environmental contamination, in order to receive funding. Funds are used for Phase I, II, and III environmental assessments and remediation of hazardous substances. Eligibility: Public entities, private nonprofit economic development entities, and companies involved in reuse of former industrial land; Entities that did not cause or contribute to environmental contamination.

Infrastructure & Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP)

The Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP), established by Act 23 of 2004, provides multi-year grants for debt service incurred to pay costs of certain infrastructure and facilities improvements. Funds are used for reimbursement of debt service relating to the debt issued for eligible infrastructure and facilities improvement project costs. Eligible applicants include: Authorities that issue debt for Tax Increment Financing, Redevelopment Authorities, Convention center authorities, including municipal authorities formed for the purpose of convention center activities, The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.

Keystone Communities Program (KCP)

The Keystone Communities Program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort. Within Keystone Communities there are four designations. Designation is an opportunity for targeted investment and development including the identification of specific needs for investment and/or development and the design and implementation of a strategy to address those needs. KCP is a flexible tool for use in community and economic development for a variety of uses including planning activities, façade grant programs, accessible housing programs, and development grants.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, counties, redevelopment authorities, housing authorities, economic development organizations, housing corporations, community development corporations, business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts.

Use: A variety of community and economic development uses to revitalize/stabilize/grow neighborhoods and communities and encourage social and economic diversity, including planning activities, façade grant programs, accessible housing programs, and development grants.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Planning grants up to \$25,000, KC implementation and façade up to \$50,000, development and public improvement up to \$500,000, accessible housing up to \$300,000. Most grants have a \$1-for-\$1 match requirement.

Application Deadline: **April 2, 2021**



More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/keystone-communities-program-kcp/>. Discussion with DCED Regional Office highly encouraged prior to applying: <https://dced.pa.gov/dced-regional-offices/>.

Keystone Communities Program Designations:

Elm Street Designation

This program designates communities as “Elm Streets” if they have a sustainable local organization that seeks to improve residential areas that are adjacent to or gateways into central business districts or commercial corridors in urban areas.

Enterprise Zone Designation

This program designates communities as “Enterprise Zones” if they have a sustainable local organization that seeks to improve job creation opportunities in manufacturing and industrial areas, as well as other properties zoned for business use.

Keystone Community Designation

This program designates communities as “Keystone Communities” if they have a sustainable local organization that seeks to improve the central business districts (commercial corridors), residential areas adjacent to downtown, manufacturing/industrial areas, or any combination of these.

Main Street Designation

This program designates communities as “Main Streets” if they have a sustainable local organization that seeks to improve the central business districts or commercial corridors in urban areas.

Keystone Innovation Zone Tax Credit Program (KIZ)

This program provides tax credits to for-profit companies less than eight years old operating within specific targeted industries within the boundaries of a Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ). With a total pool of up to \$15 million in tax credits available to KIZ companies annually, the KIZ tax credit program significantly contributes to the ability of young KIZ companies to transition through the stages of growth. Tax credits must be applied against the tax liability of a KIZ company for the tax year in which the KIZ Tax Credit was issued. Unused KIZ Tax Credits may be applied against the tax liability of the KIZ company for up to five years from date the KIZ Tax Credit is issued or may be reassigned/sold to another taxpayer. Applications are submitted on or before September 15 of each year. Eligibility: For-profit business entities 1) located within the geographic boundaries of a particular KIZ, 2) in operation less than 8 years, 3) operating within one of the KIZ targeted industry segments or sectors, 4) and meeting any other requirements as specified by the DCED, may be qualified KIZ Companies and eligible to participate in the KIZ Tax Credit Program.



Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)

The program provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Businesses, property owners and residents located in a KOZ are eligible to receive significant state and local tax benefits. Projects in KOZ are given priority consideration for assistance under various community and economic building initiatives. Pennsylvania businesses relocating to a KOZ must either: increase their full-time employment by 20 percent within the first full year of operation or make a 10 percent capital investment in the KOZ property based on their prior year's gross revenues. Applicant Eligibility: Qualified businesses, property owners and residents. Qualified means you satisfactorily meet the necessary criteria listed in the Act and submit an annual application.

Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ)

The Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ) program was established for the purpose of providing incentives to for-profit businesses that locate and operate in designated geographic zones. Pennsylvania continues to have a surplus of abandoned, deteriorated commercial and industrial sites in need of revitalization. The KSDZ program is an incentive-based tax credit program to foster redevelopment of these former industrial and commercial sites. Tax Credits can be used to offset various business tax liabilities. Eligible applicants are businesses located within a Keystone Special Development Zone.

Life Sciences Greenhouse

The Life Sciences Greenhouses are models of effectiveness and efficiency. They capture the innovation potential of the life sciences industry and nurture that potential with critical early-stage funding and sector-specific business expertise. Pennsylvanians benefit directly as new companies are formed, jobs are created, additional capital is attracted to the commonwealth, and life-saving technologies reach patients. Funding is administered through the Life Science Greenhouses to businesses that support the accomplishment of the mission of the LSG program. This support may be in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, royalty/payback agreements, or other forms of financial support. Eligibility: Companies in the life science and biotechnology industries are encouraged to reach out to their designated LSG (Life Science Greenhouse) partner to learn more about funding opportunities: BioAdvance Biotechnology Greenhouse of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Life Sciences Greenhouse of Central Pennsylvania, or Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, to learn more.

Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCPL)

The Local Government Capital Project Loan Program is administered by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services of DCED. It was established to provide low-interest loans to municipalities with populations of 12,000 or less for the purchase of equipment and the purchase, construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of municipal facilities. The program offers small local governments who find the cost of borrowing at conventional rates to be prohibitive an opportunity to secure needed funds at an interest rate of 2.0 percent per annum. Requests for assistance may be submitted anytime throughout the year. Eligibility: Local governments with populations of 12,000 or less.



Local Share Assessment Fund (LSA) – (Gaming Funds)

The Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71) as amended has established the Pennsylvania Gaming Local Share Account under DCED or the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the purpose of distributing a percentage of gross terminal slots and table games revenues of certain licensed gaming facilities in an orderly and timely fashion to support and enhance community and economic well-being and mitigate the impact of gaming and related activities.

Fayette County (DCED):

Fayette County and economic development agencies and redevelopment authorities within the county are eligible applicants.

Luzerne County (CFA):

All Luzerne County municipalities are eligible for funding under this program. Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority is eligible for infrastructure and economic development projects.

Monroe County (CFA):

Eligible applicants include Monroe County; five counties contiguous to Monroe including: Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike and Wayne; municipalities, economic development agencies, and redevelopment authorities in those counties.

Northampton and Lehigh Counties (CFA):

Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, economic development agencies and redevelopment authorities in Northampton and Lehigh Counties.

Philadelphia County (DCED):

Eligible applicants include any of the following entities located within the City of Philadelphia: Community Development Corporations, Economic development organizations and redevelopment authorities, business improvement districts/neighborhood improvement districts, not-for-profit organizations with a 501(c) designation, the City of Philadelphia, and the School District of Philadelphia.

Washington County (DCED):

All Washington County municipalities, economic development authorities within Washington County, and redevelopment authorities within Washington County are eligible applicants.



Manufactured & Industrialized Housing

The primary mission of the Housing Standards Division at DCED is to facilitate the manufacture and installation of factory constructed housing through efficient regulatory oversight for the mutual benefit of the public, industry, and local municipalities. Pennsylvania is the largest producer of factory-built housing in the nation with 32 factories that product industrialized (modular) housing, manufactured housing, or both. There are currently three individual programs within the division: 1. Industrialized Housing Program 2. Manufactured Housing Program 3. Manufactured Housing Installation Program.

Manufacturing PA: Industrial Resource Center (PMIRC)

This program helps manufacturers compete more effectively through the adoption of modern manufacturing philosophies, techniques, and technologies. The program supports a network of Centers that serve as resources for technology implementation in every region of the Commonwealth and serves the state's small and medium-sized manufacturing industries. The grant funds may be used for reasonable salary and other personnel expenses, leased space for operational purposes, travel, administrative, equipment, supplies, audit, and other expenses associated with the development and delivery of IRC services. The seven (7), current industrial resources centers are eligible to receive funds.

Manufacturing PA: Innovation Program (PMIP)

This program leverages the internationally acclaimed science and engineering talent and discovery capacity of all Pennsylvania's institutions of higher education to help ensure that Pennsylvania remains a national and international leader in manufacturing and achieves the full economic potential for good well-paying manufacturing jobs. PMIP grant funds are used for student research, research-related expenses, project-related travel costs (domestic only), and administrative costs. The sole applicant under this program is Carnegie Mellon University.

Manufacturing PA: Training-to-Career Grant Program (PMTTC)

This program will not duplicate existing programs such as WEDNet and Next Generation Industry Partnerships but is designed to help companies identify and train a skilled workforce while creating a workplace culture that allows the workforce to advance and the company to grow and compete in a competitive, global economy as a complement to existing programs. The grant funds may be used for professional services/consultants, internships, equipment purchase, shop modifications, domestic travel, salaries and fringes, and audit fees. Eligible applicants: Pennsylvania Technical, Trade Schools, Community Colleges and Non-profit organizations.

Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) Program

The Manufacturing Tax Credit Program was established by Act 84 of July 13, 2016 for the purpose of providing tax credits to taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 5% of the taxpayers increase in annual



taxable payroll, if increased by at least \$1,000,000 above a pre-determined base year amount. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax (excluding employer withholding), Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/ Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax. The Program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Eligibility: Qualified taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs.

Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

Provides funding to assist local governments to plan for and efficiently implement a variety of services and improvements, and soundly manage development with an emphasis on intergovernmental approaches. Funding is available for three groups of activities: shared services, community planning and floodplain management. The program is administered by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS) within the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Eligible Applicants: Counties and municipalities, Shared service activities require two or more participating municipalities, some projects are open to COGs and other intergovernmental organizations where duly authorized by participating municipalities.

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)

Under Article XIX-A of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 known as the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) DCED is authorized to administer the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). The goals of the Programs are to promote community participation and collaborations among the residents nonprofits and businesses while producing outcomes by assisting a distressed area or the low-income population in a neighborhood. Eligible neighborhood nonprofits ("Applicants") apply for tax credits based on pending contributions from for-profit companies ("Contributors"). There are five components to this Act intended to benefit low-income populations, and as such must not result in the displacement or forced relocation of low-income individuals or households.

Eligibility: 501c3 nonprofits

Use: Tax credit program to encourage businesses to invest in projects by eligible nonprofits to serve low-income individuals and improve distressed areas. Projects can include affordable housing, community economic development, community services, education, neighborhood conservation, crime prevention, job training, or charitable food assistance. A special-priority category this year is COVID-19 Pandemic and Social Justice Issues, which can include a variety of COVID related services as well as projects that strive to increase awareness of or improve social justice issues within marginalized communities in Pennsylvania. See guidelines for more information.

Funds: State tax credits up to 80%, depending upon the program category, for businesses that donate to the nonprofit.

Application Deadline: **May 28, 2021.** Applicants submitting a solicitation plan in lieu of firm commitments must have their contributors **confirmed by August 31, 2021.**

More Information: Click on [https://dced.pa.gov/programs/neighborhood-assistance-program-
nap/](https://dced.pa.gov/programs/neighborhood-assistance-program-
nap/) Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their projects prior to application with their Regional DCED Office: <https://dced.pa.gov/dced-regional-offices/>



NAP Tax Credit (NAP):

The program is designed to help improve distressed neighborhoods through the creation of a partnership between a nonprofit and a business/corporation, for which the business can receive tax credits for eligible contributions.

NAP – Partnership Program (NAP/NPP):

Long-term collaborations (five years or more) of business, government, and community leaders to produce a comprehensive, asset-based, and relationship-driven approach to community development.

NAP – Special Program Priorities (NAP/SPP):

Under the Neighborhood Assistance Program, a project must serve distressed areas or support neighborhood conservation. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: affordable housing programs, community services, crime prevention, education, job training or neighborhood assistance.

NAP – Charitable Food Program (NAP/CFP):

The Charitable Food Program is designed to help regional food banks or emergency food providers. Funding to CFP is supplied through tax credits given to businesses making contributions to an approved provider. A tax credit of up to 55 percent can be given.

Neighborhood Assistance Program Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (NAP-EZP)

As part of the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) the Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (EZP) is intended for private for-profit companies working in distressed areas within a designated, Enterprise Zone, Keystone Main Street, Keystone Community, or Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone.

Applicants make qualified investments to construct, rehabilitate, expand, and improve buildings or land that promote community development. Once the EZP application is approved the private company is eligible for up to a 25 percent tax credit with a maximum of \$500 000 in credits for the EZP project.

Eligibility: EZP is for private for-profit companies working in distressed areas within a designated Enterprise Zone, Keystone Main Street, Keystone Community, or Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone. See lists of eligible zones here: [Enterprise Zone Designations](#), [Keystone Communities – Expired Enterprise Zones](#), [Keystone Main Street Designations](#), and [Keystone Communities Designations](#).

Use: EZP is an incentive program that provides tax credits to private companies investing in rehabilitating, expanding, or improving buildings or land located within designated enterprise zones. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, DCED will prioritize projects that provide for the manufacturing of critical and necessary medical supplies such as masks, face shields, ventilators, and other similar products, or focus on job creation.



Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Tax credits equal to 25% of amount invested. Up to \$500,000 total tax credits per project.

Application Deadline: May 28, 2021

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/neighborhood-assistance-enterprise-zone-tax-credit-napezp/>

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Grants to communities to address the housing foreclosure crisis created by subprime and other problematic mortgage lending. This program is authorized under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Eligible applicants are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals. All grant funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income, and middle-income persons (up to 120 percent of area median income). Twenty-five percent of the funds must benefit low-income persons (up to 50 percent of area median income). Refer to program guidelines. Eligibility: Existing eligible NSP grantees, that are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals.

Next Generation Farmer Loan Program

The Next Generation Farmer Loan Program assists beginning and first-time farmers in the purchase of land, farm equipment, farm buildings and breeding livestock. The Next Generation Farmer Loan Program uses federal tax-exempt mortgage financing to reduce a farmer's interest rate for capital purchases, such as the purchase of farmland or agricultural machinery and equipment. Eligibility: Permanent Pennsylvania residents who are at least 18 at the time of the loan application; must meet lender's credit standards; access to adequate working capital, farm equipment, etc.; borrower must not have had any prior ownership of a substantial portion of land. Applicants need to apply through an Industrial Development Authority.

Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)

The program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used by Opportunity Scholarship Organizations to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low-achieving school to attend another public school outside of their district or nonpublic school. A low-achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15 percent of their designation as an elementary or secondary school based upon combined math and reading Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) scores. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made. The tax credits awarded to businesses will be equal to 75 percent of their contribution amount, which can be increased to 90 percent upon the business committing for two years. The total may not exceed \$750,000 per taxable year.



Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program (OAWP)

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for funding orphan or abandoned well plugging projects using the Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program (OAWP). Pennsylvania has hundreds of thousands of oil and gas wells drilled since 1859. This program provides a mechanism to plug abandoned and orphaned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety, or environmental concerns. Acceptable use of this fund includes Projects which involve the cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells; stray gas mitigation systems; and well venting projects. Eligibility includes: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

PEER

The Governor's Center for Local Government Services maintains a network of qualified "peers" who have experience in local government administration (i.e., municipal finances and public safety) and offer on-site technical assistance to municipalities. Funds are used to provide on-site technical assistance to municipalities and local offices.

Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)

The Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) is designed to encourage regional coordination in economic development efforts, yielding superior customer service to the business community and a comprehensive, efficient statewide economic delivery strategy. PREP will provide grants to a consortia of economic development service providers that may co-locate, develop formal partnership agreements, or otherwise create a coordinated and performance-based service delivery system that ensures each inquiry or lead from a business or potential entrepreneur is referred to, and acted upon expeditiously by the appropriate service provider(s) in the region. The PREP program is designed to integrate the delivery system historically served by the following core service providers: Industrial Development Organizations, Local Development Districts (LDDs), Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs).

Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP)

The Pennsylvania Capital Access Program provides a loan guarantee to small businesses based on a portfolio concept. The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) provides capital to guarantee loans made through participating lending institutions in conjunction with the program. Most companies authorized to do business in Pennsylvania will qualify for a PennCAP loan. Start-up businesses may be financed through PennCAP. Consult a loan officer at a participating bank for a list of excluded activities. Loan proceeds must be used for business purposes in Pennsylvania.



Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt & Taxable Bond Program

The program issues tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment, working capital and refinancings. Loans are for no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$10 million for manufacturers. A \$500 fee due at time of application is to be credited against the issuance fee when the project closes. Eligibility: All types of businesses and projects needing access to low-cost capital. Eligible Applicants should apply through an Industrial Development Authority or Corporation.

Pennsylvania First (PA First)

Pennsylvania First is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. This is the principal closing fund used by GAT. Funds may be used toward Machinery/equipment; Job training; Infrastructure; Land and building improvements; Environmental assessment/ remediation; Acquisition of land, buildings, right-of-ways; Working capital and Site preparation. Eligibility: Businesses, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Redevelopment Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities or Corporations, Local Development Districts.

Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)

The PIDA provides low-interest loans and lines of credit for eligible businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs and for the development of industrial parks and multi-tenant facilities. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for PIDA financing including manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export, and computer-related service enterprises. Eligible use of funding would include: Land and building acquisitions; Construction and renovation costs; Machinery and equipment purchases; Working capital and accounts receivable lines of credit, Multi-tenant facility projects; Industrial park projects. Applicant Eligibility: A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for PIDA financing including manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export, and computer-related service enterprises.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)

The program provides low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction costs associated with publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment facilities and Brownfield site remediation. Eligibility: Any owner or operator (public or private) of an existing or proposed drinking water or wastewater system; Any municipal owner of a storm water conveyance system.



Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA) is a collaboration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS) at Lehigh University, and the Institute for Complex Engineered Systems at Carnegie Mellon University. The mission of the PITA program is to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and companies within the Commonwealth to increase operating efficiency and to enhance economic development. The PITA grant funds are used for staff salaries; research materials and supplies; and operating costs. The sole applicant under this program is Lehigh University.

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)

The Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA) Program is designed to stimulate the creation, retention, and expansion of minority-owned businesses and to create jobs in Pennsylvania. PMBDA provides low-interest loans to finance a portion of the costs of land, building, machinery, and equipment, and working capital to minority business enterprises unable to fully finance these projects with equity, bank financing or other private and public sources. Eligibility: Non-profit business enterprises that are owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons residing within the commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority-Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Program (PMBDA- RLFCP)

This program is designed to provide a source of capital to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community-based Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) organizations. Funds are used for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, and working capital. Maximum \$400,000 per applicant (programmatic limit of \$2M). Eligible applicants are: Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) only.

Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE)

The Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) provides grants to construct the last few miles of natural gas distribution lines to business parks, existing manufacturing, and industrial enterprises, which will result in the creation of new economic base jobs in the commonwealth while providing access to natural gas for residents. The maximum grant amount of any Pipeline Investment Program project shall not exceed \$1 million or 50% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site preparation costs associated with extending natural gas pipelines to serve eligible applicants: (Economic Development Organizations, Businesses, Municipalities, Hospitals, and School Districts).



Powdered Metals Program

The Powdered Metals Program provides training programs for the existing workforce supported through Penn State and the regional community education councils. The program makes use of the facilities in the schools within the north central Pennsylvania region, such as the metalworking facility at St. Mary's High School and the laboratory at the Penn State DuBois campus. The Powdered Metals grant funds are used for equipment and training related to the powdered metals industry. The sole applicant under this program is The Penn State University.

Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program

This is a statewide program offering assistance to registered Apprenticeship Programs which foster high quality training. The program's goal is to increase apprenticeship availability to Pennsylvania employers to assist them with their talent recruitment and development. Funding will be provided to eligible applicants: (A Single Employer, Employer Consortiums, Workforce Development Boards, Economic Development Organizations, Labor Organizations, Local Career Technical Education Institutions, Pennsylvania Community Colleges and Community Organizations or Associations. The apprenticeship program must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office and evidenced by a certificate of registration.

Private Dam Financial Assurance Program (PDFAP)

The Private Dam Financial Assurance Program was established under the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program Act (PDFAP Act) to provide financial assurance assistance to owners of regulated private dams to meet proof of financial responsibility required under Section 11 of the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act. The PDFAP Act also has a provision to provide low interest loans to eligible dams once the fund has reached \$1,500,000. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Uses include maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reclamation, permanent breach, demolition, excavation, and engineering. Eligible applicants include any of the following owners who own, control, operate, maintain, or manage a regulated private dam and are enrolled in the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program: Person, Partnership, Association, Common Interest Community, Community Association, Corporation. Private Dam Owners looking to enroll in the program must submit a Private Dam Enrollment application on the electronic single application (ESA) on the ESA website. Enrollment in the program requires the payment of a \$1,000 enrollment fee and an amount equal to 1% of the Proof of Financial Responsibility amount required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Research & Development Tax Credit Program

The Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D Tax Credit) program was established to assist the growth and development of technology-oriented businesses, particularly small start-up technology businesses. R&D tax credits have been issued by the commonwealth to offset state tax liabilities for some time, and there has been a special minimum portion of R&D tax credits reserved for small businesses. However, many small businesses in the early stages of development are not yet profitable



and do not have significant tax liability. In the past, these businesses have often not bothered to apply for the available R&D tax credits for which they were eligible. With the R&D Tax Credit assignment program, technology businesses can sell unused R&D tax credits on the open market to help advance and grow the business. Eligibility: Businesses qualifying for the federal Research and Development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania. Eligible Applicants should apply with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Rural Jobs Investment Tax Credit Program (RJTC)

The Rural Jobs and Investment Tax Credit Program (“Program”) is an investment tool designed to offer rural business owners access to capital for business development in rural areas. The capital is sourced to Rural Growth Funds, designated to receive up to \$100 million dollars in capital contributions from investors. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is using this investment tool to attract and retain rural businesses to the commonwealth, create family sustaining jobs, and to stimulate economic growth in rural businesses. Eligible applicants (or Affiliates of the Applicant) requesting a Rural Growth Fund designation must: Be a licensed rural business investment company under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act or a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act; Have invested at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in rural areas of the commonwealth or other states and Be registered to do business in the Commonwealth.

Second Stage Loan Program

The Second Stage Loan Program offers Loan Guarantees for working capital for 2-7 yr. old manufacturing, biotech, and technology-oriented companies The SSLP is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Preference will be given to guarantees for working capital. Land, building, machinery, and equipment are also eligible. Eligible applicants are Banks that do business within Pennsylvania.

Section 108 Program

Section 108 enables states and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to obtain federally guaranteed loans to fund large economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities. Under Pennsylvania’s initiative to use Section 108 the loans are guaranteed by the commonwealth, committing the use of future CDBG funds to pay off the loan in case of default. Funding is used for a wide variety of activities associated with community or economic development, such as housing, community development, infrastructure, and land & building. Eligibility includes Loan Guarantees as security for federal loans and Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities.

Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)

The Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans and lines of credit to small diverse



businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs within the Commonwealth. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. Eligibility: Manufacturing, Industrial, Agricultural, Research and development, Hospitality, Defense conversion, Recycling, Construction, Child day-care, Retail and service, Export and computer-related service enterprises. The business must be certified by the PA Department of General Services (DGS) as a minority-owned, woman owned, veteran-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned business with 100 or fewer employees worldwide.

State Facility Closure Transition Program

Who Can Apply: Counties are the applicant. Eligible counties include: Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Luzerne, Mercer, Monroe, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Venango.

Use: To aid communities impacted by the closure of SCI Retreat, the White Haven Center, and Polk State Center.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Funding amounts are defined in the guidelines.

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/state-facility-closure-transition-program-sfctp/>.

Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP) formerly known as Early Intervention Program (EIP)

In order to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties, the Program provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short- and long-term financial objectives. A 50 percent match is required. Please refer to program guidelines for additional details. Eligibility: PA Local Governments.

Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program (TIF)

This program promotes and stimulates the general economic welfare of various regions and communities in the commonwealth and assists in the development, redevelopment and revitalization of Brownfield and Greenfield sites in accordance with the TIF Act. The program provides credit enhancement for TIF projects to improve market access and lower capital costs through the use of guarantees to issuers of bonds or other debt. Funds are used for infrastructure and environmental projects for industrial enterprises and retail establishments, infrastructure, environmental and building projects for manufacturers, hospitals, or convention centers, utilization of abandoned or underutilized industrial, commercial, military, previously mined institutional sites, or buildings; or undeveloped sites planned and zoned for development in accordance with any existing comprehensive municipal plan.



Eligible Applicants include: All municipalities and their authorities, including boroughs, townships, towns, counties, and home rules that issue TIF bonds to fund local economic development projects.

Video Game Tax Credit

Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes the issuances of Video Game Production Tax Credit to expand the video gaming production in Pennsylvania. It is restricted to Video Game Production Companies and designed to attract investment in the commonwealth by awarding tax credits for production expenses incurred by video game production companies. Recipients of a Video Game Production Tax Credit may use the tax credit to offset their Pennsylvania state liability or sell, assign, or transfer the credits to another entity. Eligibility is Restricted to Video Game Production Company and designed to attract investment in the commonwealth by awarding tax credits for production expenses incurred by video game production companies. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

Waterfront Development Tax Credit (WDTTC)

This program provides tax credits to business firms who provide contributions to waterfront development organizations who are undertaking a waterfront development project. The program encourages private investment in waterfront property that creates public access to the water, increases property values, restores ecology, and catalyzes further financial investment and job creation. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 75% of the total contribution made by a business firm during a taxable year. Eligibility: Business Firms authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Mutual Thrift Tax, Surplus Lines Tax.

Watershed Restoration Protection Program (WRPP)

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund which allocates funds to CFA for watershed restoration and protection projects. The overall goal of the WRPP is to restore and maintain stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff and ultimately to remove these streams from DEP's Impaired Waters list. Funds are used for projects involving the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs). Eligible applicants include: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, For-Profit Businesses.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)

This program increases energy efficiency in homes by reducing energy costs and increasing comfort while safeguarding health and safety. For Weatherization, an energy audit of the home is conducted which determines air flow and leakage. A priority list of measures is followed to determine what should



be done in a home to reduce energy usage. Measures may include weather-stripping, insulation, and window or door repair. For a LIHEAP Crisis, furnaces may be repaired or replaced. LIHEAP funds, if available after the crisis season is over, are also used to weatherize homes. Eligible applicants include: Low-income individuals (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level), with priority given to higher risk residents such as the elderly, disabled individuals, families with children and high energy users.

WEDnetPA

Created by the Department of Community & Economic Development and made available through the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania – WEDnetPA – the program provides qualified employers training funds for new and existing employees. WEDnetPA is a unique, collaborative partnership of community colleges, state system universities and other educational institutions working together to be responsive to the needs of Pennsylvania’s business community. Companies can apply through WEDnetPA’s flexible and easy-to-use online application system at www.WEDnetPA.com. The program is also referred to as Guaranteed Free Training Program or GFT.



Commonwealth Financing Authority

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) was established in 2004 as an independent agency of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCEd) to administer Pennsylvania's economic stimulus packages. The CFA holds fiduciary responsibility over the funding of programs and investments in Pennsylvania's economic growth. Unique among state agencies in structure and scope, the CFA consists of seven Board members: four legislative appointees and the secretaries of DCEd, the Office of the Budget and Department of Banking and Securities. Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees.

PROGRAMS

Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program (AMDATP)

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA for abandoned mine drainage, abatement, and treatment with the (AMDATP). As one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania, billions of gallons of Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Funding is used for projects involving the reclamation of Abandoned Mine Well(s), construction of a new AMD site, remediation and repair of existing AMD project sites, operation and maintenance of current AMD remediation sites, establishment of a trust fund to ensure ongoing maintenance is achieved, and monitoring of water quality to track or continue to trace nonpoint source load reductions resulting from AMD remediation projects.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$1,000,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: **May 31, 2021**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/abandoned-mine-drainage-abatement-treatment-program-amdatp/>

Orphan and Abandoned Well Plugging (OAWP)

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Orphan or abandoned well plugging projects.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed a total of \$1,000,000.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund



Application Dates: February 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021

More information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/orphan-abandoned-well-plugging-program-oawp/>

Baseline Water Quality Data

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA to be used for statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP). Funding is used for projects involving water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: To establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$250,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: February 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245. Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/baseline-water-quality-data-program/>

Blight Remediation Program

Section 1726-K (E) of the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L. , No. 20), under the Fiscal Code creates within the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") the Blight Remediation Program for blight remediation, including hazard mitigation, within the commonwealth, and authorizes the Authority to adopt guidelines to ensure that grants are made available to all geographic areas of the commonwealth. Eligible Blight Remediation Program projects must be undertaken by an eligible applicant and include:

1.Planning Projects – These projects involve the development of a comprehensive blight plan. Eligible projects also include code enforcement technical assistance and the completion of reuse feasibility studies on blighted properties.

2.Remediation Projects – These projects involve the acquisition, demolition, and/or rehabilitation of blighted properties or properties affected by natural disasters to also include the clearing and preparing of land for future use and projects resulting in visible improvements. *NOTE: Planning and Remediation projects may not be intermingled. Applications may be submitted for a Planning Project OR a Remediation Project. Eligibility includes municipalities, councils of governments, land banks, redevelopment authorities, housing authorities, community development corporations, economic development organizations and housing corporations. Planning grant requests/ awards may not exceed \$25,000 and remediation grant requests/awards may not exceed \$300,000. Projects require a 10% cash match of the total eligible project cost.



Building PA

The program provides mezzanine capital for developers of real estate assets in small to mid-sized Pennsylvania communities. Funds are awarded to Professional Investment Fund Managers through a Request for Qualification (RFQ) (advertised in Pennsylvania Bulletin), through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The RFQ criteria includes demonstrated capacity for serving the Pennsylvania marketplace, including specific geographic areas and/or market segments; expertise in the proposed real estate sector; expertise in range of investments demonstrated by experience and success with previous investments; demonstrated capacity to attract additional investment for projects. Eligibility: Industrial, Commercial, and multi-use projects.

Business in Our Sites (BOS) Loans

The Business in Our Sites Program provides loans for the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers, and others. The program is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities and others to prepare sites for future use. Projects which require site development assistance where a business has already committed to locating at a specific site or where a private developer has already committed to locating a facility for a specific user may also seek financial assistance under other appropriate programs administered by DCED. Eligibility: Municipalities, Municipal authorities, Redevelopment authorities, Industrial development agencies, Private developers.

Energy Programs

The Alternate Energy Investment Act was signed into law in July 2008 and provides for grants and loans for clean and alternative energy projects including buildings, equipment, and land development activities; grants and loans to individuals and small businesses for high-performance, energy-efficient building projects; grants and loans for geothermal and wind energy projects; and grants and loans for alternative energy production projects involving solar technologies. These Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) programs are managed within the DCED Office of Business Financing:

PROGRAMS

High Performance Building Program (HPB)

HPB provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high-performance buildings in the state.

Renewable Energy Program (REP)

REP provides financial assistance in the forms of grant and loan funds to promote the use of alternative energy (geothermal technologies and wind energy projects) in Pennsylvania.



Solar Energy Program (SEP)

SEP provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds to promote the use of solar energy in Pennsylvania.

Alternative & Clean Energy Program

ACE provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development, and construction of alternative and clean energy projects in the state.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact Greg Welker at 717-787-6245 to discuss potential projects.

PA Dairy Investment Program

The Pa Dairy Investment Program was established under Act 38 of 2019 for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

Application period **for 2021 is July 1 to August 31**. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the CFA website for updates.

First Industries Fund (FIF)

The First Industries Fund is loan and loan guarantee program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. The program is administered by both the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Department of Community and Economic Development. Funds for loans and loan guarantees are awarded for land and building acquisition and construction, and machinery and equipment purchase and upgrades; working capital grants are for planning and predevelopment activities. Eligibility: Businesses, Non-Profit Business Enterprise, Non-Profit Organization engaged in tourism-related or agriculture-related activities.

Flood Mitigation Program (FMP)

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for funding statewide initiatives to assist with flood mitigation projects. Projects authorized by a flood protection authority, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or identified by a local government for flood mitigation are eligible for the program.

Eligibility includes: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses. Applications will be accepted between



February 1, 2021 and May 31, 2021.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Flood mitigation projects.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$500,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: **February 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/flood-mitigation-program-fmp/>

Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP)

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the CFA for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects using the (GTRP). Funding is used for projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, and river conservation.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, and river conservation.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$250,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: **February 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021.**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/>

High Performance Building Program (HPB)

The High Performance Building Program provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the commonwealth. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Protection under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Eligibility: Small Businesses (less than 100 employees), Individuals. *An HPB is a building that adheres to the standards adopted by the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection that optimizes the energy performance of buildings.

PA Small Water and Sewer (SWS)

Grants for small water, sewer, storm sewer and flood control infrastructure projects. Pursuant to Article XVII-A , § 1774.1-A, of the Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, as amended (The Fiscal Code) the sum of



\$40,000,000 was made available to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for eligible projects. Potential uses include Activities to assist with the construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation or repair of a water supply or sanitary sewer system. Eligible applicants: Municipalities and Municipal Authorities.

Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program (PDIP)

The Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program was established under Act 42 of 2018 for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania’s Dairy Industry. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Uses include: Activities for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing in support of Pennsylvania’s Dairy Industry. Eligible Applicants: Business, Not-for-profits, Schools, Institutions of higher education.

Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for statewide initiatives for complying with the Act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P. L. 1535, No. 537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed a total of \$100,000. A match of at least 50% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: Applications accepted **February 1 to May 31, 2021**

More information: 717-787-6245 or Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/sewage-facilities-program-sfp/>.

PA H2O PROGRAMS

Pennsylvania Water Projects and Programs

The H2O PA was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year and multi-year grants for the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer projects; the construction or renovation of flood control projects; and the repair or rehabilitation of high-hazard unsafe dams.

Applications will be available as determined by CFA.



PROGRAMS

Water and Sewer

The H2O PA Act

The Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008.

The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer projects.

High Hazard Dam

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the Commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities, or municipal authorities for High Hazard Unsafe Dams.

Flood Control

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the Commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities, or municipal authorities for flood control projects.

Local Share Account (LSA)

As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), DCED and the CFA have developed program guidelines to distribute Local Share Account (LSA) funds generated in Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Washington counties. Eligible applicants and uses of funds vary by county/program.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Luzerne County

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), Luzerne County municipalities are eligible for funding for projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Monroe County

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), Monroe County and its five contiguous counties of Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne are eligible for funding for projects concerning the public interest, community improvement, economic development, and roadway improvement.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Northampton and Lehigh Counties

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), the CFA has developed the program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Northampton and Lehigh Counties for projects concerning the public interest, community improvement, and economic development.



Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth. Applications will be received between March 1st and July 31st of each year. All applications and all required supplemental information must be electronically submitted by close of business on July 31st for hopeful consideration at the November CFA board meeting. The required, complete one (1) hard copy of the application must be postmarked no later than July 31st.

Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PENWORKS) - *Archived*

Established by the General Assembly, subsequent to electorate referendum in May of 2004. The program provides single- year or multiyear grants to municipalities and municipal authorities and loans to municipalities, municipal authorities, industrial development corporations and invest-owned water or wastewater enterprises for projects which construct, expand, or improve water and wastewater infrastructure which are related to economic development. PENWORKS has been archived. Contact DCED 1-866-466-3972 on availability.

Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRRP)

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Projects which involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$300,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2021**

More information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/watershed-restoration-protection-program-wrpp/>

Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE)

The Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) provides grants to construct the last few miles of natural gas distribution lines to business parks, existing manufacturing, and industrial enterprises, which will result in the creation of new economic base jobs in the commonwealth while providing access to natural gas for residents.

While residents cannot apply directly for PIPE grants, projects that include residential areas as a beneficiary receive increased priority. The following organizations may submit PIPE grant applications:

- Economic Development Organizations
- Businesses
- Municipalities
- Hospitals
- School Districts



To learn more about the PIPE grant program, please contact Brian Eckert, Director of the Office of Business Financing's Site Development Division at breckert@pa.gov or 717-720-1400.

Check CFA website on program availability as opportunities change as funding becomes available: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>



Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/stateparks/Pages/default.aspx>

DCNR Grants is an electronic grants system that provides one-stop shopping to the grantee community for all Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants. DCNR Grants standardizes the application process and provides an environmentally friendly way to submit a grant application to DCNR through a secure internet connection.

Click the [Grant Opportunities](#) link to explore the various grant opportunities that are available and the details of each grant opportunity. Click the [Sign In](#) link to register and complete your application online.

BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/about/Pages/Recreation-and-Conservation.aspx>

Central Office Customer Service Line (Harrisburg) 1-800-326-7734 or email: DCNR-Grants@pa.gov

REGIONAL OFFICES

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) provides a single point of contact for communities and nonprofit conservation agencies seeking state assistance through its Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) in support of local recreation and conservation initiatives. This assistance can be in the form of grants, technical assistance, information exchange and training. All of DCNR's funding sources are combined into one annual application cycle (generally early spring), and there is a single application format and process with one set of requirements and guidelines. Some C2P2 applications are selected for funding through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program or the Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program, which require some supplemental information to address federal requirements. To obtain assistance, contact one of DCNR's BRC six Regional Offices.

Please refer to the website at <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx> for grant specifics and up-to-date information on each grant program.

North Central Field Office (Danville)

Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, and Union counties

200 State Hospital Drive

Montour Building #4, Room 2016

Danville, PA 17821

570-401-2465

Email: mfahringer@pa.gov



South Central Field Office (Harrisburg)

Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset and York counties

3240 Schoolhouse Road

Middletown, PA 17057

717-702-2043

Email: lyeich@pa.gov; jschreibma@pa.gov

Northeast Field Office (Nazareth)

Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

400 Belfast Road

Nazareth, PA 18064

610-746-5607

Email: lpossinger@pa.gov

610-746-5608

[cdettore@pa.gov](mailto:cdetto@pa.gov)

Southeast Field Office (Philadelphia)

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties

3539 Waterstreet Road

Collegeville, PA 19426

610-489-1586

Email: agilchrist@pa.gov

Ridley Creek State Park

1023 Sycamore Mills Road

Media, PA 19063

610-892-3903

Email: jealynch@pa.gov

Southwest Field Office (Pittsburgh)

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland counties

301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 324

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2420

412-880-0486

Email: kfrankel@pa.gov; amattis@pa.gov



Northwest Field Office (Clarion)

Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango, and Warren counties
158 S. Second Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214-2404
814-226-2329
Email: ewiley@pa.gov

Community Parks and Conservation

Community Parks and Conservation grants are awarded to municipalities and authorized nonprofit organizations for community recreation, park, and conservation projects. These include planning for comprehensive recreation, park open space and greenway plans; land conservation and stewardship plans; swimming pool and indoor recreation facility feasibility studies; master site development plans; land acquisition for active or passive parks and conservation purposes; and new development and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities. Most projects require a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More information can be obtained at <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

Land Trust Projects

Land Trust grants are awarded to pre-qualified land trusts and conservancies to fund projects for open space and natural areas planning and acquisition. Priority is given to protecting critical habitat; creating connections to other natural, cultural, historic, or recreational areas; protecting and enhancing water resources; and protecting climate-resilient landscapes. These grants require a 50% match via either cash or a land donation of equal non-cash values.

More information can be obtained at <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

Partnerships Grant Program

State and regional partnerships grants are available to advance Pennsylvania's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Pennsylvania's Heritage Areas Program, and the conservation landscape program. Partnerships program categories include education and training activities; special purpose planning; implementation projects; and mini-grant programs. Match is based upon the funding source and level of available funding.

More information can be found at <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities, municipal agencies, nonprofit organizations, state heritage areas, prequalified land trusts, for-profit enterprises (for some grant types).

Uses: Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks, pools, indoor recreation facilities, playgrounds, motorized and walking trails, river conservation and access, stream buffers, open space conservation, and regional and statewide partnerships.



Funds: Most programs require a minimum cash or noncash matching contribution from the applicant that is equal to 50 percent of the project cost.

Funding Source: Multiple State and Federal Sources

Deadline: **April 14, 2021.** It is highly suggested that applicants speak with their DCNR Regional Advisor prior to applying:

http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocumentdocId=1753442&DocName=d_001184.pdf

More information: Click on <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

Pennsylvania Recreational Trails (PRT) Program

Grants are awarded to federal and state agencies, municipalities, nonprofit and for-profit organizations to assist with the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, the purchase or lease of equipment for maintenance and construction, and the development of educational materials and programs for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trails. These grants require a minimum 20% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More information can be found at

http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/d_001241.pdf

Trails Program

Grants are awarded to municipalities and nonprofit organizations to assist with planning, acquisition of land, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities. For the purposes of this program, trails are defined as a designated land or water corridor with public access that provides recreation and/or alternative transportation opportunities to motorized and/or non-motorized users of all ages and abilities. To be considered a “trail project,” at least 75% of the total project cost must be related to trail activities and/or trailside facilities. These grants require a minimum of a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

<https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov>

Rivers Conservation

The purpose of this funding is to develop or implement watershed/river-corridor conservation plans. Priority is given to applications that propose the implementation of recommendations from river or watershed plans on the Pennsylvania Rivers Registry. The bureau will consider early implementation development projects for funding in watersheds not linked to a Rivers Conservation Plan if the project can stand on its own merits and presents a significant and/or unique opportunity that connects communities to their rivers and advances the goals of the Rivers Conservation Program. These grants require a minimum of a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values. More information can be found at

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riverresourceprogram/riversconservation/index.htm



Snowmobile Projects

Who May Apply: Municipalities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations.

Use: Planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment, and educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Funds: No match required. However, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

Funding Source: Grant funding comes from ATV and Snowmobile registrations in the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/> and choose “Grant Opportunities” and then “All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile.”

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Projects

Who May Apply: Municipalities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations.

Use: Planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment, and educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Funds: No match required. However, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

Funding Source: Grant funding comes from ATV and Snowmobile registrations in the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/> and choose “Grant Opportunities” and then “All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile.”

Circuit Rider

BRC provides financial assistance for county, regional or multi-municipal organizations to hire a professional full-time recreation and/or conservation staff person. The Circuit Rider’s purpose is to coordinate, compliment, initiate and expand new programs and services either countywide or across multiple municipalities that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional staff person. The intended result of such a hiring is the increased ability of county and local officials to more efficiently and effectively meet their recreation, and conservation needs. The project encourages intergovernmental cooperation through a written agreement that enables communities and organizations to pool their financial resources to support the fulltime professional staff person.

More information can be found

at www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_017037.pdf



Peer Grants

Peer grants are awarded to help municipalities improve their park, recreation, and conservation services through a collaborative process. Projects are accomplished through contracts with experienced park, recreation and conservation professionals from nearby communities who will work closely with local leaders. Examples include projects that form new intergovernmental recreation and park agencies; improving management of a specific facility like a community center, trail, or pool; conducting an overall management assessment of an agency's park and recreation services; park and recreation board training and development, etc. The applicant must provide at least a 10% local cash match. Non-cash match is not accepted for peer-to-peer projects.

More information can be found

at www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_017038.pdf

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

Who Can Apply: Rural or volunteer fire departments that serve communities with fewer than 10,000 people. Program priority is unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas.

Use: Equipment and training to prevent and control wildfires in rural areas. Priority is projects that include the purchase of wildland fire suppression equipment and wildland fire protective gear.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: This is a cost-share program. The maximum grant for 2021 is \$10,000.

Application Deadline: **May 13, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/VolunteerFireDepartmentResources/Pages/default.aspx>.

Bureau of Forestry Grants

This grant provides financial and technical assistance to state foresters in cooperative efforts to organize, train and equip local forces in rural areas or communities with a population under 10,000 to prevent, control and suppress fires that threaten human life, livestock, wildlife, crops, pastures, orchards, woodlands, farmsteads, or other improvements in rural areas. The key objective of this program is to save lives and protect property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas.

Contact – Charles C. Choplick, Program Manager, at 717-787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/VolunteerFireDepartmentResources/Pages/default.aspx>

WILD RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM (WRCP)

Wild Resource Conservation Program – The Wild Resource Conservation Program awards grants for biodiversity research, conservation, and education. While the exact grant priorities vary from year to year, the focus is on research and conservation needs of Pennsylvania's native flora and non-game wildlife. Most of the funds available through this grant program come from the Environmental Stewardship Fund; therefore, applicants must be counties, municipalities or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Contact – Call 717-787-3212, email RA-WRCP@pa.gov or visit [Wild Resource Conservation Program \(pa.gov\)](#)



Pennsylvania Environmental Council: PA Water Trails Mini-Grants

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations, municipalities, counties, and educational institutions – Applicants do not need to be the water trail’s manager.

Use: Any project on or for a designated PA Water Trail is eligible. For a list of designated PA Water Trails, see [PA WATER TRAILS | pawatertrails](https://www.pawatertrails.org).

Funding Source: Environmental Stewardship Fund

Funds: Up to \$5,000. Grants require a 1:1 match.

Application Deadline: **July 2, 2021**

More Information: Click <https://www.pawatertrails.org/funding>



Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)

<https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

As of July 2012, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), formerly under the Department of Health, became a department. This change reflects a strong commitment by the Commonwealth to provide education, intervention and treatment programs to reduce the drug and alcohol abuse and dependency for all Pennsylvanians. Jennifer Smith is the current Secretary of the department.

DDAP allocates state and federal grant monies to the 47 drug and alcohol offices statewide, also known as “Single County Authorities” or SCA.

Single County Authority

Licensed drug and alcohol treatment providers may contact their local SCA to find out if any grant opportunities are available. Visit Find your county office (pa.gov) to locate the services by a SCA, county or ZIP code. If you need assistance in finding a treatment provider or funding for addiction treatment, please call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or contact your county drug and alcohol office.

Funding and Grants Process

Competitive Grant Process

For a general overview of the standardized process DDAP follows when issuing, reviewing, and awarding competitive grants to applicants. Learn an overview of the competitive grant process.

Federal Application Requirements

All potential agency applicants and sub-recipients for federal funding must have a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (a unique, nine-digit identification number for each physical location of your business) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM). Also, to receive funding from DDAP, the applicant agency must have a valid Commonwealth Vendor ID number. Learn the grants process for federal applicants.

To stay up-to-date with the latest funding announcements, contact the DDAP [Press Office](#) to join the listserv.

Recovery Community Support Services

Who May Apply: Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs licensed treatment providers are eligible to apply. Single County Authorities (county drug and alcohol offices) are not eligible to apply.

Use: To expand or enhance recovery support services to individuals with a substance use disorder, such as recovery coaching, education and employment supports, job training/skills, and social activities.

Funding Source: Federal funds

Funds: Three to five grants up to \$700,000 each will be awarded.

Application Deadline: **May 3, 2021 by 12:00 PM**

More Information: Click on <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>



Employment Support Services

Who May Apply: Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs licensed treatment providers are eligible to apply. However, licensed treatment providers shall be able to demonstrate that the employment support services are a separate service from the clinical programming offered under their license. Single County Authorities (county drug and alcohol offices) are not eligible to apply.

Use: Employment support services, such as vocational assessments, resume writing, interviewing skills, job placement, and transportation assistance related to employment.

Funding Source: Federal funding

Funds: Up to \$400,000 for an 18-month period. A total of \$2.7 million is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **May 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

More Information: Click on <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx> and choose "GIFA 21-02 Employment Support Services."



Department of Education www.education.pa.gov

BUREAU OF SCHOOL SUPPORT

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is currently authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (P.L. 107-110), reauthorized under Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or to expand activities in community learning centers that: (1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging state academic standards; (2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities, such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement; and (3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Application Deadline – **No application for funding will be available until 2021**, date to be announced.

Contact – Bureau of School Support, Division of Student Services at 717-783-6466

Education for Homeless Children & Youth Program

Designed to minimize the disruption in the educational lives of homeless students. Requires each funded site to designate a regional coordinator to coordinate services between the school, shelter, and community agencies; develop and implement a local tracking component; develop or revise a procedure for the prompt resolution of disputes regarding enrollment and placement of homeless students; address the educational barriers outlined in Pennsylvania's Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Plan.

Application Deadline – **May, continuation grants**. Funds are restricted to the coordination and delivery of educational services that will ensure enrollment and success in school for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Contact – Bureau of School Support, Division of Student Services at 717-783-6466

MIGRANT EDUCATION

Child Care for Migrant Children

Supports childcare and early childhood education services for migrant students in Pennsylvania.

Application Deadline – **Continuation grants** – non-competitive.

Contact – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466



Education of Migrant Laborers' Children

Supports programming for services to highly mobile interstate migrant students in Pennsylvania. Fund summer programs for migrant students in coordination with school districts in program sites with highly mobile interstate migrant students.

Application Deadline – **Continuation grants** – non-competitive.

Contact – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

Education of Migratory Children

Supports programming through four local operating agencies for services to over 5,000 migrant students in Pennsylvania. Year-round supplemental programs in coordination with school districts throughout Pennsylvania.

Application Deadline – **Continuation grants** – non-competitive.

Contact – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

Pregnant & Parenting Teens ELECT (Education Leading to Employment Career Training)

Assists pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school until graduation. All participants must be receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) welfare benefits and/or food stamps.

Application Deadline – **Continuation grants** – non-competitive.

Funds may not be used for activities/services otherwise available to TANF or food stamp recipients on a non-reimbursable basis; regular high school services, which a Local Education Agency (LEA) is required by law, regulation or other rule to provide to all residents; equipment or renovations for day care facilities; child care and transportation.

Contact – Bureau of School Support, Division of Student Services at 717-346-9399

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018 (Perkins V) – The act re-authorizes the legislation through Fiscal Year 2025, for a total of six years. Perkins V provides flexibility to the states in developing and implementing their CTE programs to foster connections between programs and labor market demands and meet larger workforce education goals. Among the new provisions, the Act:

- promotes better alignment of CTE programs with State, regional, and local economic needs;
- expands career exploration and development activities to the middle grades;
- broadens the definition of “special populations” to include homeless individuals, foster youth, youth who have aged out of foster care, and students with parents in active military duty, and increases the amount of funds that can be spent on students in State institutions
- increases the amount of funds that States can reserve to address the needs of rural communities, areas with high numbers or concentrations of CTE programs, or areas with gaps in performance; and gives States authority and autonomy to set their performance goals.



Applicants shall use funds to develop, coordinate, implement, or improve career and technical education programs to meet the needs identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, including:

1. provide career exploration and career development activities;
2. provide professional development;
3. provide within career and technical education the skills necessary to pursue careers in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations;
4. support integration of academic skills into career and technical education programs and programs of study;
5. plan and carry out elements that support the implementation of career and technical education programs and programs of study and that result in increasing student achievement; and
6. develop and implement evaluations of the activities carried out with funds.

Application Deadline – **August 31**

Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-3188

Professional Personnel Development Centers

Provide an alternative education preparation system for career and technical education teachers: comprehensive career and technical education preparation programs for teachers, administrators, and other support staff; teacher pre-service; teacher in-service; continuous teacher professional development services; support research in career and technical education; and occupational competency assessment.

Application Deadline – **June 15**. Restrictions apply as to the eligibility of the institution and the list of eligible expenditures.

Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-3188

Career and Technical Equipment Updates

Program to assist area career and technical centers and school districts offering eight or more approved career and technical education programs to purchase equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of providing technical training to students.

Application Deadline – **30 days after grant announcement**. Grants will be awarded on a matching basis, one state dollar (\$1) for every local dollar (\$1). The local match can be supported by either local school funds or contributions from business and industry. Federal funds may not be used as a match.

Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-3188

Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants

The purpose of the 2019-20 Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that meet industry standards. Funds must be used to purchase equipment that: (a) supports student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs; (b) meets industry standards; (c) costs \$3,000 or more per unit; and (d) has been recommended by the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) with a recommendation date that is



PRIOR to submission. If funds remain after purchases of instructional equipment and hand tools that cost \$3,000 or more, the remaining funds can be used to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that cost less than \$3,000, but otherwise meets the criteria for eligible expenditures.

The occupational advisory committee shall mean an occupational committee established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational education).

Application Deadline – **Will be determined after state funds are released.**

Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-783-6990

PAsmart

PAsmart is a \$30 million grant investment to expand classroom instruction and training. These grants aim improve access to science, technology, engineering, and math education for all students. PAsmart also focuses on increasing computer science (CS) education to prepare Pennsylvania’s workforce.

These grants will support schools, students, workers, and businesses across the state. PAsmart will help Pennsylvanians develop the skills they need for the job they want. It will also support businesses through creating a skilled workforce to hire. Learn more about each specific PAsmart grants below.

Computer Science and STEM Education Grants: \$20 million

Pennsylvania’s future depends on the development of a highly skilled workforce able to compete in the global economy. To help ensure students across Pennsylvania have the skills and abilities to meet the economic needs of the 21st century, \$20 million in PAsmart grants will be awarded to bring high-quality STEM and computer science education to communities, with a focus on early learning centers, libraries, out-of-school time providers, career and technical centers, post-secondary institutions, and elementary, middle, and high schools.

Two funding tiers are available, each having its own purpose and audience:

Targeted Grants, of up to \$35,000 each, are structured to meet the needs of LEAs and their schools that currently have limited to no CS offerings. There are two funding options for these grants, which are intended for LEAs that did not receive a PAsmart Targeted Grant in fiscal year 2018-19.

Advancing Grants, of up to \$500,000 each, are designed to support broad, cross-sector partnerships using ecosystem or networked approaches to provide quality CS/STEM experiences to learners of any age (early childhood, preK-12, postsecondary, and adult learners) as part of a high-level strategic approach to CS/STEM workforce readiness.

To learn more about and apply for PAsmart Targeted and Advancing grants, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s website: <https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/SchoolGrants/PAsmart/Pages/default.aspx>

COMMONWEALTH LIBRARIES

Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Public Libraries)

This is a competitive program providing matching grants to municipalities for the planning, acquisition, development, construction, and rehabilitation of public library facilities.

Funds may not be used for routine maintenance, furniture, or equipment. Application Deadline – The



application is announced as funds become available. Contact – Bureau of Library Development at ra-keystone@pa.gov or 717-787-8007

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

This is a multifaceted grant program that supports local and statewide library programs that are aligned with one or more of five federally approved goal areas: (1) improving library services to support individuals' lifelong learning and literacy needs; (2) improving Pennsylvanians' access to, knowledge of, or ability to use and share digital library services; (3) providing training and support of library staff and leadership; (4) improving library services for people who live in poverty or who have a disability; and (5) improving library workforce development services. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, projects that have already started or operating expenses.

Application Deadline – **The application is announced as funds become available.**

Contact – Bureau of Library Development at ra-LSTA@pa.gov or 717-787-8007

Office of Commonwealth Libraries: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Professional Development Training Grant

Who May Apply: State aided public libraries and academic libraries. If the library is not fiscally independent, the application must come from the library's parent entity.

Use: Grants to bring virtual training to your organization or for individual library workers to attend virtual professional development training in principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in practices and work functions performed by library staff and experienced by library customers.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Up to \$6,000 per organization to bring virtual training to your organization and up to \$1,000 for individuals to attend virtual professional development.

Application Deadline: **Applications accepted until funds are depleted. First weekly award announcement is March 15.**

More Information: Contact Stacey Mulligan, smulligan@pa.gov or 717-783-5744, Library Development Advisor in the Bureau of Library Development.

CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION

Rural and Low Income Schools

100 percent federally funded program providing rural districts with financial assistance for initiatives aimed at improving student achievement. The grant is non-competitive, and eligibility is determined by Local Education Agency (LEA) rural status.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193



School Improvement Grants, SIG1003g

100 percent federally funded grant that State Educational Agencies (SEAs) use to make subgrants to LEAs that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds to substantially raise the achievement of students in the lowest-performing schools.

Application Deadline – **TBD annually**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs

100 percent federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies to improve educational opportunities for at risk students.

Application Deadline – **July 1**. Funding may not be used for construction.

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title I, Part A – School Improvement 1003(a)

100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental resources dedicated to enabling Pennsylvania's lowest-achieving schools, CSI schools, to provide children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps. These allocations are based on a formula that includes enrollment, EL count, and Title IA measures.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 – State Neglected and Delinquent

100 percent federally funded supplementary education services to help provide education continuity for children and youth in state-run institutions for juveniles and in adult correctional institutions, so that these youth can make successful transitions to school or employment once they are released from state institutions.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 – Delinquent Youth

100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental educational services to children and youth in correctional institutions and community day programs.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193



Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction

100 percent federally funded supplemental educational program that provides financial assistance to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction as part of a well-rounded education in public and private elementary and secondary schools, and to hire teachers to reduce class size.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title III – Language Instruction for Immigrant Students

100 percent federally funded program for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to concentrate and deliver language instruction education programs and services to immigrant children and youth whose primary language is not English.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title III – Language Instruction for English Learners

100 percent federally funded program for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to concentrate and deliver language instruction education programs to students whose primary language is not English.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

100 percent federally funded program that provides students with access to a well-rounded education, improves the school conditions for student learning, and improves the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Application Deadline – **July 1**

Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program

State investment to supplement federal Head Start funding so that the successful program can reach more families with children at least 3 years of age up to the entry age for kindergarten in their school district of residence.



Application Deadline – **Annual renewals occur between April and June covering the following fiscal year**, limited to Federal Head Start Programs. Should additional funding be appropriated in future years, those dollars will be distributed to existing grantees for expansion and/or will be provided for additional grant opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2022. Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Funds are awarded competitively to provide early learning opportunities to children at least 3 years of age up to the entry age for kindergarten in their school district of residence This program will prioritize children who are at risk for future academic failure. Priority in funding is granted to approved providers that received grant funds in the immediately preceding school year and have met the program standards.

Application Deadline – **Annual renewals occur between April and June covering the following fiscal year**, limited to child care programs participating in Keystone STARS at a STAR 3 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs and school districts. Should additional funding be appropriated in future years, those dollars will be distributed to existing grantees for expansion and/or will be provided for additional grant opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2023. Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

Preschool Early Intervention

A program that provides developmental support and special education services to all eligible young children, ages 3 to 5 with disabilities or developmental delays.

Application Deadline – **July 1, prior to each school year**. Funds must be used for education of preschool children with disabilities or developmental delays.

Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619

Supplemental program for students with disabilities and/ or developmental delays ages 3 through 5 enrolled in programs of early intervention special education.

Application Deadline – **July 1, prior to each school year**. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may not be used to pay for such costs as tuition, transportation, or construction.

Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

FOOD AND NUTRITION

After School Snack Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursements for snacks served that meet meal pattern requirements. A National School Lunch Program participant must operate the program. Sponsor



must provide care in an after-school setting that includes regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities in organized, structured, and supervised environments.

Application Deadline – **Anytime during school year**. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

At Risk After School Meals Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for snacks or meals to entities operating after school programs that include educational or enrichment activities after the school day or days when school is not in session. This program is available in non-school settings but must be in an eligible location in which 50 percent or more of the children in the geographic area are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application Deadline – **Anytime during school year**.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

Child and Adult Care Food Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for meals served to enrolled participants in non-residential child or adult care facilities to improve the diets of children and adults, and to develop healthy eating habits.

Application Deadline – **Available throughout the year**. Facilities must be licensed or approved in order to participate. For-profit, non-residential child or adult care centers must receive Title XX or Title XIX funding for at least 25 percent of either enrolled participants or the licensed capacity, whichever is less to be eligible to participate.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Provides federal reimbursement to participating schools for fresh fruits and vegetables offered throughout the school day, but separately from the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Application Deadline – **Grant application is announced January/February each year. Awards are announced in May**. The number of grant awards are contingent upon amount of federal funding received each year.

Schools which apply are selected with preference given to schools with the highest free and reduced eligibility rates. To be eligible to apply for participation, the school must participate in the National School Lunch Program.

Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129



National School Lunch Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal and state reimbursements for school lunches served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free or reduced-price meals based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline – **Anytime during school year**. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

School Breakfast Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal and state reimbursement for school breakfasts served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free or reduced price meals based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline – **Anytime during school year**. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

Special Milk Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursements for milk served to eligible children. Schools that do not participate in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs may participate in the milk program. Schools that have split-session kindergarten and do not have access to meal service may participate in the milk program. Children are eligible for paid or free milk based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline – **Anytime during school year**. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

Summer Food Service Program

This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for meals served by nonprofit, public and governmental agencies to children through age 18 attending activities at approved SFSP sites. The primary intent of the program is to improve the diets of children so that they may return to school in the fall ready to learn.

Submitted and approved prior to start of applying agency's summer program, or June 15, whichever comes first. There is currently a nationwide waiver that waives this deadline due to COVID.

Application Deadline – **Only available during the summer months**. Program sponsors must be nonprofit, public, or governmental agencies and program sites must be located in a geographic area determined by census or school data to meet income eligibility requirements or meet established eligibility through alternate means.

Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129



POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION

Governor's It's On Us PA Grants

Provides funds to support postsecondary institutions' efforts to prevent, address and respond effectively to sexual violence through this grant program. The goal of this program is to create campus environments in which all community members are informed, active bystanders, working together to end sexual violence, and where survivors are able to access the rights, resources and accommodations afforded to them through state and federal law.

Application Deadline – **October**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

Act 143 of 1986

Provides funds for adult literacy programs that will enable out-of-school youth and adults 17 and older who are residents of the commonwealth and need basic skills training in mathematics, reading and English, including English as a second language, to function more effectively in their personal lives and as citizens, to earn a secondary credential if needed, and be better prepared for workforce training and employment.

Application Deadline – **Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2018; next competitive round will be in 2022 for next grant cycle.**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

Act 143 of 1986 for a Family Literacy Program

Provides funds for family literacy programs that integrate adult basic education, parenting education, interactive literacy activities and early childhood education services to assist parents in achieving the knowledge and basic skills necessary to effectively fulfill their role as their children's primary teacher and be full partners in the education of their children.

Application Deadline – **Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in 2017; next competitive round will be 2021 for next grant cycle.**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 223, State Leadership

Provides funds to support activities of statewide significance that promote the purpose of Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, including the alignment of adult education and literacy activities with other core programs and one-stop partners, establishment of professional development services, the provision of technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation of adult education programs, and dissemination of information about models and promising practices. (Not more than 12.5 percent of the state's allocation under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Title II shall be used for State Leadership Activities.)



Application Deadline – **Four-year grants were awarded in 2017-18; an additional project grant was awarded through a competition in 2018 for a three-year grant period; next competitive round will be 2021.**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 231, Adult Basic Education

Provides funds for adult basic education programs that: assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways; and assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in improving their reading, writing, speaking and comprehension skills in English and mathematic skills and acquiring an understanding of the American system of government, individual freedom and the responsibilities of citizenship. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide a 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind. Not more than 5 percent of a local applicant's grant may be used for administrative costs, unless a higher percent is approved in advance. Application Deadline – **Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2018; next competitive round will be in 2022 for next grant cycle.**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 243: Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education in combination with Integrated Education and Training activities

Provides funds for programs that help adults who are English language learners acquire English literacy skills, gain knowledge about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship while preparing those adults for, and placing them in, unsubsidized employment in in- demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency (local match requirements and administrative costs limitations are the same as those for Section 231 Adult Basic Education).

Application Deadline – **Three-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2020; next competitive round will be in 2023 for next grant cycle.**

Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

READY TO LEARN BLOCK GRANT

The Ready to Learn Block Grant (RTL) – The Pennsylvania Ready to Learn (RTL) Block Grant follows the legislation found in Act 126 of 2014, section 1722-J(21) and the Accountability Block Grant provisions found at 24 P.S. Section 25- 2599.2. Grants are for the benefit of students enrolled in the commonwealth's school districts and charter schools (eligible school entities) to attain or maintain academic performance targets. The financial assistance provides Pennsylvania LEAs to implement effective educational strategies, practices, and initiatives to improve student achievement. Funds are



allocated to LEAs by a formula that is set by the Fiscal Code.
Contact – Bureau of School Support, Division of Planning, 717-783-4307

SAFE SCHOOLS

Safe Schools Targeted Grants

Provides funds to assist school entities with safety and security equipment, programs which address school violence, School Police Officer, or School Resource Officer expenditures. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis, with needs identified by the school entity's board of directors, supported by school safety statistics, school climate survey, disciplinary records, community risk factors and in accordance with a locally developed school safety plan.

Contact – Office for Safe Schools at 717-783-6469

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER QUALITY

Innovative Teacher and Principal Residency Grants

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title II, Part A, state set-aside funding is available to support planning/piloting, implementation, and/or expansion of innovative, evidence-based teacher and principal/school leader full-year clinical residency models in Pennsylvania. Programs will include undergraduate or post-baccalaureate candidates. The focus is on certification providers interested in planning/piloting new residency models, implementing new residency models, or expanding existing residency models in partnership with one or more high-need local education agencies (LEAs). This is a multi-year grant program.

Project Dates – **August 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021**

Contact – Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality at 717-772-3566

SPECIAL EDUCATION

ACCESS

Is a streamlined process to gain Medical Access reimbursements for the cost of providing approved, medically related services to students. Funds may be used to enhance or enlarge special education and health services.

Reimbursement funding is available to agencies who are providers of the allowable billable services. This is not a direct grant to the state.

Application Deadline – **Ongoing**

Funding may not be used for programs or services outside the LEA special education program; to make



capital improvements to property; or to supplant programs or personnel.
Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-783-6925

Extraordinary Special Education Expenses (Contingency Fund)

Provides partial reimbursement for the implementation of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for a student with significant disabilities.

Application Deadline – **January 8**. Expenses that result from needs and circumstances of a student with significant disabilities, which are not ordinarily present in a typical special education service and program delivery system and which costs exceed the school district, or charter school funding.

Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-1114

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B

Supplemental program for students with disabilities ages 3 through 21 enrolled in programs of special education. Funds may be used to develop programs and services for children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment (LRE), utilizing a continuum of services which may include, but are not limited to, child identification, assistive technology, extended school year services, equipment, transition services, personnel training, and parent training.

Application Deadline – **May, prior to each school year**. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may be used only for approved, allowable expenditures.

Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-1114

Middle School Success: Path to Graduation (P2G)

PA was awarded funds from the federal State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) for intensive, ongoing professional development and coaching for educators and school leaders to ensure that every student graduates from high school and college career ready. The grant, Middle School Success: The Path to Graduation (P2G), will provide this professional development and coaching, using evidenced-based instructional and adult learning practices, P2G will build the capacity of LEAs to address the academic and behavioral needs of middle school students with disabilities, in particular, students identified with emotional disturbance.

Application Deadline – **April**

Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-2646



Department of Environmental Protection www.dep.pa.gov

ENERGY

Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program

Agricultural operators/landowners in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (43 counties) to hire a technical expert to develop plans for manure management, nutrient management, or erosion and sediment control.

Funding Source: Environmental Stewardship Fund.

Deadline: **April 1, 2021**

Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant (AFIG) Program

Grants for municipalities, school districts, businesses and others for costs associated with alternative fueled vehicles and other alternative fuel projects.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: AFIG.

Contact – DEP Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance at 717-783-8411

Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Rebate Program

Provides rebates to consumers for the purchase of new or used, non-leased, plug-in hybrid, plug-in electric, natural gas, propane and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Consumers may submit applications for up to six months after the date of purchase. Consumers should be aware that funds may be depleted before their rebate application can be processed.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

Contact – AFV Rebate Program at 1-866-294-3854

DC Fast Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Grant Program

Provides funding for purchase, installation, and operation of publicly accessible DCFC or HFCF at locations proposed by program applicants. Businesses, incorporated nonprofits, state, local, or tribal government agencies, air quality or transportation organizations, metropolitan or rural/regional Transportation Planning Organizations, and federal government agencies

Deadline apply is **February 26, 2021**

Funding Source: State Mitigation Trust-Volkswagen emissions settlement

Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants

In general, PEDDA provides grants and loan guarantees for alternative energy projects and related research referring to deployment projects, manufacturing or research involving the following types of



fuels, technologies or measures: solar energy; wind; low-impact hydropower; geothermal; biologically derived methane gas, including landfill gas; biomass; fuel cells; coal-mine methane; waste coal; integrated gasification combined cycle; and demand management measures, including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency and load management.

Note: The PA Energy Development Authority Grant Program is currently closed. For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: PEDDA.

Contact – PA Energy Development Authority at 717-783-8411

Small Business Advantage Grant Program

Provides 50% matching grants, up to a maximum of \$7,000, to enable Pennsylvania small businesses and farmers to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes or natural resource protection projects.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: SBA Grant.

Contact – DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

The Small Business Pollution Prevention Assistance Account (PPAA) Loan Program

Provides low-interest loans to small businesses undertaking projects (located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) that reduce waste, pollution or energy use. Loans will be used to fund 75% of the total eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Small businesses with 100 or fewer full-time employees are eligible. The loan interest rate is 2% and has a maximum term of 10 years.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: PPAA.

Contact – DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND BROWNFIELDS

Act 108 – Technical Evaluation of HSCA Remedial Action (HSCA)

Evaluation Grants for HSCA Sites Reimbursement of \$50,000 for municipalities to conduct an independent evaluation of proposed remedial response at a HSCA site. For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation, at 717-787-0886

Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program

Reimbursement for corrective action costs up to \$4,000 to assist owners of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 3,000 gallons or less used for storing heating oil for consumption on the premises where stored. The tank owner is subject to a \$1,000 deductible.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Storage Tank Cleanup Program

Contact – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation, at 717-787-0886



Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program (aka “Pump & Plug Program”)

Provides grants to owners of six or fewer underground tanks that have not been upgraded to technical regulatory requirements. Maximum grant is \$2,500 per tank and reimbursement is limited to pumping out and disposing of regulated product from the tank, cleaning the inside of the tank, and if the tank will be put into temporary closure, grouting the fill pipe.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Storage Tanks and link to Financial Assistance.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Storage Tanks at 717-772-5599; 1-800-42-TANKS

GENERAL

Environmental Education Grant

Provides reimbursements for schools and school districts, nonprofit organizations, universities and colleges, county conservation districts, municipalities and municipal authorities and business for environmental education programs up to \$25,000.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: EE Grant.

Contact – DEP Environmental Education and Information Center at 717-772-1644

Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Grants

Grants provide funds to counties to conduct mosquito virus surveillance and control activities.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Pages/default.aspx

Contact – DEP Vector Management at 717-346-8243

AIR QUALITY

Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program

Provides reimbursement grants to retrofit, repower or replace diesel-powered vehicles and equipment with new diesel, alternative fuel, hybrid and all-electric vehicles and equipment. Available funding varies by project type, ranging from 25% to 100%. Eligible applicants include businesses (with some restrictions), incorporated nonprofits (with some restrictions), school districts, municipal governments and municipal authorities, other state agencies, and other organizations. Approximately \$100,000 is available for funding annually.

For more information, visit the Department’s Driving PA Forward website

at: www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/

Contact – DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495



Driving PA Forward Programs

Will provide reimbursement grants and rebates to repower or replace diesel-powered vehicles and equipment with new diesel, alternative fuel, hybrid and all-electric vehicles and equipment. Funding is also available for the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. Available funding varies by project type, ranging from 25% to 100% of project costs, or a set rebate amount. Eligible applicants include businesses (with some restrictions), incorporated nonprofits (with some restrictions), school districts, municipal governments and municipal authorities, other state agencies, and other organizations. Approximately \$118.5 million of an Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund has been allocated to Pennsylvania to spend over 10 years for all programs. Programs were announced throughout 2018 and 2019 and will remain active for at least five years or until funding runs out.

For more information, visit the Department's Driving PA Forward website at: www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/
Contact – DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495

Driving PA Forward - Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program

Who May Apply: Entities may include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, nonprofit entities, corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships, air quality or transportation organizations, and metropolitan or rural planning organizations.

Uses: Projects to repower or replace diesel-powered, pre-Tier 4 freight switcher locomotives, and projects to repower or upgrade unregulated, Tier 1 or Tier 2, diesel-powered marine engines in ferries or tugboats.

Funds: Cost-share reimbursement program. Percentage cost-share varies by project. See program guidelines for details.

Funding Source: State Mitigation Trust-Volkswagen Emissions Settlement

Application Deadline: **March 19, 2021 at 4 PM**

More information: Click on <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/> and scroll to “Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program.”

Driving PA Forward – Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program

Who May Apply: Airports, port authorities, schools, municipalities, municipal authorities, non-profit and for-profit entities.

Uses: To replace large forklifts, airport ground equipment, and port cargo handling equipment with electric versions.

Funds: Up to \$750,000 per applicant.



Funding Source: State Mitigation Trust-Volkswagen Emissions Settlement

Application Deadline: **March 5, 2021 at 4 PM**

More Information: Click on <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/> and scroll to “Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program.”

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Act 101 – County Planning Grants

Provide counties up to 80% reimbursement for preparation of waste management plans required by Act 101 and pollution prevention education activities.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

Act 101 – Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement (Municipal)

Payment for 50% of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors for a landfill or resource recovery facility

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Host Municipality Waste.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870

Act 101 – Host Municipality Review of Permit Applications

Up to \$10,000 grant for host municipalities for independent review of permit applications for a new landfill, resource recovery facility or expansion of an existing landfill or resource recovery facility.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Host Municipality Waste.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management at 717-787-7381

Act 101 – Recycling Coordinator Grants

Provide reimbursements of up to 50% of a county recycling coordinator’s salary and approved expenses.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382



Act 101 – Recycling Grants (902)

Municipalities and counties are eligible for 90% reimbursement toward establishing a municipal recycling program.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Act 101 - Recycling Grants (903)

Counties may apply to use to reimburse 50% of the cost of employing a county recycling coordinator in the previous calendar year. County Recycling Coordinator Grant Program (Section 903) (Funding Source: Recycling Fund)

Who Can Apply: Counties are the only eligible applicants.

Use: To reimburse the cost of employing a county recycling coordinator in calendar year 2020.

Funding Source: Recycling Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grant for up to 50% of approved costs.

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/Recycling/Municipal-Resources/FinancialAssistance/Pages/default.aspx> and view “Section 903.”

Act 101 – Recycling Performance Grants

Grants awarded to municipalities based on weight and type of materials recycled in the previous calendar year.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipality Siting Reviews

Reimbursement of \$50,000 to host municipality and host county for independent review of permit application for commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Sites.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Hazardous Waste Management at 717-787-6239

Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement

Payment for 50% of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors at a commercial hazardous waste treatment facility.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870



2020 Host Municipality Inspector Program

Who Can Apply: Cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships and home rule municipalities that have a municipal waste landfill, resource recovery facility or commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment and disposal facility located within its geographic borders.

Use: For salary and expenses of up to two certified Host Municipality Inspectors.

Funding Source: Recycling Fund and Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grant for up to 50% of approved costs.

Application Deadline: **June 30, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/MunicipalWaste/Host-Municipality-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Counties, municipalities and other entities engaging in HHW collection and disposal programs are eligible for 50% reimbursement.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Waste.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Review

Reimbursement for independent review of permit application or modification for a commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Waste.

Contact – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Hazardous Waste Management at 717-787-6239

WATER-RELATED PROGRAMS

Coastal Zone Management Program Grants

Program for municipalities and other entities in the watersheds of Lake Erie or the Lower Delaware River and Estuary.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Compacts and Commissions Office.

Contact – Coastal Resources Management Program at 717-772-5622.



Growing Greener Watershed and Protection Grants

Provides grants to assist citizen groups, conservation districts and local governments in developing and implementing watershed remediation plans or watershed restoration projects and protective measures.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Growing Greener.

Contact – DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-5618

Non-point Source Pollution Control Projects Funding (319 Grants)

Provides grants for projects outlined in EPA- approved Watershed Implementation Plans that address impaired waters through implementation, education, monitoring, demonstration or innovative practices to control or reduce non-point sources of pollution.

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov search: NonPoint Source Grant.

Contact – DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-5618

ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RESOURCES

Below are some general areas to look for assistance for various environmentally-related projects from watershed management, alternative energy, open space, recycling, etc.

League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Water Resources Education Network

WREN makes connections between Pennsylvania citizens and water resources information.

Contact – <http://waterwisepa.org/>

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Office of Small Business Ombudsman

- Serves as the primary advocate for small businesses within the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Assists small businesses in realizing the potential cost savings of pollution prevention versus pollution control
- Provides confidential assistance to small businesses within the commonwealth needing help with environmental issues
- Provides compliance assistance and pollution prevention pamphlets and fact sheets for small businesses
- Provides information to small businesses needing financial assistance to implement pollution prevention practices and comply with environmental regulations

Contact – www.dep.pa.gov search: Small Business Ombudsman



Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers' Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)

EMAP is a specialized consulting service of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers. They provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to small businesses in Pennsylvania. EMAP environmental consultants can help small businesses understand how to comply with regulatory requirements and assist with the preparation of plans and permit applications for start-up and existing businesses.

Contact – www.askemap.org

PENNVEST

Since its inception, PENNVEST has continued its service to the communities and citizens of Pennsylvania by funding sewer, storm water and drinking water projects throughout the commonwealth. These projects not only contribute to improving Pennsylvania's environment and the health of its people, they also provide opportunities for economic growth and jobs for Pennsylvania's workers. Areas of assistance: Drinking Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Loans; On-Lot Sewage Disposal Funds; Brownfield Redevelopment.

Contact – www.pennvest.pa.gov



Department of General Services (DGS) www.dgs.pa.gov

The Department of General Services (DGS) MISSION: To help government operate more efficiently, effectively, and safely, delivering exceptional value for all Pennsylvanians.

WHAT WE VALUE:

Customer Care – We are committed to understanding our customers’ goals and contributing to their success. Our customers educate our children, protect our health and environment, build our infrastructure, regulate our commerce, and assist our neighbors and communities in need across Pennsylvania. They do vital, important work, and we are proud to be a part of it.

Quality & Innovation – There is always a better way to do something. Our passion is finding it and putting it into practice.

Integrity – We earn the public’s trust by holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards every day, no exceptions.

Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities – How we do business impacts our communities. We are working to build a more inclusive economy in Pennsylvania.

Our Team – We support each other’s personal and professional growth because they are essential to our mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly challenging environment.

COSTARS

The commonwealth’s cooperative purchasing program makes it easier and more cost-effective for local public entities and certain nonprofits registered within the DGS to purchase a broad selection of goods and services from COSTARS-designated contracts. For more information, including a complete list of registered communities and organizations eligible to purchase (members), COSTARS-designated contracts and awarded suppliers, visit www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS

Contact – 1-866-768-7827, www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages/default.aspx

The Federal Surplus Property Program

Offers a limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper to vehicles, from computers to building supplies, DGS can help meet your needs while saving money with surplus. Property available in inventory is viewable at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. Requests for any specific property that may not be in current inventory are also accepted so the department can find it elsewhere and arrange for its direct allocation to your location. The property itself is donated by the federal government; however, a service charge is incurred to cover the state’s cost of administering the program.

Contact – 1-800-235-1555, www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal/Pages/default.aspx



The 1033 Excess Property Program

Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Clothing, office equipment, computers, rescue equipment, vehicles and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the federal government and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers (starting at \$400/year) enables agencies to acquire property all year without a charge.

Contact – 717-787-6197, www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The 1122 New Property Program

Provides Pennsylvania agencies and units of local government access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment to support counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities. Because of its volume purchasing power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes.

A service charge of 4% of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.

Contact – 717-787-6197 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program

Offers General Services Administration (GSA) fleet vehicles for sale before these vehicles go to public auction. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and firetrucks with low mileage and only one prior owner are all available. View current inventory online or submit a request for a specific vehicle.

Contact – 717-525-5805 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The State Surplus Property Program

Offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. All items are sold at various locations throughout the state or through an online auction. Online auctions are managed by www.GovPlanet.com/PA and www.GovDeals.com

Additionally, semi-annual Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) heavy equipment sales of off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other road maintenance equipment are conducted. A private municipal sale is held first prior to the items being offered to the general public. To register for the private municipal heavy equipment sale, please register online at www.GovPlanet.com/muni

Contact – 717-772-2300 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State/Pages/default.aspx



Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Voluntarily confiscated items and lost and found property such as pocket knives, sporting equipment, jewelry, tools, belts and other miscellaneous items are offered for sale to the general public at the Harrisburg warehouse or online at

Government Surplus Auctions - www.GovDeals.com

Contact – 717-772-1733

Used Vehicle Auctions

Provides the public with opportunities to purchase commonwealth used vehicles. Bi-monthly auctions are conducted at the Manheim Central Penn Auto Auction in Grantville, Pennsylvania.

Contact – 717-787-3162

www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic/Pages/default.aspx

Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities

The Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business opportunities is responsible for assisting Small and Small Diverse (including minority- owned; woman-owned; veteran-owned; service-disabled veteran-owned; LGBT-owned; and disability- owned) business enterprises in identifying and competing for commonwealth contracting opportunities.

Contact – 717-783-3119

<https://www.dgs.pa.gov/Small%20Diverse%20Business%20Program/Pages/default.aspx>



Department of Health www.health.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well-being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in programs range from individuals to health care practitioners and/or facilities.

Web visitors can quickly and conveniently access current health statistics, request a copy of a birth certificate, browse through the departments catalog of publications, locate the nearest local health department, and have the latest information on public health issues at their fingertips.

The following is a summary of programs for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health care service.

Pennsylvania Department of Health/Pennsylvania Downtown Center: PA WalkWorks

Who May Apply: Municipalities, counties, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations.

Use: Development of plans and policies to improve walking, bicycling, wheeling, and transit connections to everyday destinations and increase safe and accessible opportunities for residents to be physically active.

Funds: Awards will range between \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the development of active transportation plans and between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to assist with the development of Complete Streets and/or Vision Zero policies. No match required, but will improve application success.

Funding Source: PA Department of Health Grant

Application Deadline: **Submit Letter of Intent by April 23, 2021** (not mandatory); **Application deadline is May 14, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WalkWorks/Pages/WalkWorks.aspx>.

PRIMARY CARE SITES

Department of Veterans Affairs Facility Directory

This site is a storehouse of facility information within 1,128 VA facilities, maintained on a regular basis by editors and administrators nationwide throughout the VA network.

Website: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>



Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA can help you find a health center in your community. These health centers serve all who walk through their doors, regardless of ability to pay.

Website: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>

National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

Nurse Managed Health Centers make health care in America work. All across the country there is a growing movement of committed nursing professionals who are bringing excellent health care to vulnerable communities.

Website: <https://nurseledcare.phmc.org/>

Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC)

The PACHC (previously known as the PA Forum) was established in 1981 as a private, nonprofit organization. These community-owned and operated rural and urban centers provide quality health care that is both affordable and accessible.

Website: <http://www.pachc.org/>

Volunteers in Medicine

VIM promotes and guides the development of a national network of free clinics emphasizing the use of retired medical and lay volunteers to care for the “working uninsured” within a culture of caring so that everyone in a community has access to health care.

Website: <https://volunteersinmedicine.org/>

DENTAL SITES

Pennsylvania Dental Association Dental Clinic Directory

The Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) is frequently contacted by members, the public and elected officials for information on the availability of low-cost dental care.

Website: https://www.padental.org/Online/Directory/Clinic_Directory.aspx

Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care Program

The Senior Dental Care Program offers reduced cost dental care to eligible Pennsylvania senior citizens by dentists who are members of the PDA.

Websites: <https://www.padental.org> or <https://dentallifeline.org/pennsylvania/>



PA INSURANCE & WELFARE PROGRAMS

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

CHIP is Pennsylvania’s program to provide quality health insurance for children of working families who otherwise could not afford it (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

Website: [Chip Home Page](#)

Mental Health Services

Do you have questions about how to get mental health or substance abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it the new manual which is an easy-to-use guide to Mental Health Services in Pennsylvania.

The guide gives answers to questions often asked about finding and getting mental health and substance abuse services in the state. It also gives information on the services that are available, how to find those services, using medical assistance to get services and people and groups that can help you if you have trouble getting services (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

Website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx>

Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)

A wide variety of health-care programs for Pennsylvanians eligible to receive medical assistance (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

Website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/OMAP-Information.aspx>

PA HEALTH PROGRAMS

Asthma Control Program

This program strives to reduce the burden of asthma in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of those Pennsylvanians affected by asthma by preventing and controlling its complications; including assistance in developing a multi-disciplinary “medical home” for patients , and assessing and educating about in- home and external asthma triggers.

Contact- Bureau of Health Promotion & Risk Reduction, 717-787-5876

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx>



Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (PA-BCCEDP)

Formerly called the Healthy Woman Program (HWP). This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre- cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women.

Contact - Toll-free: 1-800-215-7494 /TTY: 1-800-332-8615

Website: www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/PABreastandCervicalCancerEarlyDetectionProgram.aspx

Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program

Information, support, and referrals are provided to pregnant women considering breastfeeding and to moms who are currently breastfeeding. This program also provides education for health care and related professionals.

Contact – Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143, Toll-free Healthy Baby Line at 1-800-986-BABY (2229) or online

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx>

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Lead Poisoning Program)

This program provides comprehensive services to families with children under the age of 6 that includes lead screening, testing, follow-up and case management.

Contact- Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762, Toll-free Lead

Information Line, 1-800-440-LEAD (5323)

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead%20poisoning.aspx>

Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP)

This program provides life-saving care and treatment for children and adults with end-stage renal disease. The program provides dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, home dialysis supplies and equipment, medications, and limited patient transportation.

Contact – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Chronic-Renal-Disease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx>

Cooley's Anemia Program

This program provides comprehensive multi-disciplinary medical services to patients of all ages with Cooley's Anemia.

Contact - Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763



Cystic Fibrosis Program

This program supports medical centers that provide comprehensive services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis. This program also provides assistance with prescription drugs for adults and children with cystic fibrosis if they lack the insurance coverage for such medications.

Contact - Division of Community Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

The program strives to reduce the burden of diabetes in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of Pennsylvanians who have diabetes by preventing and controlling its complications.

Contact- Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction, 717-787-5876

Epilepsy Support Services

This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals and families with epilepsy and related disorders. The program also provides education for health care and related professionals.

Contact- Division of Community Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Epilepsy.aspx>

Family Planning Program

Clinical services are provided at local clinics and include physical exams, routine gynecological care, contraceptives, cancer screening and examinations, general health screening, sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis, treatment, education and counseling, and HIV/AIDS education and screening.

Contact - Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Family-Planning-Program.aspx>

Head Injury Program

This program provides rehabilitation services to adult residents of Pennsylvania who experienced a traumatic brain injury after July 2, 1985.

Contact - Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763, Toll- free Brain Injury Help Line 1-866-412-4755

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Head-Injury.aspx>

Hemophilia Program

This program provides comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, out- patient follow-up, and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.

Contact - Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763



HIV/AIDS Program

This program utilizes state and federal funds to work with community partners to ensure that a full array of HIV prevention and care services are available and accessible throughout the commonwealth for people infected with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS and those at risk for contracting HIV.

Communicable Diseases – 717-783-0572 Bureau of Epidemiology – 717-787-3350

Prevention Program

This program is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides a statewide comprehensive HIV Prevention Program that includes the following:

- 1) Core components and activities: HIV testing; comprehensive prevention with positives (including partner services); condom distribution; and policy initiatives.
- 2) Required activities: jurisdictional HIV planning; capacity-building and technical assistance; program planning, monitoring, evaluation, and quality assurance.
- 3) Recommended program components: evidence-based HIV prevention interventions; and social marketing, media, and mobilization.
- 4) Epidemiologic surveillance.

Contact - Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx

Care Program

This program is funded through Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public law 111-87) which provides HIV/AIDS health care and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Part B grants include a base grant and an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) award.

Pennsylvania's ADAP is also known as the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP).

Contact- Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/HIV.aspx>

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)

This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program funds may also be used to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of drug treatments.

Contact - Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-703-9170 or Toll-free at 1-800-922-9384

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Special-Pharmaceutical-Benefits.aspx>



Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

This program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, resource identification, operating costs, tenant -based rental assistance, short -term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, permanent housing placement, and supportive services (case management).

Contact- Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx

Technology Assistance Children’s Home Program

Contact- Bureau of Family Health, 717-346-3000

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

Provides vaccinations to children birth through 18 years of age who do not have health insurance or children who are insured but the insurance does not cover immunizations (underinsured). These children are eligible to receive federally funded vaccines at public sites, including Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

Contact: Vaccines for Children Program: 717-787-5681

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC-Overview.aspx>

Lead Surveillance Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Lead Surveillance Program tracks and monitors childhood lead activity through the Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS). PA-NEDSS is a web-based application system that receives all lead reports on Pennsylvania’s children. Through PA-NEDSS, the Division of Child and Adult Health Services can identify possible high-risk areas, locate areas of under- testing and identify other potential service gaps.

Contact – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead-Surveillance.aspx>

Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program

The Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program (SHHP) seeks to provide education and interventions to promote healthy homes and prevent problems and injuries. When hazards are present in a home, they can have a profound effect upon the health of the occupants, particularly those most vulnerable such as children. Some home conditions contribute to asthma development or exacerbation, including mold, mildew, dust mites, pests, and pet dander. When these allergens are reduced or eliminated, thereby reducing asthma triggers, children have fewer and milder asthmatic episodes.



Contact – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762
Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Safe-and-Healthy-Homes.aspx>

Organ and Tissue Donation Program

This program provides free organ and tissue donation education and awareness information to increase the number of Pennsylvanians designating themselves as organ donors. Individuals who wish to become organ donors can register online at www.donatelifepa.org or check “yes” when you get and renew a Pennsylvania state driver’s license, learner’s permit, or photo ID card. In Pennsylvania, there are over 8,100 people who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. By saying “yes” to organ donation, you can potentially save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.

Contact - Toll-free:1-877-PA-Health / TTY: 1-800 -332-8615

Website: <https://donatelifepa.org/>

Public Health Preparedness

The Bureau of Public Health Preparedness is responsible for providing direction, coordination and assessment of all activities that ensure state and local readiness, interagency collaboration and preparedness for the public health and medical consequences of all disasters and emergencies.

Contact - Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, 717-346-0640

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx>

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program

Provides free and confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and syphilis. Also provides treatment, education, surveillance and epidemiology resources to prevent and intervene in the transmission of STDs.

Contact - Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 717-787-3981

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/STD/Pages/STD.aspx>

Sickle Cell Disease Program

This program provides comprehensive medical treatment and psychosocial services, care coordination, and education to children and adults with sickle cell disease.

Contact - Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763

Special Kids Network System of Care

This is a statewide program that connects individuals and families of children with special health care needs with needed services, systems navigation, and local programs. The toll-free helpline number is 1-800-986-4550.



Contact- Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Special%20Kids%20Network/Pages/Special%20Kids%20Network.aspx>

Cystic Fibrosis, Spina Bifida and Metabolic Formula Program

This program provides complete comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and inpatient surgery and care to children and adults with Spina Bifida.

Contact - Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Newborn-Screening/Pages/Newborn%20Screening.aspx>

Tobacco Prevention and Control

This comprehensive program provides statewide, regional, community and school based tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and the PA Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition, free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 14- 17 years) through the PA Free Quitline - 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669). This Quitline, along with a companion website Quitting Tobacco (pa.gov) provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.

Contact - Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, 717-783-6600

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/tobacco/Pages/Tobacco.aspx>

Tourette Syndrome Support

This program provides education, advocacy, and support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families. It also provides education for health care and related professionals.

Contact - Division of Bureau Operations, Bureau of Family Health, 717-346-3000

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Tourette-Syndrome.aspx>

Tuberculosis (TB) Program

The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all county and municipal health departments.

Contact - Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 717-787-6267

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Tuberculosis/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx>



Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children under age 5. WIC provides nutrition counseling and a nutritional food pack- age for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems.

Contact - Will Cramer or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-1289,1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467)

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx>

Health Assessment Program

Since 1989, the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has funded the Health Assessment Program (HAP) to publish reports on toxic waste sites and other environmental health hazards in Pennsylvania under the Cooperative Agreement Program known as APPLETREE: ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure.

Contact: Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology – 717-787-3350

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Contact-Environmental-Health.aspx>

Health Literacy Program

Health literacy is the ability to read, understand, remember, and use information to make decisions about your health. Being health literate also means you can follow your health care provider's treatment instructions. People with low health literacy understand less about their medical conditions and treatments and report a lower health status overall. They also are less likely to use preventive care services and have higher rates of hospitalization.

Contact: Health Literacy Program – 717-787-5900

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Health-Literacy.aspx>

Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship

The Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship (HAIP/AS) Program was established to execute the Department of Health's responsibilities created by Act 52 of 2007. In 2017, this program became part of the Bureau of Epidemiology. The mission of the program is to protect patients, residents, visitors and healthcare personnel as well as promote safety, quality and value in the healthcare delivery system.

Contact: Bureau of Epidemiology – 717-425-5422

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/HAIP-AS.aspx>

Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program

This program is committed to implementing best practice initiatives to achieve reducing the risk of development of heart diseases and stroke, delaying the progression and reducing the occurrence of first



and subsequent cardiovascular events in persons with known risks.

Contact: Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction: 717-787-5900

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Heart-Disease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx>

PA Medical Home Initiative

The Medical Home Initiative (MHI) is a project of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The MHI fosters a medical home approach to primary care.

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-772-2763

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Medical-Home-Program.aspx>

NeuroResource Facilitation Program for Brain Injury Services

The NeuroResource Facilitation Program (NRFP) was created with funding from the Administration of Community Living's Traumatic Brain Injury State Implementation Partnership Grant. NRFP is a service that helps individuals 18 and older with traumatic brain injuries and their family members identify and navigate brain injury resources, services, and supports.

Contact: NeuroResource Facilitation Program – 717-772-2763

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx>

Obesity Prevention and Wellness Program

The purpose of this program is to increase health related physical activity through population-based approaches, improve dietary quality related to the population burden of chronic diseases, unhealthy child development and decrease the prevalence of obesity.

Contact: Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction – 717-787-5876

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Obesity.aspx>

Oral Health Program

The mission of the Oral Health Program is to promote good oral health as an integral part of the well-being of all Pennsylvania citizens, reinforcing the concept that you cannot be truly healthy without good oral health.

Contact: Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction 717-787-5900

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Oral-Health.aspx>

PA Child Death Review Program

The mission of the Pennsylvania Child Death Review (CDR) program is to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and reduce preventable child fatalities. This is accomplished through timely



reviews of child deaths. Information obtained from the reviews is used to determine how future deaths can be prevented.

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-346-3000

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Child-Death-Review-Team.aspx>

Violence and Injury Prevention Program

The Violence and Injury Prevention Program (VIPP) aims to prevent death and disability from intentional and unintentional injury by assessing the incidence of injury and developing programs that reduce risk of injury. Services are provided through a contracting process with various grantees from across Pennsylvania.

Contact: Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction
717-787-5900

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/violence-prevention/Pages/Violence-Injury%20Prevention.aspx>

Shaken Baby Syndrome Program

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is the term used to describe the signs and symptoms resulting from a child being shaken.

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-772-2763

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Shaken-Baby-Syndrome.aspx>

SIDS and Infant Death Program

The Pennsylvania Infant Death Program seeks to minimize the devastating impact of an infant death on affected families and to reduce the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), suffocation and strangulation through a public education campaign.

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-772-2762

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/SIDS.aspx>

Health programs and grant contacts

The following is a list of Department of Health programs where grant opportunities may be available. Information is readily available at the department’s website at <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>. Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the website or contact the appropriate person listed with each program:

- Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs..... Amy Flaherty
- Disease Control Immunization..... Tom McCleaf
- Nutrition and Physical Activity..... Amy Flaherty
- PHHSBG - Block Program Services..... Teresa Sanders



Preventive Health Special Projects..... Brian Wyant

Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment..... Beth Butler

Survey and Follow-up- STD..... Beth Butler

Primary Health Care Practitioner Program..... Edward Naugle

Primary Care Loan Repayment Program..... Edward Naugle

Rural Hospital Flexibility Program..... Brian Lentes

J-1Visa Waiver Program..... Edward Naugle

Community-Based HealthCare Program..... Edward Naugle

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program..... Edward Naugle

Health Care Work Force Reports..... Edward Naugle

Substance Use Disorder Loan Repayment Program..... Edward Naugle

State Health Improvement Plan..... Brian Lentes

Health Equity..... David Saunders

Cancer Programs..... Becky Kishbaugh

HIV/AIDS Programs..... Jill Garland

Maternal and Child Health..... Tara Trego

Adolescent Health..... Tara Trego

Breastfeeding Mini-Grants..... Cindy Dundas

Child Health..... Tara Trego

Children with Special Health Care Needs..... Cindy Dundas

Environmental Protection Program..... Cindy Dundas

Health and Human Services Call Center..... Peggy Forte

MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement..... Tara Trego

MCHSBG - Program Services..... Tara Trego

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)..... William Cramer

Family Health Special Projects..... Tara Trego

Newborn Screening and Follow-up..... Stacey Gustin

Newborn Hearing Screening..... Stacey Gustin



Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment..... Beth Butler

Tuberculosis Control Program..... Beth Butler

Renal Dialysis..... Tara Trego

Services for Children with Special Needs..... Cindy Dundas

Adult Cystic Fibrosis..... Cindy Dundas

Cooley’s Anemia..... Cindy Dundas

Asthma Program..... Cindy Dundas

Hemophilia..... Cindy Dundas

Lupus..... Cindy Dundas

Sickle Cell..... Cindy Dundas

Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation..... Barbara Caboot

Health Research..... Meghna Patel

Traumatic Brain Injury..... Nicole Adams

Public Health Preparedness.....Andrew Pickett



Department of Human Services (DHS) www.dhs.pa.gov

Children’s Trust Fund

Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to develop evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative primary and secondary prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The Children’s Trust Fund board issues requests for proposals for grant applications.

Contact – The Children’s Trust Fund at 717-772-2098 or <https://www.pa-ctf.org/>

Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP)

On March 18, 2021, the Department of Human Services opened the [online application](#) for assistance. Pennsylvanians can apply for ERAP through [COMPASS](#).

Counties will receive state and federal [distribution](#) of funding based on Act 1 of 2021.

Some counties are not using the COMPASS application. If your county is not using COMPASS, you will be automatically directed to your local ERAP agency contact.

Evidence-based Home Visiting and Nurse Family Partnership Programs

Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and vulnerable young children. These grants are available through a combination of state and federal funds. DHS issues requests for applications for five-year grant funding periods.

Contact – The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098 or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx#>

Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative Grants

Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to promote economic self-sufficiency for families; the healthy development of children; positive child development through effective parenting, early intervention, and outreach activities; and preservation of the family unit as the foundation for success for children. All Family Centers provide an evidence-based home visiting program. The Fatherhood Initiative grants are to: strengthen positive father-child engagement, improve employment and economic mobility opportunities, and to improve health relationships, including couple, co-parenting, and marriage. The Fatherhood Initiative funds both fatherhood focused parenting classes and evidence-based home visiting focused on fathers. Funding for Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative grants is available through a combination of state and federal funds. The department issues request for funding on a five-year cycle.

Contact – The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098 or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx#>



Early Learning Resource Centers

Regional Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) grants were awarded to community-based organizations to support families' access to high quality early learning services. The ELRC implements Pennsylvania's subsidized childcare program, Child Care Works, as well as the child care provider quality rating improvement system, Keystone STARS. The ELRC is tasked with developing connections to other community resources and local education agencies to serve as a resource and referral agency to families and early learning staff.

Contact – The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-346-9324 or

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx#>

PA Developmental Disabilities Council

This program provides funding to engage in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives;
- Ensure access to goods, services and supports;
- Build inclusive communities;
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda; and
- Change negative societal attitudes toward people with disabilities.

In so doing, we will bring about benefits to individuals with disabilities other than developmental disabilities and, indeed, to all people.

Contact – PA Developmental Disabilities Council at 1-877-685-4452

Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Child Care COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Award

Who May Apply: Department of Human Services (DHS) certified childcare providers. The owner/operator/director will apply on behalf of their childcare employees and childcare support employees.

Uses: One-time award of \$600 paid to eligible childcare employees and childcare support staff, who are currently working directly with children for a minimum of 20 paid hours a week and employed at the child care agency as of Jan. 1, 2021.

Funds: One-time award of \$600 per eligible employee. Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding will be distributed regionally and be limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply sooner rather than later.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Deadline: **February 12, 2021**

More Information: Child Care COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Award – THE PENNSYLVANIA KEY

(<https://www.pakeys.org/>).



Employment and Job Training for Public Assistance Recipients

This program oversees employment programs throughout Pennsylvania for cash and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such services.

Contact – The Bureau of Employment Programs at

- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/TANF.aspx> for TANF
- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx> for SNAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

Assistance to help individuals and families pay for winter heating bills. Two types of statewide grants are offered: cash and crisis. Cash grants are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating regions. Crisis grants are awarded to families with heating emergencies, such as utility terminations, mechanical breakdowns, or unexpected fuel shortages. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of families obtaining the grants.

The program opens in November and typically closes shortly after March 31 or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.

Contact – The Office of Income Maintenance at 1-866-857-7095 [LIHEAP \(pa.gov\)](http://LIHEAP.pa.gov)

Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program

This DHS and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) program provides low- and moderate-income persons with permanent disabilities increased accessibility in their current home by undertaking modifications to the home.

Contact – 1-800-379-7448 www.newPA.com

Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program

The eHealth Partnership coordinates public-private efforts to securely share clinical information among health care providers and between health care providers and state government agencies. Clinical information sharing supports improved patient and population health, reduced health care costs, and compliance with state and federal regulations. The eHealth Partnership offers grants to help health care providers connect to the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network via certified private sector health information organizations.

Contact – 717-265-7850 www.paehealth.org



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs

Sometimes referred to as “waiver” programs. These programs provide funding for supports and services to help people live in their home and community. HCBS programs offer an array of services and benefits such as qualified providers, due process, and health and safety assurances.

The name waiver comes from the fact that the federal government “waives” Medical Assistance/Medicaid rules for institutional care in order for a Pennsylvanian to use the same funds to provide support and services for people closer to home or in their own communities.

In Pennsylvania, the DHS administers seven Medical Assistance/Medicaid waivers, the Adult Community Autism Program, the Act 150 Program, and the Living Independence for the Elderly Program. Each HCBS program has its own unique set of eligibility requirements and services.

Act 150

Provides services to mentally alert Pennsylvanians, aged 18-59 with physical disabilities.

Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver

Provides long-term services and supports to individuals age 21 and older with physical disabling conditions that are expected to last indefinitely, including individuals with acquired brain injuries, and who require a nursing facility level of care. CHC Waiver services are provided through the CHC managed care organizations.

<http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/>

Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver

Provides services to children from birth to age three in need of Early Intervention services who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).

LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)

Managed care program for frail, elderly recipients who have been determined to need “nursing facility level of care” but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible. LIFE is not available in all areas throughout the commonwealth.



OBRA Waiver

Provides services to persons with severe developmental physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or similar conditions.

PA Adult Autism Waiver

Provides services to adults with autism including those who also have intellectual disabilities to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.

The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)

Provides physical, behavioral and community services to adults with an autism spectrum disorder to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Person/Family Directed Support Waiver

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$33,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Community Living Waiver

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$70,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community. Contact – The Statewide Customer Service Center www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CAO-Contact.aspx
1-877-395-8930 or if you live in Philadelphia 215-560-7226.

County Assistance Offices

Complete listing of all the county assistance offices is available at:
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CAO-Contact.aspx>

Pennsylvania KinConnector

Provides information on how to access local, state, and federal services and benefits for families raising children that are not their own, such as grandparents raising grandchildren. Administered by the Department of Human Services in partnership with The Bair Foundation. Contact – 1-800-KIN-2111 (1-800-546-2111) <https://www.kinconnector.org/>



Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN)

Provides services to families interested in foster care and adoption of foster children. Also provides Post Permanency Services to families who have adopted or provide PLC to children in PA. Administered by the Department of Human Services.

Contact – 1-800-585-7926 <https://diakon-swan.org/swanhelpline/>

PA Chafee Education and Training Grant | PHEAA

This federally funded program offers a grant towards the cost of attendance at an institution of higher education to PA youth who are in or who have been discharged from foster care on or after attaining age 16 or exited foster care on or after age 16 to adoption or permanent legal guardianship.

Contact – <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/other-educational-aid/chafee-program.shtml>

Early Intervention Services

Early Intervention Programs are provided through a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Human Services.

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) administers the Early Intervention Services for infants to age three. Services are provided by the county Mental Health/Intellectual Development agencies for children from birth to age three. Early Intervention helps children with disabilities develop and learn to their fullest potential. An individualized service plan is developed for each child.

For more information, call the CONNECT Information Services Helpline Hotline at 1-800-692-7288 for access to early intervention services and information on early intervention and child development.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx#>

Solicitation RFA 16-21 Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Intervention

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations that provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services to Pennsylvania residents, and their families, with mental health, substance use, and/or behavioral health needs.

Use: Prevention, intervention, and treatment services to support individuals with lived experience, as well as their families.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Awards up to \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Solicitation Due Date: **June 3, 2021**

More Information: Click on <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Solicitations.aspx?SID=RFA%2016-21>

Other Related Grant Programs

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Community-Based Workforce for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach



Who May Apply: Nonprofit private or public organizations with demonstrated experience in implementing public health programs. Applicants are expected to have, and should be able to clearly describe, the partnerships they have formed at both the regional and local level to directly assist individuals in getting the COVID-19 vaccine. These partnerships should include organizations such as community-based organizations and other health and social service organizations that can directly hire community outreach workers from the vulnerable and medically underserved communities they will serve.

Use: To establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This includes mobilizing community outreach workers, which includes community health workers, patient navigators, and social support specialists, to educate and assist individuals in accessing and receiving COVID-19 vaccinations. This includes activities such as conducting face-to-face outreach and reaching out directly to community members to educate them about the vaccine, assisting individuals in making a vaccine appointment, providing resources to find convenient vaccine locations, assisting individuals with transportation or other needs to get to a vaccination site.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: A total of \$125 million is available nationwide. There is no cost share or matching requirement.

Application Deadline: **May 18, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=333305>



Department of Insurance www.insurance.pa.gov

Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (AUTO CAT FUND)

The Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (Auto CAT Fund) continues benefits for medical treatment and rehabilitative services, previously provided by the Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund, for injuries arising out of the maintenance or use of a motor vehicle between October 1, 1984 and December 31, 1989.

In addition to other eligibility criteria and before being eligible for benefits, the claimant must incur \$100,000 in medically necessary and reasonable medical and/or rehabilitative expenses. Benefits are capped at \$50,000 per year with a \$1,000,000 lifetime maximum.

The Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor for eligible claimants and coordinates benefits with health and other insurance carriers. Insurers may confirm whether the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor on a particular claim by contacting the current third party administrator.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website at <https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or calling the Auto CAT Fund at 717-787-4919.

Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund

The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989, created the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) to assist owners and operators in meeting insurance requirements. The USTIF makes claim payments, presently up to \$1,500,000 per tank per occurrence, to eligible underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators for damages caused by a release from their UST. To be eligible, the release must have occurred on or after February 1, 1994 and meet other eligibility requirements set forth in the act. The USTIF also indemnifies tank owners for third party liability that may occur when the release from a UST has injured another person or that person's property. Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website at <https://ustif.pa.gov/> or calling the USTIF at 1-800-595-9887 (PA) or 717-787-0763.



Department of Labor & Industry www.dli.pa.gov

Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grants

Who May Apply: Local workforce development boards, non-profit agencies (community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.) or small businesses meeting certain criteria (see program guidelines).

Uses: To promote digital competency, which includes the ability to search and apply for online jobs, upload, and submit a résumé via email, and the ability to develop and maintain a professional profile on networking sites.

Funds: L&I will provide up to \$4.5 million total in grants of up to \$45,000 each.

Funding source: Federal funding

Application Deadline: **February 17, 2021 at 4 PM**

More Information: Click on [Home \(pa.gov\)](#).

Dislocated Worker Near Completer Demonstration Project

Who Can Apply: Pennsylvania Local Workforce Development Boards. Must have a formal engagement with one or more eligible institutions of higher learning.

Use: To support job seekers who have been displaced from employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic and who were within one semester (16-weeks) or less of completing training.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: Three 24-month pilot programs will be awarded, consisting of one urban, one suburban, and one rural coverage area.

Application Deadline: **April 19, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Documents/NCDP/Near-Completer-NGA.pdf>

Industry Partnership Grant Program

An industry partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that helps connect and meet the needs of workers and businesses. Effective partnerships bring companies in the same industry cluster and region together to aggregate training and address commonly held educational needs. Partnerships can help companies identify and work together to address organizational and human resource challenges: recruiting new workers, retaining incumbent workers, implementing high-performance work organizations, adopting new technologies and fostering experiential, on-the-job learning. Grants help support worker skills training to better position them and employers to remain competitive in the global marketplace. The program emphasizes outcomes such as the attainment of industry-recognized



credentials, wage gains, career advancement and retention within the workplace.

For more information, contact Shauna Davis at: shesdavis@pa.gov

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Pages/Industry-Partnerships.aspx>

Individual Training Account (ITA)

An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), intended to finance occupational skills training for participants to become gainfully employed or re-employed. Customers approved for training may use their ITAs to purchase occupational skills training slots in any program on the statewide list.

Parameters for ITAs are established by each local workforce development area, or LWDA, and may include a maximum duration of training, cost of training, or other requirements.

For more information, visit <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>

Next Generation Industry Partnerships grants

Next Generation Industry Partnership grants are available to support the development, coordination, and implementation of partnerships throughout the commonwealth with the goal of implementing and sustaining business-driven priorities.

The Industry Partnerships program connects similar businesses with educational and economic development partners to provide the job training and aligning public resources to support connecting Pennsylvania workers to vacant jobs and quality wages.

To learn more about PAsmart's Next Generation Industry Partnership grants and to apply, visit the Department of Labor & Industry's website: <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Pell Grants

Pell grants, as well as most federal student aid, are awarded based on financial need. The amount an individual receives is based on a formula that includes the cost of attendance minus expected family contribution. Recipients must be enrolled in a program of organized instruction or study that leads to an academic, professional, or vocational degree or certificate, or other recognized educational credential. PA CareerLink® staff and the training providers with whom local areas work can provide guidance on how participants can apply for Pell grants and other student aid. There also are various websites that provide instructions on the application process.

For more information, visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>



Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

The Trade Act's TAA program helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production out of the United States. TAA can provide funding for tuition, books and supplies, and basic or remedial education, which may include training in literacy or English as a second language. Occupational training is targeted to a specific occupation and provided to help certified workers secure employment at a skill level and wage similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment.

Based on the individual's existing skills and labor market conditions, training will be of the shortest duration necessary to return the individual to employment, with a maximum duration of 130 weeks.

TAA can also pay 50% of the salary for on-the-job training and customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a PA CareerLink® office.

Visit www.pacareerlink.pa.gov

For more information <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Workforce-Development/resources/Pages/Trade-Act.aspx>

TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances

The TAA program can also help pay expenses incurred when workforce must look for employment outside a certified worker's normal commuting area if a suitable job is not available in the area. Job search allowances reimburse 90% of the total costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to \$1,250. If workers have to relocate to accept employment out of the commuting area, TAA can reimburse 90% of the cost to move them and their families, and includes a lump-sum payment equal to three times the worker's average weekly wage (but no more than \$1,250) to help them get settled.

For more information <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Workforce-Development/resources/Pages/Trade-Act.aspx>

Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Act Funded Activities

The Employment Service (ES) program brings together individuals looking for employment and employers looking for job seekers. It does this by providing a variety of services available to all individuals and to businesses. The program provides job seekers with career services, including labor exchange services, job-search assistance, workforce information, referrals to employment and other assistance. Employers can use PA CareerLink® to post job orders and obtain qualified applicants. Employment services programs and activities are provided through the public workforce service delivery system, PA CareerLink®.

For more information <https://www.federalgrantswire.com/employment-service.html#.YAHMgTmSIPY>



JVSG Grant

The Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) program provides federal funding, through a formula grant, to 54 State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) to hire dedicated staff who provide individualized career and training-related services to veterans and eligible persons with significant barriers to employment, and to help employers meet their workforce needs by hiring job-seeking veterans.

The JVSG program supports the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist position, Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) staff and Consolidated Position staff. DVOP specialists provide individualized career services to veterans with significant barriers to employment, with the maximum emphasis directed toward serving veterans who are economically or educationally disadvantaged. Veterans with barriers include homeless veterans and vocational rehabilitation clients. LVERs conduct outreach to employers and business associations and engage in advocacy efforts with hiring executives to increase employment opportunities for veterans and encourage the hiring of disabled veterans. Consolidated position staff serve in a dual role as DVOP and LVER.

Most state workforce agencies' funding allocation is determined by a ratio reflecting the total number of veterans seeking employment in a given state to the total number of veterans seeking employment in all states. Several states receive a minimum amount of funding to ensure that a certain level of staff can be maintained, particularly in states with remote pockets of Native Americans and many sparsely populated, rural counties.

For more information, contact the JVSG Coordinator at ra-libwpo-vets@pa.gov

or ra-cs-vetpreference@pa.gov

<https://www.employment.pa.gov/Additional%20Info/Veterans%20Preference/Pages/default.aspx>

RESEA Grant

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is a required partner in the broader public workforce system, providing unemployment benefits to individuals who have lost their employment through no fault of their own and who otherwise meet initial and continuing UI eligibility requirements. Beginning in 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration funded the voluntary UI Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program to address UI claimants' individual reemployment needs, as well as detect and prevent improper benefit payments. In 2015, the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program replaced the REA program, providing greater access to reemployment services in addition to services previously provided under the REA program.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, amendments to the Social Security Act permanently authorized the RESEA program and implemented several significant changes, including formula-based funding and a series of requirements intended to increase the use and availability of evidence-based reemployment interventions and strategies. The permanent RESEA program has four purposes:



- Reduce UI duration through improved employment outcomes
- Strengthen UI program integrity
- Promote alignment with the vision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Establish RESEA as an entry point to other workforce system partners

For more information, contact: RA-LIBWPO-RESEA@pa.gov

<https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/Am-I-Eligible/maintaining-eligibility-and-requalifying-for-benefits/Pages/default.aspx>

School-to-Work Program

Who May Apply: An entity that is, or will be, registered with the department as a pre-apprenticeship program. The applicant must partner with at least one school in a school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or career and technical school.

Use: To create learning opportunities for participating students, including classroom training, workplace visits, internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, employment opportunities, special education transition, Capstone Cooperative Education, job shadowing or externships.

Funding Source: Reemployment Fund - State

Funds: Grants will be awarded in maximum increments of \$250,000. A total of \$2.6 million is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **April 14, 2021 at 4 PM**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

FLC Grant

The mission of the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is to determine, case-by-case, whether there are able, willing, and qualified U.S. workers available for a job, and whether there will be any adverse effect on similarly employed U.S. workers should a labor certification be granted.

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) assigns certain responsibilities to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) for employment-based immigration programs. The Secretary has delegated the non-enforcement responsibilities of these labor-certification programs to the OFLC. Accordingly, statutory, and regulatory provisions of the labor certification programs administered by OFLC require nearly all employers seeking to hire either permanent or temporary foreign labor to apply to the Secretary for a labor certification.



Congress appropriates funding for state foreign labor certification activities through the State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations (SUIESO) account. These state grants fund services provided by state workforce agencies in support of the foreign labor certification program, including the placement of employer job orders, inspection of housing for agricultural workers and the administration of prevailing wage and practice surveys. The OFLC distributes this grant funding annually in accordance with approved state plans.

For more information, contact: RA-LIBWPO-FLC@pa.gov

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Finding-Skilled-Workers/Pages/PAForeignLaborCertificationProgram.aspx>

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

WOTC provides private-for-profit employers with federal tax liability savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. WOTC targets short- and long-term Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients; veterans on SNAP; disabled veterans; unemployed veterans; recent Office of Vocational Rehabilitation customers who received services through a state plan for vocational rehabilitation or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or have a Ticket to Work and an active individual work plan with an Employment Network (EN); Supplemental Security Income Recipients; ex-felons; designated community residents, summer youth living in an empowerment zone or Rural Renewal Community and the new Long-Term Unemployment Recipient. WOTC also provides nonprofit, 501(c)(3), employers with a social security tax deduction as an incentive to hire any of the five veteran target groups.

For most target groups mentioned above, WOTC is 40 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages, for a maximum credit of \$2,400 (exceptions to these amounts apply to some target groups). A new hire must be employed at least 400 hours for the employer to receive the maximum. A partial credit of 25 percent is permitted for employees working between 120 and 399 hours.

Additional information, forms and instructions can be downloaded from www.dli.pa.gov/pennserve

Click on “Businesses” (upper right hand corner); click on “Workforce Development;” click on “Employment Tax Credits;” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink® office, or call Tax Credit Services at 1-800-345-2555.

For more information, contact RA-BWPO-TAXCREDITS@pa.gov

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/WOTC/Pages/default.aspx>

Apprenticeship Training

The Apprenticeship Training appropriation supports the mission of the Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) to increase Pennsylvania’s contribution to the overall growth of apprenticeship programs nationwide; enhance outreach efforts to businesses and individuals; assist existing apprenticeship



programs; expand the apprenticeship model to non-traditional occupations; and ensure apprenticeship opportunities are available to under-represented communities across the commonwealth. For more information, contact the Apprenticeship and Training Office at apprenticeship@pa.gov

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Workforce-Development/apprenticeship/Pages/default.aspx>

Apprenticeship Grants

As part of the PAsmart initiative, Registered Apprenticeship, Pre-Apprenticeship, and Apprenticeship Ambassador Network Grants will be offered to support potential and existing programs to increase “earn while you learn” opportunities across Pennsylvania.

PAsmart Apprenticeship grant funds will be used to build a diverse talent pipeline into the building and construction trades; expand registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship in non-traditional industries with an emphasis on health care, manufacturing, and information technology; and to support registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship through ambassador networks across the commonwealth.

To learn more about PAsmart’s Apprenticeship grants and to apply, visit the [Department of Labor & Industry’s website](#).

TANFBG – Youth Employment and Training

Since 2000, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has provided a significant amount of annual funding support from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), and their youth committees. The TANF Youth Development Program provides comprehensive services to youth by connecting them to available resources within their community. The program encourages the network of state and local youth services providers and workforce development providers along with public housing agencies to develop workforce programs for needy and at-risk youth that provide employment, educational experiences, and essential skills such as financial literacy and time management. TANF funds enhance WIOA Youth Formula funding and extend the availability of high-quality workforce investment activities to low-income youth, and to continue addressing the unique challenges that most often affect the ability of our young people to succeed. This year’s allocation was \$25 million and there have been 13,526 participants served as of December 2019.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

PA Department of Human Services, Bureau of Employment Programs

Telephone: (717) 787-0262

Fax: (717) 787-4106

Email: ntile@pa.gov



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AmeriCorps State Program Grants – PennSERVE

The Governor’s Office of Citizen Service provides grants to community-based, faith-based, and educational institutions to operate AmeriCorps programs designed to address unmet needs at the community level.

Grantees awarded funding enroll individuals as AmeriCorps members to address community needs. AmeriCorps members serve full-time (1,700 hours per year) or part-time and receive a stipend and an education award. Stipends begin at \$13,732 for full-time members; the full-time member education award is \$5,920 for 2018-2019.

Grants are awarded annually. There is a 24 percent initial match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations. There are two grant application cycles each year. The first opens in the fall, with grant applications typically due in late November/early December; the second opens in the spring, with grant applications typically due in late April.

Visit <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve/Pages/default.aspx> or 1-866-6-SERVE-U for more information.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, serves two primary customer groups: individuals with disabilities and businesses. OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in, or maintain employment. Services are very individualized and are provided both directly and indirectly through a network of approved vendors. The OVR counselor, during face-to-face interviews, assists customers in selecting their choice of vocational goals, services, and service providers. For employers, OVR will provide pre-screened, qualified applicants to meet the workforce needs of a business. OVR will also provide no-cost services to businesses such as accessibility analysis and worksite modification consultation, assistive technology information, disability awareness training for other staff and answers to ADA-related questions. Information about on-the-job training reimbursement and tax credits will also be made available to the business.

There are OVR District Offices in 15 locations staffed with trained, professional vocational rehabilitation counselors, which serve Pennsylvania in all 67 counties. In six of those district offices, OVR’s Bureau of



Blindness and Visual Services provides specialized services to blind and visually impaired individuals to assist them not only with securing and maintaining a job but also with living independently in their community. Additionally, the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) in Johnstown provides vocational training and comprehensive rehabilitation services to people from across the state. The state-owned and operated HGAC is a 12-acre-under-one-roof barrier-free campus that provides each student with an individual workstation and specialized adaptive tools and equipment as needed. Interested applicants are urged to visit HGAC and explore its opportunities. Tours for individuals and groups can be arranged by appointment: 814-254-0645 or 800-762-4211.

Types of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. OVR services include:

- **Assistive Technology:** a wide range of devices and services that can empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, independence, and integration into society. OVR also operates and maintains the Center for Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology (CART) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center.
- **Counseling:** Vocational counseling helps individuals with disabilities to better understand their potential, abilities and vocational goals.
- **Diagnostic Services:** medical, psychological and audiological examinations
- **Placement Assistance:** counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs and job development
- **Restoration Services:** medical services and equipment, such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs and automobile modifications
- **Training:** education to prepare individuals with disabilities for careers, including academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training
- **Vocational Evaluation:** aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance and “hands-on” job experiences
- **Support Services:** Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary to start and maintain employment.

OVR Pre-Employment Transition Services

Pre-Employment Transition Services are provided to students between the ages of 14-21 who are enrolled in secondary or post-secondary education and have an IEP, 504 Plan or identify themselves as a student with a disability. The following Pre-Employment Transition Services are offered through a variety of ways throughout the state:

- **Instruction in self-advocacy** helps students with disabilities build skills to solve problems and communicate their own needs and interests.
- **Counseling on Post-Secondary Options** helps students with disabilities decide if college or training after high school is right for them.
- **Job Exploration Counseling** helps students with disabilities learn about jobs and pick a career.
- **Work-Based Learning** uses community workplaces to provide students with disabilities the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities.

- Workplace Readiness Training teaches students with disabilities how to get and keep a job. Contact the OVR Central Office at 800-442-6351 (Voice) or 866-830-7327 (TTY).

For more information about OVR, please visit: www.dli.pa.gov/ovr.

OVR Business Services

- Staffing: pre-screened candidates, consultation services and accommodation solutions
- Accessibility analysis: job analysis and worksite modification consultation; reasonable accommodation consultation and assistive technology information
- Financial incentives: OJT training reimbursement and tax credits
- Disability awareness: sensitivity and disability etiquette training; Americans with Disabilities Act consultation
- Short- and long-term support: follow-up services to problem-solve issues that jeopardize the continued employment of the individual with a disability

Contact the OVR Business Services and Outreach Division at 717-787-3940 (Voice), 800-442-6351 (Voice).



Department of Military & Veterans Affairs www.dmva.pa.gov

Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension

This program provides pensions of \$150 per month to Pennsylvania veterans who are rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to have a service-connected loss or loss-of-use of two or more extremities with a minimum rating of 40% in each extremity. Questions should be directed to 717-861-8910 or email ra-pvp@pa.gov

Blind Veterans Pension

This program provides pensions of \$150 per month to Pennsylvania veterans who incurred functional blindness while performing active military service and are rated as blinded through service connection by the VA. Call 717-861-8910 or email ra-bvp@pa.gov for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Transportation

This program provides Pennsylvania veterans who have no other means of transportation with access to VA medical facilities. This funding supports replacement vehicles through the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans Volunteer Transportation Network. The program manager can be reached at 717-861-8910 or by email at ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov

Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program

This program provides a real estate tax exemption for any honorably discharged veteran who is determined by the VA to be totally or 100 percent permanently disabled. The veteran must be a Pennsylvania resident with a financial need who served during established war or armed conflict service dates and who resides in the property subject to the exemption as his or her principal dwelling. This exemption is extended to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran, provided that the State Veterans Commission determines financial need for the exemption. Call 717-861-8910 or email ra-retx@pa.gov

Education of Veterans Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

Educational grants of up to \$500 per term or semester (for a maximum of eight semesters or terms) are provided for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified as having war-time service-connected disabilities rated as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled or children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict or hostile fire in peacetime as certified by the VA. Children must be 16-23 years of age and living in Pennsylvania for five years before the application. They must also attend a school in Pennsylvania and show financial need. Contact 717-861-8910 or email ra-eg@pa.gov for more information.



Educational Assistance Program

The Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides tuition grants to eligible members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) who enroll in a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency. This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$240.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for members who may or may not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. Assistance is provided to all applicants who apply and are eligible.

Members deployed to a combat zone have EAP eligibility extended for a period of one year, or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members ordered to active federal service or active state duty have grant repayments extended for one additional month for each month of service after being discharged or released under honorable conditions from the PNG.

Eligible members discharged because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for six years from the date of the "medical" discharge. Call the DMVA Education Center at 866-920-7902.

Honor Guard Burial Detail Program

This program authorizes the Department to pay up to a maximum of \$150 per cemetery, per day, to veterans' groups providing honor guard burial details for eligible veterans being interred at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. To be eligible for payment, at least three members must be present, and they must sound Taps. Requests for payment are made through the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council. Contact the Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov

Military Family Relief Assistance

The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance grants to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. Eligible members must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of assistance is based upon documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500. Call 717-861-6500 or email ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov with questions or to submit an application.



Medical and Health Officer Incentive Program

This public service stipend provides assistance to eligible Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) members who agree to serve as a medical officer or health officer in the PNG after completion of residency or initial service obligation for a period of one month for each monthly stipend received, up to a period of 36 months of service. A resident physician, physician or physician assistant may receive a stipend of \$1,000 per month for up to 48 months of medical residency or 36 months of service to the PNG. A behavioral health officer, public health officer or environmental science officer may receive a stipend of \$500 per month for up to 36 months of service to the PNG. Contact the program office at 866-920-7902 for more information.

Veterans' Temporary Assistance

Veterans' Temporary Assistance is for eligible veterans or their unmarried surviving spouse who are facing adverse financial circumstances and need assistance with the necessities of daily living. In general, assistance is provided to replace, or supplement, income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living. Eligible veterans or their beneficiaries may qualify for a one-time payment up to \$1,600 in a twelve-month period. Contact the program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-vta@pa.gov

Veterans' Trust Fund

The Veterans' Trust Fund provides direct assistance to veterans in need (see Veterans' Temporary Assistance above) and awards competitive grants to veterans' service organizations, non-profits with a mission of serving Pennsylvania veterans, and Pennsylvania county directors of veterans' affairs locally or statewide.

Who May Apply: 501(c)(3) nonprofits with a mission of serving veterans, 501(c)(19) veteran service organizations, and county directors of veterans affairs.

Use: Up to \$150,000 in grant funding is available for new, innovative, or expanded programs or services operated by the county directors of veterans' affairs or the Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs. The areas of emphasis for applicants in this category are veterans' outreach and veterans' court programs. Up to \$650,000 in grant funding is available to veteran service organizations and non-profit organizations with a mission of serving Pennsylvania veterans. Funding priorities for applicants in this category are homelessness, behavioral health initiatives and veterans' courts.

Funds: A total of \$800,000 will be awarded statewide.

Application Deadline: **January 27, 2021 at 2 PM.**

More Information: Click

<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Veterans%27%20Trust%20Fund/VeteransTrustFundGrantProgram.aspx>.

Call the program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov with questions.



GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES

<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Governor's-Advisory-.aspx>

The purpose of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services is to review, evaluate and assess state veterans’ programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions to increase information sharing, ensure program fidelity, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to veterans’ benefits and services within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is Pennsylvania’s first interagency cooperative approach to veterans services. This initiative reviews, evaluates and assesses state Veterans programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A comprehensive booklet details each agency’s role with veterans.

<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Documents/Resource-Directory.pdf>

Contact – Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services Bldg. 0-47, Edward Martin Hall Fort Indiantown Gap Anville, PA 17003-5002 Phone: 1-800-547-2328 Email: RA-VA-info@pa.gov



Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Nearly 530,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from the program this year.

Homeowners can receive:

Income Maximum Standard Rebate

\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250

Renters can receive:

Income Maximum Rebate

\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$6.9 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is



paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

Contact – Property Tax/Rent Rebate information and applications are available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/> or calling 888-222-9190.

Mobile Telecommunications Broadband Investment Tax Credit

A taxpayer that is a provider of mobile telecommunication services may apply for a tax credit equivalent to 5% of the purchase price of the qualified broadband equipment placed into service in the commonwealth during the applicant's taxable year that ended in the prior calendar year. The amount of the tax credit that may be taken in a taxable year is limited to an amount not greater than 50% of the taxpayer's corporate net income tax liability. Unused tax credits may be forwarded up to five succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$5 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

Research and Development Tax Credit

A taxpayer who incurs Pennsylvania qualified research and development expenses in a taxable year can apply for a research and development tax credit. Businesses qualifying for the federal research and development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania are eligible. A tax credit is granted based on the company's increased research and development expenses over a base period. The credit is applicable to corporate net income and personal income tax liabilities. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to 15 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$55 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated by business status: 80% of the credit or \$44 million will be allocated to large businesses and 20% of the credit or \$11 million will be allocated to small businesses. Total assets of more than \$5 million at the beginning or end of the balance sheet would be considered large business status.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

The Research and Development Tax Credit also allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to buyer(s).

Contact – Department of Community and Economic Development Customer Service Center at 1-800-379-7448.

Computer Datacenter Program

An owner, operator or qualified tenant of a certified computer data center may apply annually for a tax refund for sales and use tax paid on qualified computer data center equipment used within the facility.



Certification by the Department of Revenue, of the computer data center facility, is required prior to application for refund. Owners and operators of datacenters that meet certification requirements within four years of application for certification in the program can obtain a 15-year certification for the data center facility. The total amount of refunds approved per fiscal year is limited to \$7 million. If the total amount of tax refunds approved for all applicants in a fiscal year exceeds the limitation, the Department shall allocate the refund to be received by each applicant.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program

A taxpayer that is a manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages may submit an application for tax credits, against the malt beverage tax, for investment in qualified capital expenditures. The credit shall not exceed \$200,000 per taxpayer, subject to reduction if applications requesting more than \$5 million in total credits are received in a fiscal year. If the total amount of tax credit applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.



Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 2020 CARES Act Grant Fund

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. This supplemental appropriation funding, distributed by the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC), provides states with additional resources to protect the 2020 elections from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

Pennsylvania's share of this federal funding is \$14,223,603. An additional 20% match or \$2,844,721 from state funds brought the total amount of the award to \$17.1 million.

On April 28, 2020, Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar notified Pennsylvania counties the intent to distribute \$6 million of its share of grant funds to the counties for the purposes of increased election expenses arising due to COVID-19, including voter notifications and education, increased costs related to mail-in and absentee voting, supplies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and increased equipment, staffing, training, or other needs permissible under the CARES Act.

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 2020 Election Security Grant Fund

On December 20, 2019, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 was signed into law. The 2020 HAVA Election Security Fund, authorized under Title I Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, marks the second new appropriations for HAVA grants since FY2010. This funding will provide states with additional resources to secure and improve election administration.

Pennsylvania's share of this federal funding is \$15,175,567. An additional 20% match or \$3,035,114 from state funds brought the total amount of the award to \$18.2 million.

On April 27, 2020, Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar notified the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) that Pennsylvania intended to distribute \$7 million of its share of grant funds to the counties for these purposes:

- Increased personnel, equipment, and/or other approved expenditures related to the expansion of the provision and administration of election services and opportunities granted to Pennsylvania voters under Act 77 of 2019 (Act 77), historic bipartisan legislation providing the most comprehensive improvements to Pennsylvania's elections in more than 80 years;
- Ransomware, DDOS Protections, and other cyber security measures;
- Increased security of voting systems and ballots; and/or
- Increased expenditures to expand vote by mail and other voter services.

Portions of both these grants will be expended directly by the commonwealth for statewide efforts such as election security and technology enhancements for the counties and state, post-election audit implementation, training and support for election officials, notifying and educating voters of the change



in primary date and the opportunity for all voters to vote by mail, providing precinct protection kits containing masks, sanitizers, and other supplies to all counties, implementing a statewide online accessible vote by mail option so that voters with disabilities can vote by mail, and other efforts consistent with the Acts.

Contact:

Bureau of Elections and Notaries, 210 North Office Building, 401 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Phone: (717) 787-5280, Fax: (717) 705-0721; Email: RA-Elections@pa.gov



Department of Transportation www.penndot.gov

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION

Multimodal Transportation Fund

Act 89 authorizes state funding through the Multimodal Transportation Fund for aviation, freight and passenger rail, public transit, ports and waterways, highway/bridge, and bike and pedestrian projects. The program provides financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, rail/freight, and ports. Eligible projects are those that coordinate local land use with transportation assets to enhance existing communities; projects that relate to streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, and pedestrian safety; projects that improve connectivity or utilization of existing transportation assets; and projects related to transit-oriented development. Local match from eligible sources in the amount of 30 percent of the grant award must be provided in order to receive funding. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants will not exceed \$3 million.

Application Deadline – Application deadlines vary and are available on the PennDOT website

Contact – David J. Bratina, 717-705-1230. Email: djbratina@pa.gov

Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside)

The Pennsylvania TA Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to schools, and trail projects that serve a transportation purpose such as trails that connect to schools, parks, or other public areas. Applicants pay for any pre-construction costs (roughly 20% of the estimated construction cost of the project) but these upfront costs may be eligible for Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) funding. Competitively selected projects are awarded at 100% of the estimated construction cost.

PennDOT's website provides program guidance, the eligibility determination form, and an application. For questions on eligibility for DCNR funding contact your DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation regional advisor.

Contact – Chris Metka, 717-787-8065. Email: cmetka@pa.gov

BUREAU OF AVIATION

Aviation Development Program

This state-funded program provides funds for airport development. The program is funded out of the Aviation Restricted Account which is comprised of a state tax on jet fuel sold in Pennsylvania. Eligible projects are funded up to 75 percent state and 25 percent local funds. Available only to public use airports.

Contact – Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov



Capital Budget/Aviation Transportation Assistance Program

This state-funded program provides funds for improvement projects to airports with public sponsors. Federally eligible projects can be funded up to 75 percent and non-federal are eligible for 50 percent. The remaining share is paid by the local sponsor/owner. Letters are sent to eligible sponsors prior to release. Available only to airports with public sponsors. Projects must be in an active capital budget bill. Contact – Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov

Federal Airport Improvement Program

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. It provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are typically funded with 90 percent federal, 5 percent state and 5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers. Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Contact – Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank-Aviation (PIB)

This revolving loan fund is administered by PennDOT for eligible airport development at public use airports. The interest rate is one-half the prime lending rate. Maximum loan term of 10 years. Contact – Hugh McGowan, 717-787-5798. Email: hmcgowan@pa.gov

Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates

This program is funded through tax on aviation gas (for propeller-driven piston aircraft) and limited to taxes collected in the previous year. It provides reimbursement equal to the amount of local real estate taxes paid for aviation-related areas (non-revenue producing). Eligible grant requests exceeding funds available are prorated. Application Deadline – February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year. Contact – Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov

BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Highway Safety Grant Program

This federally funded program provides funds for educational and enforcement initiatives designed to reduce road traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units unless otherwise identified. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA. Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSP.



April – Grant opportunities are identified by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) for the pending federal fiscal year beginning October 1st. Non-state governmental units are required to utilize the dotGrants online grant management system <https://www.dotgrants.penndot.gov/dotGrants>

Additional Highway Safety Grant Program information can be found at: <http://www.penndot.gov/safety>
Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to include: concise problem identification, agency qualifications, and a detailed action plan. Additionally, all grantees must comply with all reporting requirements as well as participation in intermittent and final performance assessments.
Contact – Thomas R. Glass, 717-783-2113. Email: thglass@pa.gov

Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program

In October 2010, PennDOT established as identified within the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [75 Pa.C.S. §§3116(1)(2), 3117(m)(2), and 3117(m)(2.1)], an Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. Details regarding the ARLE Funding Program can be found in the Pennsylvania Code (Title 67; Chapter 233; Transportation Enhancement Grants from Automated Red Light Enforcement System Revenues). The ARLE Funding program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program focused on low-cost safety and mobility improvements in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the department.

A May Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement specifying the acceptance of applications between June 1 and June 30. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

Additional ARLE Funding Program information can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/Index.html>
Program Email Address – RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov
Contact – Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: dfarley@pa.gov

Green Light-Go (GLG) Funding Program

The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania’s Municipal Signal Partnership Program (Green Light-Go Program) is designed to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and improving efficiency of existing traffic signals on highways. The program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the department.

Applications by municipalities, counties or planning organizations for the GLG Funding Program requiring a 20 percent match using regional, state, federal, municipal, or private funds can be used except for those associated with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Annual program announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin specifying the acceptance of applications. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

Additional GLG Funding Program information can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/Index.html>
Program Email Address – RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov
Contact – Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: dfarley@pa.gov



BUREAU OF RAIL, FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)

This state-funded program provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects. The annual grant program has a current funding allocation of \$30 million. Only entities that have an authorization in a current Capital Budget Act are eligible to apply. Eligible types of projects include rail maintenance and construction. Maximum state funding is 70 percent of the total project cost, but shall not exceed the line item amount authorized by the specific capital budget bill containing the budget authorization.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website

at: <https://www.penndot.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)

Contact – Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: stepanko@pa.gov

Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)

This program provides state-funded financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve rail freight service and stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service. RFAP is a grant program with an annual funding stream of \$10 million. In addition, RFAP Marcellus Shale-related grant projects are eligible for the Marcellus Shale fee funding of \$1 million annually. The maximum state funding for any project is \$700,000, or no greater than 70 percent of the actual total project cost, whichever is less. The funding for the new construction portion of any project cannot exceed \$250,000.

Types of projects eligible for funding: Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts, and other track materials. Construction – consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail, ballast and other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail-associated facility.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website

at <https://www.penndot.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)

Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.

Contact – Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: stepanko@pa.gov

Marcellus Shale Program

This program, funded through Act 13 and administered via the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP), provides state-funded assistance to companies operating in a Marcellus Shale region for investment in rail infrastructure to provide rail service related to the shipping of Marcellus Shale products. Annual funding is \$1 million, and the program follows the policies and guidelines of the RFAP. Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received. The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website

at <https://www.penndot.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)

Contact – Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: stepanko@pa.gov



Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for Rail Freight Projects

This is a PennDOT-operated revolving loan fund that offers flexible financing opportunities for eligible transportation improvement projects throughout the commonwealth. Rail Infrastructure Construction and Rehabilitation projects are the types of projects financed. The interest rate on PIB loans is fixed at one-half the prime lending rate with terms up to 10 years.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application, is available at:

<http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>

Contact – Hugh McGowan, 717-787-5798. Email: hmcgowan@pa.gov

Pennsylvania Intermodal Cargo Growth Incentive Program (PICGIP)

PICGIP intends to increase the utilization of commonwealth ports and provide direct and indirect economic benefits through increased cargo volume and employment.

PICGIP provides an economic incentive to ocean carriers to move their preordained and discretionary cargo through a commonwealth port instead of other United States ports. The incentive, which is \$25 per verified container “lift” applies to containerized cargo loaded or discharged from vessels moving through the commonwealth’s ports. The incentive is offered to eligible ocean carriers starting a new service to a commonwealth port as well as to ocean carriers currently calling a commonwealth port and increasing containerized cargo volumes based on benchmarks established by PennDOT.

All ocean carriers that move containerized cargo through commonwealth ports and agree to follow the PICGIP Guidelines are eligible to participate in the incentive program and be considered for an incentive payment.

Application Deadline –Applications periods are available two times per year: January 1 – April 30 and July 1 – October 31.

Contacts – Elizabeth Bonini, 717-787-1207. Email: ebonini@pa.gov Denise Soisson, 717-705-1223.

Email: dsoisson@pa.gov

BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation Operating Assistance

State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 35 transit systems offering fixed-route public transportation in the commonwealth. Routine maintenance of facilities and vehicles is also eligible under this program. Funding is distributed based on a legislative formula. Local matching funds must be provided in order to receive funding.

Application Deadline – June 30.

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

Federal 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides state and federal funds for public transportation projects serving rural communities with



population less than 50,000. The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Pennsylvania's rural population. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping, and recreation. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Application Deadline – May 31

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

State funding is provided to local operators of public transportation systems to cover the cost of capital improvements which include the purchase/overhaul of public transportation facilities and vehicles, including buses, rail passenger vehicles, administrative and maintenance facilities, shop tools, equipment, two-way communication systems, transfer centers, bus shelters, etc. All capital projects must be included in the state capital program to be eligible for funds. Funds are distributed based on need in the following programs:

Asset Improvement Program – Funds are distributed based on need as determined by the department. This program requires a local match.

Application Deadline – Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.

Contact – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Capital Improvement Program

Funding distributed by formula to transit agencies based on ridership. This program requires no local match. Act 89 of 2013 terminated new funding for this program as of December 31, 2013. Only funds deposited in the account as of December 31, 2013 are available.

Application Deadline – July 31

Contact – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Federal 5311 Rural Transit Capital Assistance

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides for public transportation capital projects serving rural communities with populations less than 50,000. State and federal funds are available annually for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide Rural 5311 operating services. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities ACT of 1945. This program does require a local match.

Application Deadline – July 31

Contact – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov



Community Transportation Capital Equipment

State and federal funds are available annually for the purpose of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide community transportation/shared ride services.

Application Deadline – Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.

Eligibility – The following may apply for these funds:

The governing body of a county, other than a county of the first or second class; a transportation company designated by the governing body of the county as the coordinator of the community transportation service; an agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth.

Contact – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Federal Transit Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles (Section 5310 Program – Federal)

Private, nonprofit organizations may apply for federal grants to fund 80 percent of the cost of wheelchair- accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the applicant. Public transit agencies are also eligible for funding under this program.

Application Deadline – Flexible

Contact – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Intercity Bus Assistance Program

PennDOT contracts with private intercity bus companies to provide scheduled, fixed-route service along routes which are considered essential links in the regional/statewide network of intercity bus services, but which cannot be financially supported solely from user fares. Intermodal terminals that are publicly owned may receive capital funding under this program. This program provides both state and federal funds and requires a local match, at least equivalent to state funding for operating assistance.

Application Deadline – No deadline

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

Intercity Rail Passenger Program

PennDOT contracts with AMTRAK for rail passenger service in the Philadelphia-to- Harrisburg (Keystone) and Philadelphia-to-Pittsburgh (The Pennsylvanian) corridors to complement services provided within the commonwealth by AMTRAK as part of their national rail passenger service network. Capital improvements and operating costs may be supported under this program.

Application Deadline – No deadline

Contact – Steven Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: stepanko@pa.gov

New Initiatives – Funds may be available for capital funding for new or expanded fixed-guideway systems that use and occupy a separate right of way or rail used exclusively for public transportation or high occupancy vehicles. This program will require local matching funds.

Application Deadline – To be determined

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov



Rural Persons with Disabilities Program

This program provides reduced fares on shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb transportation services for persons with disabilities in all counties except Philadelphia. The program pays up to 85 percent of the trip fare if the trip is not eligible under any other funding program.

To qualify for the reduced fare, persons with disabilities must present proof of disability to the local shared-ride provider in their county. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay 15 percent of the full shared-ride fare.

Application Deadline – Rolling

Eligibility – Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Philadelphia.

Contact – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: tjohn@pa.gov

Shared-Ride Program for Senior Citizens

This program enables senior citizens 65 and older to use shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of the regular shared-ride fare and State Lottery proceeds administered by the department are used to reimburse the participating service provider up to 85 percent of the fare. There are no restrictions on the hours of use other than the service hours of the transportation providers. A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for reduced-fare transportation on a participating transit system. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay any fare remaining after the lottery and sponsor contributions.

Application Deadline – Rolling

Contact – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: tjohn@pa.gov

Transit Research and Demonstration Projects

Funding is available for technical assistance, research projects and short-term demonstration projects. Local transportation organizations and municipalities/counties are eligible to apply for this funding. Local funds equal to at least 3.33 percent of the state grant must be provided.

Application Deadline – N/A

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

Welfare to Work (w2w)

State funds are available annually for the purpose of reducing transportation-related barriers that prevent low-income individuals (incomes less than 200 percent of the Federal Family Poverty Income Guidelines) from accessing employment and being dependable workers. Eligible applicants are county/municipal governments (except Allegheny and Philadelphia) and local transportation organizations/authorities.

Application Deadline – June 30

Contact – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: tjohn@pa.gov



Pennsylvania Vanpool Incentive Program (PVIP)

The PVIP is a grant program that provides an economic incentive to create new vanpools by subsidizing user fees for a three-year period. Subsidy amounts are decreased incrementally over the three years. ADA accessible vans are eligible for a higher subsidy amount and can continue receiving funds after the initial three years.

Application Deadline – June 30

Contact – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

BUREAU OF INNOVATIONS

Agility Program

This innovative, streamlined program is designed to make the most of limited resources by exchanging services between PennDOT district and county maintenance offices and public procurement units such as municipalities, charitable hospitals, school districts, metropolitan and rural planning organizations, volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state and federal government agencies, community colleges, etc. Agility allows the exchange of services, instead of money, between PennDOT and eligible partners. For example, PennDOT may patch potholes along a township road in exchange for having the township's crew mow along state roads. The program enables local governments to accomplish more than they could have with their own limited resources and increases our collective effectiveness and efficiencies for the general public.

Agility agreements have a contract life of five years with a three-year renewal clause for a total of eight years. The exchange of services must be of a reasonably equal value, detailed on a single-page work plan, and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

Contact – Dan Hartman, 717-736-7225. Email: danhartman@pa.gov

BUREAU OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program

PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program offers local governments' practical training in efficient maintenance, essential traffic safety, and sound management practices for their roadways and bridges. Training is supplemented by one-on-one technical assistance via phone, email, and site visits and through publications highlighting recent practical technological advances. Most LTAP services are available at little or no cost to municipalities to help them meet their transportation needs.

Contact – Brian Wall, 717-772-0827 or 1-800-FOR-LTAP.

Email: bwall@pa.gov or <https://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/default.aspx>



PennDOT's Twelve Year Program

The Twelve Year Program (TYP), which is the commonwealth's official transportation program, is a multimodal, fiscally constrained program of transportation improvements spanning a 12-year period. Multimodal means that the TYP includes all travel modes including highways, bridges, public transit, aviation, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian. PA State Law, Act 120 of 1970, as amended, requires PennDOT to prepare, update and submit Pennsylvania's TYP every two years to the State Transportation Commission for their review and approval. The first four-year period of the Twelve Year Program also serves as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration for approval following STC's approval of the TYP. The development of the program is coordinated with PennDOT's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

Contact – Larry Shifflet, 717-787-3154. Email: lashifflet@pa.gov or RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov

Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program

The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 32 of 1983, authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is paid to municipalities in April of each year. The objective of this program is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads that predominantly carry local traffic, carry low numbers of vehicles on a daily basis, and/or would better serve the community if operated under municipal jurisdiction. PennDOT either rehabilitates the roadway before the transfer takes place or provides the municipality with funding to rehabilitate the roadway to improve its quality and service life. Local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Each PennDOT district office has a turnback coordinator who can assist local governments.

Contact – Gregory Dunmire, 717-783-0632. Email: gdunmire@pa.gov

CENTER FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

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Department of Treasury www.patreasury.gov

INVEST Program

The INVEST program provides cash management for local governments and nonprofits. Similar in concept to money market funds, INVEST offers two highly rated short-term investment pools and custom pools for longer term investment needs. INVEST's portfolios are managed by Pennsylvania Treasury investment professionals, who also oversee the investment and custody of nearly \$80 billion in public funds. While INVEST funds are never co-mingled with state funds, Treasury can negotiate better rates by leveraging its purchase power for INVEST as well as its investment pool for state agencies. Treasury does not seek a profit from INVEST, further helping to minimize costs to participants. More information is available at www.painvest.gov or www.patreasury.gov

Call 866-300-4603 for the Local Government Investment Pool application form or the Community Investment Pool application form. All applications should be directed to Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Room 120 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Unclaimed Property

Each year, the Pennsylvania Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property and works hard to return it to its rightful owners. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a "holder," such as a bank, insurance company or other business or organization, without activity or contact for multiple years, depending on the property type. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury.

The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, or items abandoned in safe deposit boxes. As of August 2018, Treasury is currently seeking the rightful owners of more than \$3.7 billion in unclaimed property.

Individuals can search for unclaimed property at www.patreasury.gov. Claimants may also use the Treasury website to check the status of an unclaimed property claim. Claimants seeking assistance with their claim may email inquiries to TUPMail@patreasury.gov. Holders needing information about reporting unclaimed property reporting forms, or reporting software, may email any questions to HolderReporting@patreasury.gov or visit www.patreasury.gov. Holders must report all unclaimed property by April 15 each year.

The Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance program, or PennSEF

PennSEF provides sophisticated technical assistance and access to low-cost capital to municipalities, universities and colleges, schools, hospitals, and nonprofit institutions. PennSEF enables them to implement energy and water conservation measures that are guaranteed to pay for 100 percent of the improvement cost through savings. The program design allows for easy compliance with Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy Savings Act.

The Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment, an internationally recognized nonprofit, administers the PennSEF program for Treasury.

More information is available at <http://freefutures.org/pennsef/about/> or from Ann Lawson at 717-772-1830.



The PA 529 College Savings Program

The PA 529 College Savings Program is a tax-advantaged way for families to save and pay for education. Sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and administered by the PA Treasury, the PA 529 College and

Career Savings Program offers two distinct 529 plans. The PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) is a lower-risk plan open only to Pennsylvanians in which you save for tomorrow's tuition credits at today's postsecondary tuition rates. The PA 529 Investment Plan (IP) allows families to choose from 17 investment options from The Vanguard Group. Both plans offer the same generous tax advantages and may be opened with as little as \$10.

The PA 529 College and Career Savings Program has representatives available to help educators, businesses, community groups, and other organizations make the PA 529 college savings plans available to their students, staff, families and friends by providing presentations, webinars and information tables. Join us for a webinar to learn more: <http://www.pa529.com/webinars>

To read important program disclosures, visit www.PA529.com or call 800-440-4000.

The Pennsylvania 529 College and Career Savings Program sponsors three plans: the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP), the PA 529 Investment Plan (IP) and Keystone Scholars.

The guarantee of the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan is an obligation of the GSP Fund, not the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any state agency. Before investing in either the GSP or the IP plan, please carefully read that plan's Disclosure Statement (available at <https://www.pa529.com/> or by calling 800-440-4000) to learn more about the plan including investment objectives, risks, fees, and tax implications. Before you invest, consider whether you're or the beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in that state's qualified tuition program.

PA ABLE

The Pennsylvania Treasury also offers PA ABLE, a savings plan for people with disabilities and their families.

This low-cost saving vehicle allows people with disabilities and their families to have greater control of their finances and to plan for a more financially secure future while maintaining their needs-based benefits.

Saving with a PA ABLE account helps people to save and pay for a wide range of disability-related expenses including basic living expenses without jeopardizing government benefits. Plus, PA ABLE savings benefit from several great tax advantages, including a Pennsylvania state income tax deduction, plus state and federal tax-free growth when used for qualified disability expenses.



The PA ABLE Savings Program has representatives available to help educators, disability advocates, support professionals, businesses, community groups and other organizations learn about the important features and benefits of this program.

Join us for a webinar to learn more: <http://www.paable.gov/webinar/>

To read important disclosures, visit www.PAABLE.gov or call 855-529-ABLE (2253).

The Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Treasury Department. Before investing, please carefully read the Disclosure Statement (available at <https://www.paable.gov/> or by calling 855-529-2253) to learn more about the program, including its effect on federal and state benefits, investment objectives, risks, fees, and tax implications.

Keystone Scholars

Signed into law in June 2018, the Keystone Scholars Program establishes a \$100 "get started" account for every newborn who is a Pennsylvania resident or adopted by a Pennsylvania family. The \$100 will grow through investment in a PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan account and is not paid for with any taxpayer funds. Families have until their child turns 29 years old to use the funds. The Keystone Scholars account – and any additional college savings each family saves by opening a PA 529 account – can be used for any qualified higher education expense at an approved institution of higher education, including trade schools, vocational programs, community colleges, and universities in or outside Pennsylvania. Any child born on or after January 1, 2019, who is a Pennsylvania resident at birth or adopted by a Pennsylvania family will be automatically enrolled in the program. For more information on the Keystone Scholars program visit www.pa529.com/keystone

Keystone Scholars is open to Pennsylvania residents born after December 31, 2018, and children born after December 31, 2018, who are subsequently adopted by a Pennsylvania resident. The child must be a Pennsylvania resident at birth or adoption and at the time the Keystone Scholars funds are used. The child must also be the Beneficiary of a PA 529 account other than the Keystone Scholars Account at the time Keystone Scholars funds are used. If not used by the beneficiary's 29th birthday, the funds will be returned to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department (Treasury).

Funds in a Keystone Scholars Account will be invested in a PA 529 GSP account and will remain under the sole custody of Treasury until they are used for the purposes of paying for qualified higher education expenses at an institution of higher education. A list of qualified higher education expenses may be found at www.pa529.com No additional funds may be contributed to a Keystone Scholars Account. However, families are encouraged to save in their own PA 529 account.



Center for Rural Pennsylvania www.ruralpalegiture.us

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The center works with the legislature, educators, state and federal executive branch agencies, and national, statewide, regional, and local organizations to maximize resources and strategies that can better serve Pennsylvania's nearly 3.4 million rural residents.

The center promotes and sustains the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities by awarding grants for applied research and model projects to partner universities, publishing research and project results, maintaining and disseminating information on rural trends and conditions, and sponsoring local, state, and national forums on rural issues.

Research Grant Program

The center's Research Grant Program is available to faculty at Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities, and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. The center encourages cooperation and collaboration between these faculties and other public or private organizations.

Mandated research areas include rural people and communities, economic development, local government finance and administration, community services, natural resources and environment, educational outreach, rural values and social change, agriculture, and health and welfare concerns.

Examples of recently published research are: K-12 Teacher Demand, Supply and Shortages in Pennsylvania, which helped to identify and understand existing and projected shortages of teachers in the commonwealth; Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in Pennsylvania, which identified challenges in multiple steps of the Children and Youth Services process, and provided a more thorough review of reporting and investigative practices in child sexual abuse and exploitation cases; Potential Economic Impact of the Spotted Lanternfly on Agriculture and Forestry in Pennsylvania, which estimated the total economic impact of the Spotted Lanternfly across Pennsylvania; Broadband Availability and Access in Rural Pennsylvania, which measured the true state of broadband connectivity statewide; Inventory and Analysis of Historic Preservation Ordinances in Pennsylvania Municipalities, which provided the first comprehensive statewide inventory and analysis of historic preservation ordinances in Pennsylvania municipalities; The Availability of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction in Pennsylvania, which assessed the barriers and opportunities that exist in expanding Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in Pennsylvania; and Wealth Transfer in Pennsylvania, which estimated and documented the magnitude of assets present in every county of the commonwealth and the opportunities to invest a small portion of those assets toward community betterment projects.



Rural trends and conditions

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also has the state’s largest database on rural trends and conditions. Much of the data it collects on Pennsylvania’s counties, municipalities and school districts is available online. Population projection data, through the year 2040, are also available online. This data, used in conjunction with other population data, are a valuable resource for public and private agencies that are responsible for policy development, project planning and program evaluation.

Forums

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also sponsors forums on issues impacting rural Pennsylvania, the most recent of which are the current availability of high-speed (25Mbps/3Mbps), fixed broadband in our rural communities, and the public health crisis of heroin/opioid abuse and overdose.

Contact – The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 625 Forster St., Room 902, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-9555. Email: info@rural.palegislature.us,
website: www.rural.palegislature.us or <https://www.facebook.com/RuralPennsylvania>



Governor's Advisory Commissions

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Established by Executive Order 2015-07, the Governor's Commission on African American Affairs (GACAAA) serves as the commonwealth's advocate agency for the African American community in Pennsylvania. Our mission is to ensure that state government is accessible and accountable by advising the governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations. GACAAA also works to expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural, and economic status of the African American Community. The commission is composed of twenty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information regarding the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs, please contact: Jalila Parker, Executive Director, 110 N. 8th Street St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-965-4603.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Established by Executive Order 2015-10, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that state government is accessible and accountable to the diverse Asian Pacific American communities in Pennsylvania. The commission is composed of up to thirty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information about the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, please contact: Stephanie Sun, Executive Director, 110 N. 8th Street St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-560-2640.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS

Established by Executive Order 2015-08, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA) is dedicated to advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact Latino American communities. GACLA and its commissioners have proficiently served Pennsylvania's growing Latino community since 1971. Our aim is to contribute to the governor's goal of government that works, schools that teach, and jobs that pay. The commission is composed of twenty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years. The commission is made up of volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information, contact: Luz B. Colon, Executive Director, 508E Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-5825.



Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)

The state's RACP program is designed to aid community and economic development projects throughout the commonwealth that demonstrate significant economic impacts to local and regional economies. The RACP program operates as a reimbursement program for eligible project costs including, but not limited to, construction, land acquisition (percentage limitations may apply), permitting and any interest costs paid during construction. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required minimum of 50% participation in non-state match. The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line-item authorization for a specific project in the state's Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project.

Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-RACP application to the Office of the Budget. All submissions that pass an initial review of eligibility and completeness will be considered for an RACP grant award.

There is a 30-day "public comment period" after the closing of an e-RACP application window until an award can be made. Once the initial review of all the projects has been completed and the public comment period has closed, the Office of the Budget will forward a complete listing of projects and summaries to the administration for grant award consideration.

All successful candidates will be notified via individual correspondence that the e-RACP application submission has resulted in a grant award and the amount approved therein. The applicants that DID NOT received an award WILL need to re-apply during a future open window for grant consideration. The award letter will serve as written notification authorizing the preparation and submission to the Office of the Budget of a formal and complete Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Application and Business Plan for the project. All applicants must notify the Office of the Budget within 30 days of receipt of their award letter as to whether or not they are accepting the grant award. If the award has been accepted, the applicant must submit its formal Application and Business Plan within six months of the date of the award letter. They must also be able to demonstrate that at least 50% of the required non-state funds (matching funds) necessary to complete the project are secured at the time of the application among other stipulations in order to receive a grant agreement.

Once the grant agreement is fully executed, the grantee will then have a maximum of six months to meet the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. Once construction activities have started, the grantee is entitled to receive reimbursements based on submission of eligible and compliant paid costs and satisfaction of the terms and conditions of the grant. A legislatively mandated audit will result after construction completion.

Who May Apply: Entities that have a project itemized in a Capital Budget Itemization Act from the past 10 years. List of eligible projects can be found here: [Itemized Project Eligible for Funding \(Excel\)](#).

Use: The acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects that have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. RACP projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

Funding Source: General Obligation Debt

Funds: Projects must have a \$1 million minimum project cost and a 50% match (state funds cannot be used as match).

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

More Information: Click on [RACP \(pa.gov\)](#)

Contact – Office of the Budget at 717-787-2542, www.budget.pa.gov

<https://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx>



Office of Fire Commissioner www.osfc.pa.gov

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

Must obtain a DUNS number.

For additional information, go to the U.S. Fire Administration website www.fema.gov/firegrants/

Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program

Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire or rescue company applicant, and no more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two or more groups that had previously merged.

Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

For the 2020/2021 grant year, the application period opens December 11, 2020.

For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at www.osfc.pa.gov

Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov

Volunteer Loan Assistance Program

The Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

For more information on the loan program or to apply online, visit the Office of State Fire Commissioner's website at www.osfc.pa.gov

Anyone needing assistance may contact Letitia Sinclair, VLAP Administrator at 717-651-2205, lesinclair@pa.gov or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.

Grants range from \$2,000 to no more than \$4,000. Departments who elect to submit joint applications are eligible for an additional \$500 per additional department, up to \$6,000. Eligible organizations include volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services and rescue companies throughout the 40 counties in Pennsylvania where unconventional gas well drilling has been permitted, or those counties that directly border the permitted counties and who respond to gas well-related emergencies.

Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

PENNFIRS Reporting: Both of the grant programs from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner require that the fire department continually submit their incidents to PENNFIRS. Any questions about this requirement should be directed to Kraig Herman at 717-651-2209 or krherman@pa.gov. For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at www.osfc.pa.gov. Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at ra-emaact13grant@pa.gov.



Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) www.pccd.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) awards grants from federal and state funds to help local governments and nonprofit organizations throughout the commonwealth to prevent and reduce crime, improve the justice systems, and help victims of crime. PCCD publicly announces funding availability on its website. Funding announcement guidelines are provided and describe eligibility requirements. *Interested parties can be notified of new funding announcement opportunities by signing up for Egrant notices.*

FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) recently announced the availability of up to \$5 million in funding over a 33-month period from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 to support FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Initiatives. Funding will support efforts to reduce shootings and increase public safety in the City of Philadelphia and other municipalities across the Commonwealth with the highest rates of gun violence.

Eligible entities can submit an initial request for funding utilizing an online SurveyMonkey form between now and June 30, 2021 using <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCCD2021GunViolence>.

PCCD will host informational webinars for prospective applicants early in June. Registration for the webinars, which will provide an overview of the FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program and offer a chance to ask questions and receive instructions on how to access the Survey Monkey initial funding request form.

More information about this funding opportunity can be found [HERE](#) on PCCD's [Gun Violence webpage](#).

2021-22 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program

Who Can Apply: All counties in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply under this initiative. Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD.

Use: To support restrictive conditions that are imposed as part of a county probation sentence, needed drug and alcohol-related services, and mental health treatment and supportive services for eligible individuals.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Counties may not request funds in excess of the amounts listed in the Maximum Allowable Request column in the chart included as Appendix A of the guidelines.

Application Deadline: **April 27, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.pccdegrants.pa.gov/Egrants/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx> and choose "2021-22 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program."



2021 SBIRT Projects in Postsecondary Institutions

Who May Apply: Public or nonprofit postsecondary institutions, including two and four-year colleges and universities, that also have an on-campus health center providing physical or behavioral health services.

Use: To support a new initiative to prevent and address substance misuse on college and university campuses. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a comprehensive and integrated public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorder, mental health disorders, and those at elevated risk of developing these disorders.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: A total of \$500,000 in federal State Opioid Response (SOR) funds will be awarded. PCCD expects to fund five or six projects with budgets not to exceed \$100,000 over an 18-month project period. There is no cash match requirement.

Application Deadline: **March 23, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.pccdegrants.pa.gov/Egrants/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx> and choose “2021 SBIRT Projects in Postsecondary Institutions.”

2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction – Youth Focus

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits may jointly apply or partner with a local government or school district, but direct awards cannot be made to government entities.

Use: To provide research-based or evidence-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to youth and their families to reduce and/or eliminate youth substance abuse.

Funds: PCCD will accept applications for two-year grants with budgets not to exceed \$150,000 over two years. There are no match requirements.

Funding Source: Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Egrants \(pa.gov\)](http://Egrants.pa.gov) and choose “2020 Substance Abuse Education (SAEDR) - Youth.”

2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction – Category 1 – Adult

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits may jointly apply or partner with a local government, but direct awards cannot be made to government entities.

Use: To provide research-based or evidence-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to adults and their families to combat opioid/heroin overdoses. Only new projects will be funded. Project expansions or continuations are not eligible for funding under this solicitation.

Funds: PCCD will accept applications for two-year grants with budgets not to exceed \$150,000 over two years. There are no match requirements.

Funding Source: Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Egrants \(pa.gov\)](http://Egrants.pa.gov) and choose “2020 Substance Abuse Education (SAEDR) Cat 1-Adult.”



2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction – Category 2 & 3

Who May Apply: Statewide nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits may partner with a local government or school district, but direct awards cannot be made to government entities.

Use: To provide statewide or regional programs. Category 2 funds are intended to educate youth, caregivers of youth, and employers about the dangers of substance abuse and increase the awareness of the benefits of a drug-free Pennsylvania through media-related efforts that may include public service announcements, public awareness campaigns, and media literacy. Special consideration will be given to projects that focus on the use of opiates within the Commonwealth. Category 3 funds are intended to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance use in the workplace and provide comprehensive drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for businesses, including, but not limited to, training for working parents to keep their children drug-free.

(Funding Source: Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund)

Funds: PCCD will accept applications for one-year projects with budgets not to exceed \$275,000. There are no match requirements.

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Egrants \(pa.gov\)](#) and choose “2020 Substance Abuse Education (SAEDR) Cat 2 & 3.”

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program

Provides seed money to assist nonprofit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice and criminal justice system improvement projects throughout the commonwealth; provides technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; and coordinates regional and statewide training events.

Contact – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

Capital Case Indigent Defense

Who May Apply: Counties.

Uses: Expenses to enhance defense strategies for indigent individuals in capital cases, including expert witnesses, forensic testing, mental health evaluations, investigators, mitigation specialists, travel costs, legal research, and other activities.

Funds: PCCD expects to fund approximately 14 cases with budgets not to exceed \$20,000 per case over the 12-month project period.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2021**

More information: Click

on <https://www.pccdegrants.pa.gov/Egrants/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx> and choose “Capital Case Indigent Defense – Second Release.”

Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs)/Act 28 of 2014

Provides funding for National Children’s Alliance-member CACs and developing CACs and multidisciplinary investigative teams.

Contact – PCCD Office of Research, Child Advocacy and School Safety (ORCASS), Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505



Communities That Care

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations and units of local government. Priority consideration will be given to applicants that have never received a Communities That Care (CTC) grant from PCCD, applicants interested in implementing CTC in a community that does not have an organized coalition, and applicants from regions in the state with significant violence-based need.

Use: Planning grants to help communities apply the Communities That Care (CTC) model. CTC is an early upstream evidence-based approach to prevent substance misuse, school dropout, delinquency, and violence among youth in Pennsylvania.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$150,000 grants, with the project period taking place over a 21-month development phase starting October 1, 2021.

Application Deadline: Interested applicants should sign up for a webinar scheduled for **April 22, 2021 at 11:00 AM**. Application instructions will be given via the webinar. You can sign up for the webinar using the following link: <http://epis.psu.edu/cccb2021>.

More Information: Click on <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Pages/Juvenile-Justice-and-Delinquency-Prevention-Creating-Lasting-Results.aspx>. Questions may be emailed to: RA-PCCD-OJJD@pa.gov

County Intermediate Punishment Program

Provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in treatment and supervision programs in lieu of incarceration.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)

Provides funds for programs assisting child victims and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, prevention, multidisciplinary investigative teams, child advocacy centers, victim service providers serving child victims of sexual abuse, and training for mandated reporters and persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

Who May Apply: Any for-profit entity, non-profit entity, an entity affiliated with a CAC or MDIT (e.g., public agency or hospital) or unit of local government, including schools, colleges, and universities.

Use: To support the training of medical and mental healthcare providers who treat children and adult victims/survivors of child sexual abuse and to provide topic specific training to therapists previously trained and currently implementing Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) with child sexual abuse victims.

Funding Source: State Endowment Act Funds

Funds: A total of \$200,000 in Endowment Act funding will be awarded. PCCD expects to fund four projects with budgets not to exceed \$50,000 over a 12-month project period.

Application Deadline: **March 26, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.pccdegrants.pa.gov/Egrants/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx> and choose “Endowment Act – Treatment Training.”

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505



First Chance Trust Fund

Provides scholarships and funding for programs for students residing in those regions of this Commonwealth which have statistically higher high school dropout rates, incarceration rates or high crime rates as determined by the Commission.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

Forensic Science Improvement Program

Provides funds to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. This funding supports the development of strategies/protocols for the accreditation of forensic laboratories and/or the certification of forensic science specialists in an acceptable forensic science discipline.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program

Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private nonprofits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and Federal JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Greg Young at 717-265-8495

Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program

Who May Apply: 501(c)(3) nonprofits that principally serve individuals, groups, or institutions included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the FBI, including race/ethnicity/ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

Use: Security planning and training, threat assessments, equipment, technology, specialty-trained canines, and upgrades to existing structures.

Funds: Grants between \$5,000 and \$150,000. See guidelines for match requirements.

Funding Source: Nonprofit Security Grant Fund

Application Deadline: **February 3, 2021**

More Information: Click on Non-Profit Security Grant Fund (pa.gov).

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program

The overall program purpose is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Matching fund requirements: Requires a 25 percent match.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498



School Safety and Security Grant Program

Act 44 of 2018 established this program to make school entities within this Commonwealth safer spaces. Funding is available for school districts, intermediate units, area vocational- technical schools, charter schools, cyber charter schools, approved private schools or private residential rehabilitative institutions for programs that address safety and security. In addition, municipalities, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations are eligible for community violence prevention program grants also administered under this grant program.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

Sexual Assault Services Program

Funding may be used to establish and maintain rape crisis centers for direct services to victims of sexual assault and allow for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of culturally specific programs to assist and advocate for victims of sexual assault in racial and ethnic communities.

Contact – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS), Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

State Rights and Services Act (RASA) & Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)

Provides funds for system- based services for victims consistent with the Crime Victim’s Act, the Juvenile Act, the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure and PCCD Standards (i.e., orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, sentences, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation). Funds are made available through a \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

Contact – PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

STOP Violence Against Women Program

Provides funds to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems’ response to violence against women and to enhance prosecution, advocacy and services available to women who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Contact – PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)

Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program will be made available according to Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program

Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.

Contact – PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs

Supports PA Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices. Provides training and technical assistance for programs and for communities to implement and sustain the Communities That Care community assessment and planning process. Funding also supports evidence-based delinquency and violence prevention programs.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Geoff Kolchin at 717-265-8483.

*****Useful resource*****

The Office of Victims Services (OVS) creates a bi-weekly newsletter to keep programs updated on any changes within OVS, upcoming training events and grant opportunities. Newsletters are emailed to interested parties. To receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims' Services contact Heather Hewitt at 717-265-8730 or hhewitt@pa.gov.



Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-lgbtq-affairs/#About>

The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs is the first of its kind in the nation. It was established by an Executive Order from Governor Tom Wolf in August 2018. Its goal is to advise the Governor and state agencies regarding policies, programs, and legislation that impact LGBTQ communities and to serve as a resourceful intermediary between LGBTQ communities and state government. It is composed of appointed commissioners from across the Commonwealth, each acting as a representative and advocate for LGBTQ communities.

For more information, contact: Rafael Alvarez-Febo, Executive Director, 110 N. 8th Street St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-560-2640



The Pennsylvania Commission for Women

www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-for-women

The Pennsylvania Commission for Women, which was created by Executive Order and consists of volunteer members, is responsible for advising the Governor on policies and legislation that impact women; supporting economic and civic opportunities for women; encouraging mentoring programs for girls and young women; identifying programs and opportunities for the benefit and advancement of women; and serving as a resource center for Pennsylvania women. The Commission also acts as an advocate for policies and legislation it feels serves the best interest of women and girls in Pennsylvania. For more information, contact: Moriah Hathaway, Executive Director, 508E Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717- 787-5825.



Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) www.arts.pa.org

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) was established by the state Legislature in 1966 as an Executive Office of the Office of the Governor. Its mission is to strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. The PCA's cross-cutting value is diversity, equity, and inclusion, with the goal of promoting equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth. The PCA accomplishes its mission through grants to the arts; partnerships and initiatives; technical assistance; and by serving as a resource for arts-related information for government, the public, other funding entities, the arts field, and interested organizations and community leaders.

At established deadlines throughout the year, the PCA and its partners accept applications for state arts funding from eligible nonprofit organizations, units of government, and individuals. (Note: Most PCA funding includes a requirement that grants be matched.)

Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) and Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream

Support for eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have consistently received PCA funding is available through the AOAP Program Track and PPA Program Stream.

Eligibility is by invitation to organizations and programs with a PCA funding history. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements and be notified by the PCA in order to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 200 organizations with an average fiscal size over \$200,000. PPA Program Stream funds over 300 organizations with an average fiscal size under \$200,000.

Deadline – Please confirm date online at www.arts.pa.gov

Creative Communities

Who May Apply: Lead applicant must be a unit of government, nonprofit 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 organization. Required partnership of at least two organizations, one of which will serve as the lead applicant. Please note: Creative Communities projects are currently underway in the following counties: Crawford, Indiana, Lancaster, Lehigh, Mercer, and Philadelphia. Counties without existing projects will receive priority.

Use: To provide multi-year funding to community-driven, arts-based projects that serve as catalysts for livability, economic development, and community connectedness.

Funds: Up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years.

Application Deadline: **March 19, 2021**

More Information: Click on [2021 PCA Creative Communities Letter of Interest.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#).



Entry Track

This program serves as the point of entry for organizations or programs to the Arts Organization and Arts Program Track (AOAP) (see AOAP program description, above). Entry Track supports eligible arts organizations and arts programs that generally have a history of at least one year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track organizations for consultation and assistance.

Who can apply – Generally, an organization is eligible to apply if at the time of application, the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size over \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts programming; nonprofit 501(c) tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: planning to conduct a one-time only arts project; or is currently funded or will apply to a PPA Partner within the same funding period. Organizations who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the Entry Track may be eligible for application to the PPA regional funding program. PPA offers both ongoing support and arts projects funding opportunities.

Use: Entry track is the point of entry for organizations or programs to the Arts Organizations and Arts Programs track of the PA Council on the Arts.

Potential applicants interested in the Entry Track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

Funds: Cash match must be dollar-for-dollar; in-kind goods and services may not be used to match PCA funds.

Application Deadline: **February 16, 2021**

Contact – Jamie Dunlap, 717-525-5542 or jadunlap@pa.gov

More Information: Click on [2021-2022 PCA Entry Track Guidelines.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) – Project Stream

Through 13 regional partner organizations across the state, the PCA re-grants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars to hundreds of arts projects in communities throughout the commonwealth.

Activities supported through PPA awards include, but are not limited to, local and regional celebrations and festivals; classical, jazz, opera, and community band concerts; theater productions; visual arts exhibitions and workshops; visiting authors and poets; hands-on art experiences for children and youth; and arts programs at heritage events, libraries, historical societies, schools, and senior citizen centers across the commonwealth.



Applications for funding are available in the spring from your regional PPA Partner. To determine the appropriate regional partner organization for your project, go to www.arts.pa.gov

Who can apply – Nonprofit arts organizations that have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; emerging arts organizations, including those that have applied for but have not yet received 501(c)(3) status; community-based organizations, entities of local government; churches or faith-based organizations that present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation for commonwealth residents; individual artists (age 18 or older) or a consortia of artists who present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation to residents of the commonwealth. Eligible projects must include a public component. (Please confirm eligible projects online.)

Note – For additional consultation as to whether your project is eligible for PPA funding, contact your local PPA Partner organization for additional information and application assistance.

Deadline – Please confirm date online at www.arts.pa.gov

Preserving Diverse Cultures Division

The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizations working in the arts whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of the African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American perspectives and communities. The division focuses on the development of these organizations and professional development for their administrators. The applicant's programs, perspective and staff must be representative of those communities.

Additionally, the applicant's programs and staff are representative of those communities.

Unincorporated organizations must apply through a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that will act as a fiscal sponsor.

Uses: Organizational development for groups in BIPOC communities. There are three levels of support within Strategies for Success: Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Funds: Basic Level awards up to \$7,000 per year in non-matching funds. Intermediate Level awards up to \$12,500 per year. Advanced Level awards implementation grants of up to \$20,000 per year.

Funding Source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2021**

Contact – First-time applicants are encouraged to contact PDC Program Director, Dana Payne, at 717-525-5544 or danpayne@pa.gov prior to

Preserving Diverse Cultures – Community Based Engagement Projects

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations whose mission and artistic work are rooted in and reflective of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) art, culture, history, and heritage. Additionally, the applicant's programs and staff are representative of those communities.



Uses: To bring communities together through artist-led community-based arts and culture projects. Community projects may include but are not limited to: exhibitions, performances, artist-in-community residencies, and murals.

Funds: Up to \$3,500 total for planning and programming. Applicants may receive project support for up to four years.

Funding Source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **Letter of interest due February 1, 2021**

More Information: Click [2021-2022 PCA PDC Guidelines.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#) in completing an application.

Arts in Education

The Arts in Education Division (AIE) of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts provides funding for arts in education programs and projects. Regional partners train, place and evaluate artists for residencies in schools. To determine the appropriate regional partner, please go to www.arts.pa.gov

Who Can Apply – Funding is available to public and private schools, childcare centers, senior centers and other not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations, and units of government in Pennsylvania, Head Starts, youth organizations, community centers, and other 501 9 (c). For additional information and application assistance, contact your local AIE Partner organization.

Schools, arts organizations, government agencies, institutions of higher education, senior centers, Head Starts, youth organizations, community centers, and other 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Deadline – **Regional partners have rolling deadlines. Early school year application is encouraged as funding is limited.** Please confirm date online at www.arts.pa.gov

The AIE Division also supports a limited number of Long-Term Residency (LTR) projects that emphasize in-depth interaction among a project team of professional teaching artists, teachers, and students through residencies lasting 60 days or more.

Contact - For more information, contact: Jamie Dunlap, 717-525-5542. Email: jadunlap@pa.gov

Arts in Education - Long Term Residency

Who May Apply: Schools, arts organizations, government agencies, institutions of higher education, senior centers, Head Starts, youth organizations, community centers, and other 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Use: 60-day, in-depth interactions between professional teaching artists, students, teachers and others. Can be in a non-school setting. Eligible expenses include teaching artist fees and travel; visiting artist fees and travel; project director administration fees; professional development for teachers, school



administrators or community members, or artists; costs for the culminating event or performance; supplies; onsite observations; documentation; participant assessment; and project evaluation.

Funds: Up to \$15,000; one-third match required.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2021**

More Information: Click on [2021-2022 PCA LTR Guidelines.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#).

Folk & Traditional Arts

The PCA's Pennsylvania Folk Arts Infrastructure Partnership promotes the creation and documentation of folk art of the highest artistic excellence and engages the public in understanding the quality, breadth, and diversity of folk and traditional arts across the state. PCA funding for Folk & Traditional Arts apprenticeships – partnerships between a master traditional artist and a qualified apprentice – enable them to work together to share and develop advanced techniques or repertoire. A limited number of apprenticeships are funded each year in living artistic traditions (both performing and craft traditions) that are part of the contemporary life of citizens residing in Pennsylvania.

Contact – Dana Payne, 717-525-6644 or danpayne@pa.gov

Deadline – For apprenticeship applications, please confirm date online at www.arts.pa.gov



The Pennsylvania Development Disabilities Council www.paddc.org

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC) is a group made up of people with disabilities, family members, advocates and state department representatives who work to create favorable conditions for people with developmental disabilities and their families in the commonwealth. Created under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and Governor's Executive Order, the council is both a planning group and a funding body. PADDC envisions a commonwealth comprised of inclusive communities where all people with disabilities are valued and thrive.

The council's work is broad and its activities are many. The council engages in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services and supports
- Build inclusive communities
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda
- Change negative societal attitudes toward people with disabilities

In so doing, the council will bring about benefits to individuals with disabilities other than developmental disabilities and, indeed, to all people.

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council concerns itself with trends at the local and national levels that may have an influence in the lives of people with disabilities and/or their families. By carefully watching and examining trends and new developments, the council is up-to-date on ways to support people with disabilities and families right here in Pennsylvania.

The council is always seeking thoughts and ideas from concerned citizens regarding issues that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities and creative ideas for tackling these issues in Pennsylvania. For more information contact the council.

Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council 2330 Vartan Way, Suite 130

Voice: 717-787-6057

Toll-free: 1-877-685-4452

Ra-pwpaddc@pa.gov

HOW DO ORGANIZATIONS GET GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL

The council funds proposals from groups and organizations through a competitive bid process. All grant activities of the council are governed by the council's federally approved state plan and by the procurement requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and are generally for specified activities. The council periodically announces Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and issues notices of funding for smaller



grants through its Community Small Grants. It does not have discretionary funds beyond those publications. The council only accepts proposals for the projects described in the RFP booklet and in response to notices of funding for the Community Small Grants.

The RFP booklet contains descriptions of projects that the council will be funding and instructions on how grant proposals must be written to meet the council's requirements. People on the council's mailing list receive the booklet in the mail. Other copies of the booklet are distributed by hand or accessed on the council's website. To receive an announcement notice that an RFP booklet or a notice of funding has been issued, and to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change, please subscribe to our mailing list on our website at: www.paddc.org/contact



Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) www.pema.pa.gov

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the U.S. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

Must obtain a DUNS number.

For additional information go to the U.S. Fire Administration website www.usfa.fema.gov

Disaster Assistance Grant Programs

PEMA is the point of contact for required forms when a state and federal disaster has been declared. Individuals can readily obtain the following forms: Individual Assistance Forms, Public Assistance Forms, Federal Public Assistance References and Forms, and Hazard Mitigation Forms. The following webpage is a direct link to these forms: www.pema.pa.gov/Recovery/Pages/default.aspx

Emergency Management Performance Grant

This program provides the necessary direction, coordination and guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. This program provides up to 50% of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50% county match.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-2035

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants

The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

All 67 counties are eligible to apply. These grants require a 20% county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a “soft-match,” such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-2014



Hazardous Materials Response Fund

The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-2014

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency with the responsibility to allocate funding for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). PEMA is authorized to provide HSGP funds to support the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, maintenance, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-7075

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency in collaboration with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security with the administration of this grant to eligible nonprofit organizations. The NSGP provides support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the urban areas.

Who May Apply: 501(c)3 nonprofits, including religious institutions. Must be at a high risk of a terrorist attack based on the following: (1) Substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, or mission; (2) Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism; and (3) Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments.

Use: Target hardening and physical security enhancements, as well as integration of preparedness activities of the nonprofit sector with the local and state preparedness efforts.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: Up to \$150,000 for a 36-month project. No match required.

Application Deadline: **Early review March 31, 2021. Application Deadline April 2021.**

More Information: Click on [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](#).

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-7075



Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF)

Provides funding for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for the 26 risk and support counties in the areas surrounding each nuclear electrical facility, nuclear fabrication and away-from-reactor storage facility located in the commonwealth; the training and equipping of state and local emergency response personnel; the periodic exercise of accident scenarios and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.

Contact – PEMA Grant Coordinator, 717-651-2014

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)

FMAP is funded annually; a federal disaster declaration is not required. FMAP funding comes from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Only NFIP-insured homes and businesses are eligible for mitigation in this program.

Funding for the FMAP is very limited. Applications must come from local governments or other eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program. Applications for the FMAP are done electronically through FEMA’s e-Grants System. The federal cost share for an FMAP project is 75%. At minimum, a FEMA-approved local flood mitigation plan is required before a project can be approved. Some funding is available for planning.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-2726

Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program

Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire company applicant, or more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two groups that had previously merged.

Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at www.osfc.pa.gov

Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov.

Volunteer Loan Assistance Program

The Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) provides loans at a fixed 2% interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

For more information contact the OSFC at RA-VLAP@pa.gov or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.



Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) www.fishandboat.com

The commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. The information listed in the grant directory also appears on the commission's website, www.fishandboat.com. Each grant has appropriate links for program description and grant details.

Boating Facility Grant Program

Provides grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion, and rehabilitation of publicly accessible boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. Eligible entities include townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments, as well as nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies, and watershed associations. The program is designed to help provide or improve further access to public recreational boating opportunities within communities across the Commonwealth.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program) – Helps fund the construction, renovation, and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats.

Who May Apply: Public and private operators of open-to-the-public boating facilities, including municipal agencies (cities, towns, counties, etc.), state agencies (State Parks, DNR, Fish & Wildlife, etc.), and other government entities.

Use: The construction, renovation and maintenance of transient moorage (tie-up) facilities serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Transient means staying 10 days or less.

Funding Source: Federal funding

Funds: There are two tiers of grant support. Tier 1 provides funding for small-scale projects. Up to \$100,000 is available annually to each state. Tier 2 is for projects that request more than \$100,000. Tier 2 projects compete nationally in a process managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Project sponsors must provide at least 25 percent of the resources needed to complete the project.

Application Deadline: **July 31, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingInfrastructureGrantProgram.aspx>.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership

Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation, and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.



Cooperative Nursery Grants

Provides monies for new construction, additions and improvements, and equipment to existing nurseries within the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery Program.

Erie Access Improvement Grant Program

Provides funding to assist nonprofit and government organizations in the acquisition and development of angler access in the Erie watershed.

R3 (Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation) Education Grant Program

Who May Apply: School districts, universities and colleges, community and civic groups, sportsmen's and conservation organizations, and local recreation departments.

Use: The development and delivery of education programs to retain and/or reactivate former anglers and boaters and to recruit new anglers and boaters, especially under-represented populations. Existing programs will only be eligible for funding to expand their programs.

Funding Source: Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

Funds: Will reimburse up to \$25,000 for eligible program expenses for the period ending June 30, 2022. The grants require a minimum of 25% cash or in-kind match of staff time and/or other project expenses. Requests for amounts greater than \$25,000 may be considered.

Application Deadline: **April 12, 2021**

More Information: Click

on <https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/R3GrantProgram.aspx>.

Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program

Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program

Provides federal monies for high-priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened, and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.



Tulpehocken & Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program

Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

York and Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement Grant Program

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in these counties.



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides grants to local law enforcement agencies to investigate violations of, and enforce laws relating to, unlawful gambling in this commonwealth. \$2 million is available annually through the Gaming Fund. The term “local law enforcement agency” shall include the Pennsylvania State Police when conducting unlawful gambling enforcement and prevention activities in a municipality which does not have a municipal police department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police provide the municipality with primary police coverage.

Contact – Max Flessner – 717-214-4733, mflessner@pa.gov or www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov

The program will receive funding in February 2021, assuming nothing changes in budget amendments to be made in November 2020. The Board will provide notice of the acceptance of grant applications shortly thereafter.

Questions regarding this grant can be made to 717-346-8300 or email PGCB@pa.gov

LOCAL SHARE DISTRIBUTION:

In addition to the tax rate on gross gaming revenue owed to the commonwealth as a result of casino gaming, the Gaming Act provides for a local share distribution from various forms of gaming to enhance the community by sending additional monies to municipal, county, and state governments.

How much money – and where that money goes – is highlighted below:

Slot Machine Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility

The Local Share distribution is generally 4% (2% to host county and 2% to host municipality) of a Licensed Facility’s Gross Terminal Revenue* subject to noted exceptions below and is distributed as follows:

Harrah’s Philadelphia (Cat 1): 2% to Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Chester City (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii)).

Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 2% to Luzerne County Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c) (2)(i)(d)); \$10,000,000 annually to Plains Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iv)).



Meadows (Cat 1): The 2% is distributed to each municipality in the county (except host municipality: North Strabane Township). The distribution breaks down to \$25,000 plus \$10/resident but is capped at 50% of either the municipality's 2009 or 2013 budget (whichever is greater). If monies are left over, it goes to the Washington County DCED for grants within the county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(e)); \$10,000,000 annually to North Strabane Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Parx (Cat 1): 1% goes to Bucks County, 1% goes to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Bensalem Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Penn National (Cat 1): \$220,000 goes to Lebanon County CFA, \$50,000 goes to Schuylkill County, \$30,000 goes to Londonderry Township, and \$30,000 goes to Annville Township, the remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d.3-d.7)); \$160,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Lebanon County and \$9,840,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Dauphin County – the remainder of the municipal 2% is remitted to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): \$1,000,000 goes to Erie County Land Bank Jurisdiction and remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d)); \$10,000,000 goes to Summit Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)).

Rivers (Cat 2): 2% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(b)); \$10,000,000 annually to the City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(i)).

Mount Airy (Cat 2): \$2,400,000 to Monroe County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA, \$250,000 to Northampton County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(f)); \$10,000,000 annually to Paradise Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Sands (Cat 2): 1.2% of the County 2% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA] and the remaining 0.8% being distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, and 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(d.1)); the municipal share is \$10,000,000 annually and is distributed as follows: 80% to City of Bethlehem and 20% to City of Allentown (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii.1)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 2% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(b)); 2% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).



Nemacolin (Cat 3): 2% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(a)); 2% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).

Table Games Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility.

The Local Share distribution is 2% of a Licensed Facilities Gross Table Game Revenue* and is distributed as follows:

Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1): 1% to Delaware County; 1% to Chester City (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(ii)).

Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 1% to Luzerne County CFA; 1% to Plains Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(I)).

Meadows (Cat 1): 1% to Washington County (up to budgetary limit) with remaining going to DCED; 1% to North Strabane Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(iii)).

Parx (Cat 1): 1% to Bucks County; 1% to Bensalem Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(i)).

Penn National (Cat 1): 1% to Dauphin County; 1% to East Hanover Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(ii)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): 2% to Erie County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(iii)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(I)).

Rivers (Cat 2): 1% distributed as follows: 85% to Dept. of Education for school library grants in Allegheny County; 15% to the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville; 1% to City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(ii)).

Mount Airy (Cat 2): 1% is distributed as follows: 50% to Monroe County CFA and 50% to PHEAA; 1% to Paradise Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(iv)).

Sands (Cat 2): 1% is distributed as follows: [60% to Northampton City, 20% to Easton, 10% to Lehigh City, 10% to Lehigh City CFA]; 1% to City of Bethlehem (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(III)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 1% to Montgomery County; 1% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(4)(i)).

Nemacolin (Cat 3): 1% to Fayette County DCED; 1% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(4)(ii)).



Category 4 Slot Machine Local Share

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 slot machine Gross Terminal Revenue is 4%, with 2% going to the host county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(i)) and 2% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2) (ii)). At the time of publication, not all locations had been selected, so not all host recipients are known. Any questions on where facilities finally locate – or who will receive this money – can be directed to the PGCB or Dept. of Revenue. Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

Penn National: Springettsbury Township, York County Stadium Casino: Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County Mount Airy: Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County

Parx: Location not determined at time of publication.

Penn National: Caernarvon Township, Berks County

CATEGORY 4 TABLE GAMES LOCAL SHARE

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 facility table games Gross Table Game Revenue is 2%, with 1% going to the host county and 1% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(a.1)). At the time of publication, not all locations had been selected, so not all host recipients are known. Any questions on where facilities finally locate – or who will receive this money – can be directed to the PGCB or Dept. of Revenue. Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

Penn National: Springettsbury Township, York County Stadium Casino: Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County Mount Airy: Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County

Parx: Location not determined at time of publication.

Penn National: Caernarvon Township, Berks County

INTERACTIVE GAMING LOCAL SHARE

If a Licensed Facility is awarded one or more Interactive Gaming Certificates, the Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue. * 1% of each will be deposited into a restricted receipt account in the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be distributed quarterly for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth. The other 1% will be distributed as follows:

Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1): 1% to an authority created by Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iii)).



Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 1% to Luzerne County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Meadows (Cat 1): 1% to Washington County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Parx (Cat 1): 0.5% to Bucks County; 0.5% to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Penn National (Cat 1): 1% to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): 1% to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).

Rivers (Cat 2): 1% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Mount Airy (Cat 2): 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Sands (Cat 2): 0.6% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA]; 0.4% is distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 1% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Nemacolin (Cat 3): 1% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

**If an Interactive Gaming Certificate Holder does not have a Licensed Facility in the Commonwealth, the remaining 1% is added to the Commonwealth Financing Authority deposit and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iv)).

SPORTS WAGERING LOCAL SHARE

The Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Sports Wagering Revenue* and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13C63(b)).



VIDEO GAMING TERMINAL LOCAL SHARE

The Local Share distribution is 10% of Gross Terminal Revenue* and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S §4103(a)(2)).

* “Gross terminal revenue.” The total of:

- (1) cash or cash equivalent wagers received by a slot machine minus the total of:
 - (i) Cash or cash equivalents paid out to players as a result of playing a slot machine, whether paid manually or paid out by the slot machine.
 - (ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a slot machine.
 - (iii) Any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a slot machine. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.
- (2) cash received as entry fees for slot machine contests or slot machine tournaments. The term does not include counterfeit cash or tokens; coins or currency of other countries received in slot machines, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a slot machine licensee for which the licensee is not reimbursed.

* “Gross table game revenue.” The total of:

- (1) Cash or cash equivalents received in the playing of a table game minus the total of:
 - (i) Cash or cash equivalents paid to players as a result of playing a table game.
 - (ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a table game.
 - (iii) The actual cost paid by the certificate holder for any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a table game. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.
- (2) Contest or tournament fees or payments, including entry fees, buy-ins, re-buys, and administrative fees, imposed by a certificate holder to participate in a table game contest or tournament, less cash paid, or actual cost paid by a certificate holder for prizes awarded to the contest or tournament winners.
- (3) The total amount of the rake collected by a certificate holder. The term does not include counterfeit cash or chips; coins or currency of other countries received in the playing of a table game, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a certificate holder for which the certificate holder is not reimbursed.

* “Gross interactive gaming revenue.” As follows:

- (1) The total of all cash or cash equivalent wagers paid by registered players to an interactive gaming certificate holder in consideration for the play of authorized interactive games, including cash received as entry fees for contests or tournaments, minus:
 - (i) The total of cash or cash equivalents paid out to registered players as winnings.
 - (ii) The actual cost paid by the interactive gaming certificate holder for any personal property



distributed to a player as a result of playing an authorized interactive game. This subparagraph does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) Amounts deposited with an interactive gaming certificate holder for purposes of interactive gaming and amounts taken in fraudulent acts perpetrated against an interactive gaming certificate holder for which the interactive gaming certificate holder is not reimbursed shall not be considered to have been paid to the interactive gaming certificate holder for purposes of calculating gross interactive gaming revenue.

* “Gross sports wagering revenue.”

(1) The total of cash or cash equivalents received from sports wagering minus the total of:

(i) Cash or cash equivalents paid to players as a result of sports wagering.

(ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of sports wagering.

(iii) The actual cost paid by the sports wagering certificate holder for any personal property distributed to a player as a result of sports wagering. This subparagraph does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) The term does not include any of the following:

(i) Counterfeit cash or chips.

(ii) Coins or currency of other countries received as a result of sports wagering, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash.

(iii) Cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a sports wagering certificate holder for which the sports wagering certificate holder is not reimbursed.

* “Gross terminal revenue.” The total of:

(1) cash or cash equivalent wagers received by a slot machine minus the total of:

(i) Cash or cash equivalents paid out to players as a result of playing a slot machine, whether paid manually or paid out by the slot machine.

(ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a slot machine.

(iii) Any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a slot machine. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) cash received as entry fees for slot machine contests or slot machine tournaments. The term does not include counterfeit cash or tokens; coins or currency of other countries received in slot machines, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a slot machine licensee for which the licensee is not reimbursed.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency www.pheaa.org

STATE PROGRAMS

PA State Grant Program

Provides grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial aid to attend an approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student. Award amounts for the 2020-2021 Award Year are as follows:

- Full-time: Up to \$4,525 per year for full-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$578 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$770 at an out-of-state school);
- Half-time: Up to \$2,262 per year for part-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$500 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$500 at an out-of-state school);
- Veterans: Qualified veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for special consideration for a PA State Grant while enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate student.
- Distance Education: Students who take more than 50 percent of their credits online or who are enrolled in programs structured to be more than 50 percent online are eligible for the same award amount as a classroom student – if they attend a postsecondary institution that is headquartered and domiciled in Pennsylvania.

A student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and a PA State Grant Form by the announced deadline date each academic year. The PA State Grant deadlines are different for first-time applicants, renewal applicants, and summer-term applicants.

First-time Applicants (May 1): First-time applicants enrolling in a degree program or a college transferable program at a junior college or other college or university (excludes community colleges) must file the FAFSA and PA State Grant Form by the May 1st deadline.

(August 1): Students planning to enroll in a community college; a business, trade, or technical school; a hospital school of nursing; a designated Pennsylvania Open-Admission institution; or a two-year program that is not transferable to another institution must file by the August 1st deadline.

Renewal Applicants (May 1): Students must file a renewal FAFSA and appropriate PA State Grant documents indicating any changes that may affect their PA State Grant award, such as a change in marital status or a change in income by the May 1st deadline.

Summer-term Applicants (August 15): Students must submit the online Summer PA State Grant application by the August 15th deadline. Students must also have submitted the FAFSA and, if required, the PA State Grant Form.



Complete a FAFSA each year, available at www.studentaid.gov/fafsa
Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392
or www.PHEAA.org/StateGrant

PA Forward Student Loan Program

Through the PA Forward student loan program, PHEAA offers private student loan options for undergraduate students, graduate students, parents, and those looking to refinance existing student loans. Taking on a student loan is a significant financial commitment. Before taking out student loans, you should consider your options for grants, scholarships, and other forms of aid. At a minimum, be cautious not to borrow more than you'll be able to pay back. For free, helpful resources, visit <http://www.mysmartborrowing.org>

Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program

The Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program is administered by PHEAA in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The program provides awards to high-achieving students whose annual family income does not exceed \$110,000. RTSS provides scholarships that, in combination with the PA State Grant Program, offer a total award up to \$2,000 for full-time and \$1,000 for part-time students. The minimum award is \$500.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392
or www.PHEAA.org/RTSS

Pennsylvania National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)

Provides financial education assistance to students who enter into a six-year service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Recipients must attend a Pennsylvania school, enroll in an approved program of study, and maintain at least part-time enrollment. The maximum award for a full-time student is equivalent to the lesser of the tuition plus technology fee charged at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student’s institution of enrollment. This program is jointly administered by PHEAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

Contact – 1-800-GO-GUARD or visit <https://nationalguard.com/select-your-state/PA> or www.PHEAA.org/EAP

Military Family Education Program (MFEP)

Together with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), PHEAA also administers this tuition assistance program to benefit the families of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard who completed an initial service obligation and enter into an additional six-year service obligation with the Pennsylvania National Guard. MFEP awards full-time or part-time students a grant



which is the lesser between the in-state tuition rate plus technology fee charged by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) or the cost of the program in which the student is enrolled. The MFEP grant can be used for approved degree-granting curricula or certificate-granting courses of study, or training programs required for entrance into a specific career at an approved institution of higher learning for up to 5 academic years. The PA Guard Member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or divide it among multiple dependents.

Contact – 1-800-GO-GUARD or visit

<https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/aid-for-military-national-guard/military-family-education.shtml>

Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)

Provides need-based awards to students enrolled in approved short-term programs that are not PA State Grant eligible in energy, health, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, or agriculture and food production. Awards may be up to the equivalent of the maximum PA-TIP award or 75 percent of the allowable program costs, whichever is less, per award year. Awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and specific living expenses.

Applications are available at www.PHEAA.org/PA-TIP

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH)

Provides additional grant money to eligible needy students who may have been awarded a scholarship or grant by one of PHEAA’s PATH Partners. These scholarships have the potential to be matched by PHEAA on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to an annual maximum amount.

Complete a FAFSA each year available at www.studentaid.gov/fafsa and review the list of participating PATH partners available at www.PHEAA.org/PATH

Contact – PHEAA’s State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Blind or Deaf Beneficiary Grant Program

Provides grants of up to \$500 to blind or deaf students who are Pennsylvania residents attending a postsecondary institution and who are in need additional assistance with educational expenses.

Completion of an annual application is required.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program (PEGP)

Provides a tuition waiver opportunity to eligible children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue and ambulance squad members, correction employees, and National Guard members who died in the line of duty since January 1, 1976. The program also includes the birth and adoptive children of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, National Guard members, or other individuals who were on federal or state



active military duty who have died in the line of duty after September 11, 2001, by providing a waiver of tuition, fees, room, and board not covered by other grants and scholarships at Pennsylvania community college, state-owned, or state-related postsecondary institution. Completion of an annual application is required.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

State Work-Study Program (SWSP)

Provides Pennsylvania students with opportunities to gain career-related, on-the-job work experience, up to 40 hours per week, while earning money to help pay for higher education. Applications are available at www.PHEAA.org/SWSP

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/work-study-employment/apply.shtml>

Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

The Pennsylvania Internship Program

Provides scholarships to Pennsylvania students who participate in The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) located in Washington, DC. Students that benefit from this program must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania public or private institution and complete an internship experience that complies with all requirements of their college.

Contact – For additional information, visit <https://twc.edu/>

PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Chafee Education and Training Grant Program

Provides grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students who are aging out of foster care and are attending a postsecondary school approved by Federal Title IV student financial assistance programs. Maximum awards vary per academic year depending on federal funding and are not guaranteed. This program is PHEAA-administered on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Applications are available at www.PHEAA.org/Chafee

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program (FosterEd)

While not federally funded, FosterEd provides a waiver for tuition and mandatory fees charged by most postsecondary institutions located in the Commonwealth for youth who are or were in foster care. This waiver applies only to charges that remain after all other gift aid (federal, state, and other scholarships or grants) have been applied to the student’s account.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392



FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Education

The gateway to federal student aid; the site offers a single source of free information not only on applying for federal aid, but on choosing a career, selecting a school, and identifying non- federal resources to pay for higher education.

Website – <https://studentaid.gov>

Direct Loans Servicing Online

If you have questions about your Direct Loan, you can go online to find the answers.

Website – <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

Website – <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>

Choosing a School

Explore college and university campuses by browsing through detailed profiles and key information of each school, including important financial aid information.

Website – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/students/choosing-schools#college-search>

Website – <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Student Assistance Programs

HHS provides a variety of scholarships, loans, and loan repayment programs for students in the health professions, through the Student Assistance Programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Visit their website for more information.

Website – <https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/schoolbasedloans>

Federal Pell Grant

Provides between \$639 and \$6,345 annually to students, depending on family income, cost of education, and enrollment status. Eligibility is limited to the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters.

Complete a FAFSA, available online https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa/#/LOGIN?locale=en_US

Contact – School's Financial Aid Office or U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243



Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Provides first-time undergraduate students grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,000 annually. Priority is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

Contact – School’s Financial Aid Office

TEACH Grant

Provides grants to students who agree to teach in an elementary or secondary school or education service agency that serves low-income families. Recipient must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which he or she received a TEACH Grant. IMPORTANT: If a student fails to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that a student received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. A student must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

Contact – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>

Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Provides long-term loans to parents that provide funds to cover the difference between their dependent undergraduate student’s educational costs and other financial aid.

Contact – <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus>

Federal Direct Loan

Provides long-term, low-cost education loans to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree students enrolled at least half-time.

Complete a FAFSA, available online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

Contact – <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program

Provides up to a combined total of \$17,500 in loan forgiveness to eligible full-time elementary and secondary school teachers who are teaching at low-income schools and meet other qualifications.

Contact – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)

Encourages individuals to enter and continue in full-time public service employment. The program allows you to receive forgiveness of the remaining balance of your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full time for a qualifying employer. To receive forgiveness,



you must remain employed with a qualifying employer at the time you apply for and receive forgiveness for your loans.

For more information visit: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program

Provides funds to students who are the children of a parent who has a permanent disability or who died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Contact – Local Veterans Administration Office; directory available online at www.va.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight, and other disabilities.

Contact – Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office; directory available online at www.va.gov

OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Private Scholarships

Funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions, and private businesses. Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information.

EducationPlanner.org

A one-stop career and college planning website, providing practical and easy-to-understand advice to help prepare students for the important decisions they will face in the future; information and tools for parents and counselors to help them motivate and prepare today's youth for a successful tomorrow; and a smart borrowing interactive tool.

MySmartBorrowing.org

An online interactive tool that allows students to compare how their college and career choices will affect their future finances, aiding them in making smart decisions about how they can afford to borrow – and repay – on their expected future salary.

www.YouCanDealWithIt.com to Learn to manage money, student loans, budgets, and credit cards.



INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES

Institutional Assistance Grants

Provides block grants to Pennsylvania private, nonprofit institutions that do not receive a direct appropriation from the commonwealth. Award amounts are based on the annual commonwealth appropriation and the number of full-time equivalent PA State Grant recipients.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646

Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act of 1971 (Act 101)

Provides state funding to institutions operating special support services for students who are educationally and economically underserved. Institutions must obtain PHEAA’s approval for participation.

Contact – PHEAA’s PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646



Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commissions (PHMC) <http://www.phmc.pa.gov>

Certified Local Government Grant Program

This program provides funding for: Planning, Design Guidelines/ Design Assistance, National Register Nominations/ Multiple Property Documentation, Cultural Resource Survey, Revitalization/ Reuse Studies, Public Education, and Training.

Application Deadline – **October 30, 2020**

Eligibility – Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLG's). Applicants must consult with their Community Preservation Coordinator prior to making an application to ensure that projects fall within one or more of the above eligible heritage preservation activities. For information on the CLG program, please visit the CLG section of the PHMC website.

Contact – Elizabeth Rairigh, 717-705-4035. Email: erairigh@pa.gov

Cultural and Historic Support Grant Program

This program provides general operating support funding to museums and county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs. Funds can be used for a wide range of general operating support activities. Eligibility requirements for organizations and funding activities are detailed in grant guidelines available on PHMC website.

Application Deadline – Applications will be accepted from **September 1, 2020 to October 14, 2020**.

Eligibility – Applicants are limited to two categories of organizations. First, museums located in Pennsylvania with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services) and at least one full-time professional staff person (or approved equivalent) and meet additional requirements. Second, official county historical societies must be designated as the official county historical society for the county and meet additional requirements.

Contact – Rusty Baker, PA Museums. Email: rusty.baker@pamuseums.org

Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant Program

This program provides funding in the categories of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation to nonprofit organizations and local governments for capital improvements on historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – **March 1, 2021**

Eligibility – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

Contact – Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927. Email: kaarnold@pa.gov

Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants

This program provides funding to support projects in the categories of Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Planning and Development Assistance, and Archaeology. Projects are



limited to historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – **March 1, 2021**

Eligibility – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

Contact – Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927. Email: kaarnold@pa.gov

Historical and Archival Records Care Grant Program

This program provides funding for the preservation and accessibility of historically valuable records held at repositories including historical societies, libraries, and local government offices. Grants up to \$5,000 require no match, while grants \$5,001 - \$15,000 require 50/50 matching. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and funding for the awards is for two years. Grants will be awarded based on review of the application by a sub-committee of the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

Who May Apply: Historical societies, libraries, museums, nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, local governments, school districts.

Use: Surveying, inventorying, preserving, arranging and describing historical records relevant to Pennsylvania. Funding may also be requested for reformatting or the purchase of supplies and equipment.

Funding Source: Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund

Funds: Collaborative grants up to \$15,000 for a two-year project. Single entity grants up to \$5,000 for a two-year project. No match required.

Application Deadline: **August 1, 2021**

More Information: Click on <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Records-Care-Grants.aspx>.

Contact – Josh Stahlman, 717- 772-3257. Email: jostahlman@pa.gov



Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Pennsylvania House Scholarship Program

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship program is open to graduating high school seniors who are Pennsylvania residents with plans to attend a Pennsylvania college, university, or career school as a full-time student.

Students must have attained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in high school in order to be eligible for a scholarship. Other factors taken into consideration for the awards are a student's commitment to community, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and financial need.

The scholarship program is administered through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The application is available through the foundation's web site at:

https://www.tfec.org/wp-content/uploads/HouseOfReps_OnePageSummary.pdf

The application deadline is **March 1, 2021**.

The James R. Roebuck Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) Scholarship Program

This scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior or current undergrad college student.

Application deadline April 30, 2021 (only the first 100 applications received will be processed).

<https://www.pahouse.com/PLBC>

Student is responsible for submitting all material to the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus on time. After completing the Online Student Application, supplemental materials #2-6 should be submitted via email to PLBC@pahouse.net. A completed application includes the Online Student Application and the supplemental materials listed below.

1. Online Student Application (The application must be completed in the same session. It cannot be saved and referenced later.)
 - Applicant Information
 - Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Information
 - High School Data
 - College/University Data
 - Extracurricular Activities and Community Service
 - College/University Scholarship Awards
 - Financial Awards
 - Essay Question 1: What is something you stood up for in the past? Describe your experience. (300 - 500 words)
 - Essay Question 2: What is a goal you want to achieve and how does accomplishing this goal help your community? (300 - 500 words)
 - Certification



2. Resume
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation/support (one of which must be from a faculty member of your present or former school)
4. An official or approved unofficial transcript (including grade scale)
5. Current color head shot of applicant

Supplemental materials #2-6 should be submitted via email to PLBC@pahouse.net



Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) www.phfa.org

PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEBUYERS

HFA Preferred™ Loan Program

The HFA Preferred™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with private mortgage insurance provided by a Fannie Mae-approved mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer makes a downpayment of 20 percent or more, then mortgage insurance is not required. Private mortgage insurance payments on the loan will also end as soon as the homeowner pays off 20 percent of their home loan.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466
or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

Keystone Home Loan (KHL)

The Keystone Home Loan provides a 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loan to eligible homebuyers. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Veterans’ Administration (VA), Rural Development (RD), and conventional loan types are available. The program has a first-time homebuyer requirement in much of the state, although there are 39 targeted counties and several counties with targeted census tracts where the first-time homebuyer requirement is waived. The first-time homebuyer requirement is also waived for eligible veterans. Homebuyers may also qualify for down payment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466
or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov)

The Keystone Government Loan Program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), guaranteed by Rural Development (RD), or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA). Homebuyer eligibility is determined by using the guidelines of the respective federal agency insuring or guaranteeing the loan. There are no income or purchase price limits specific to PHFA and there are no first-time homebuyer requirements.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466
or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

PHFA PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)

A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from 20 percent to 50 percent of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate



is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner's federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for down payment/closing cost assistance. Due to the source of funds, an MCC cannot be used in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan program. The tax credit is available for the 30-year life of the loan and only expires if the home is sold or the homeowner fails to occupy the home as their principal residence.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx

Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program (KAAL)

The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to 4 percent of the purchase price or market value of the home, up to a maximum of \$6,000. The assistance loan is interest free and is repaid monthly over a 10-year term. The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan can be used to cover the down payment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan, or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate ("MCC") program.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx

Access Home Modification Program

The Access Home Modification Program provides a non-interest bearing second mortgage loan to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities and are purchasing a home. The program offers between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to modify the home for disability needs and must be used in conjunction with a PHFA first mortgage product. Repayment on the assistance funds is not required as long as the buyer occupies the home as their primary residence.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx

Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance

Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive downpayment/closing cost assistance through the Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance Loan Program. Eligible homebuyers may receive between \$1,000 and \$15,000 in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan with no monthly payments. These assistance funds become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or if the homebuyer fails to occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at 80 percent of the statewide median income.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx



HOMEstead Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Loan

First-time homebuyers applying for a Keystone Home Loan and who also meet the income and purchase price limits of the HOMEstead program may qualify for \$1,000 to \$10,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead assistance funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMEstead program are at or below 80 percent of the county's median income.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

HomeStyle Renovation Program

The HomeStyle Renovation program allows eligible borrowers to include financing for home improvements for a purchase or re-finance transaction of an existing home. This program can only be used in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ program. The total cost of the renovations, repairs or improvements cannot exceed 75% of the “as completed appraised value” after renovations are completed.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

Purchase Improvement Loan Program

The Purchase Improvement loan allows buyers who qualify for a Keystone Home Loan to purchase and improve a home within the same transaction. Eligible buyers may include between \$1,000 and \$15,000 for repairs and/or improvements. The maximum mortgage amount cannot exceed 97% of the total acquisition cost of the “as completed” appraised value, whichever is less.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466

or <https://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx>

PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

HEMAP

Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program

This program was created to prevent widespread mortgage foreclosures and distress sales of homes which result from default caused by circumstances beyond a homeowner's control. The program provides temporary loan assistance to help bring delinquent mortgage payments current and may provide continuing assistance for a maximum of 24 or 36 months.

Contact – PHFA's HEMAP hotline at 1-800-342-2397 or www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx



PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Loan, previously known as PENNVEST Individual On-Lot Sewage System Repair Program

This loan is available to eligible homeowners who need to repair or replace their individual on-lot sewage disposal system or connection to public sewer OR make a first-time connection to public sewer. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20*-year low-interest loan (15 years for a manufactured home). As of 1/1/2020 there is no household income limit.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466
or www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx

Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP)

This PHFA product permits specific energy-related home improvements (roof replacement; caulking, sealing and insulation; heating/cooling systems repair/replacement; window and door replacements; and limited other repairs that permit federal weatherization assistance or replicate its assistance for non-eligible households). Loans are up to \$10,000 for a term of 10 years.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx

PHFA REFINANCE OPTIONS

HFA Refinance Option

The HFA Preferred™ provides a refinance option for homeowners seeking to lower their current monthly mortgage payment on their primary residence. Cash back is limited to \$2,000 or 2 percent of the balance of the new PHFA loan, whichever is less. Borrowers may be eligible for a PHFA Advantage Assistance Loan in conjunction with a refinance, but only if they still need help with their closing costs after using any available “cash back” to cover those costs.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/hfa.aspx

FHA Streamline Refinance Loan Program

The FHA Streamline Refinance loan product allows eligible homeowners to refinance their existing FHA loan to reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the outstanding principal balance minus any applicable refund of the Up Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP) plus the new UFMIP, up to a maximum amount of 97.75 percent of the original appraised value. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan. A copy of the homebuyer’s repayment history verifying timely mortgage payments will be required.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx

VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL)

The VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL) allows eligible veteran homeowners to refinance their existing VA-guaranteed loan to a lower interest rate and reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the existing VA loan balance, allowable fees, and



charges, up to two discount points, and the VA funding fee. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan.

Contact – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx

PHFA MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

This program provides owners of and investors in affordable rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability (the credit may be taken for up to 10 years). The program also provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multi-family housing for families of lower income, senior citizens, persons with disabilities or special needs.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876 or Tax Credit Program Department at 717-780-3948

PennHOMES Program

This program offers interest-free, deferred payment loans to support the development of rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. The loans can be structured as primary or secondary mortgage loans. The sources of the funds for the program include agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a sub-recipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

Taxable and Tax Exempt Bond Financing

This program provides financing at competitive rates to developers building, rehabilitating, or preserving multifamily rental housing developments. Funding is made available through the sale of agency tax-exempt and taxable bonds. Bond financing may be coupled with the Tax Credit and PennHOMES programs.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

MAP Lending

Funding for the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing is available through HUD-FHA mortgage insurance products utilizing HUD’s Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP). The most commonly used MAP programs are Section 223(f) and Section 221(d)(4). FHA’s commitment of mortgage insurance allows the agency to access mortgage-backed security (“MBS”) guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”). Interest rates for a Ginnie Mae guaranteed MBS are extremely competitive.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876



Capital Magnet Funds

Funding for the preservation of multifamily rental housing developments targeting persons at or below 50% of the area median income. The Capital Magnet Fund (“CMF”) is administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund under the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Agency will lend allocated CMF funds to eligible properties as an interest-free, deferred payment loan, to extend the affordability period of eligible properties.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

OTHER PHFA PROGRAMS

PAHousingSearch.com

A resource to link consumers to affordable housing options throughout the commonwealth, this website offers information about apartment locations, rental prices and subsidies, accessibility features, development amenities, current vacancies, contact information, and the status of a property’s waiting list. PHFA can assist you in finding alternative rentals by viewing www.pahousingsearch.com

Contact – Danielle Rudy at 717-780-3960 or Drudy@phfa.org

Housing Counseling

This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget, foreclosure intervention counseling and financial education services generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling). Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA approved and trained agencies.

Contact – PHFA’s Counseling Division at 717-780-3907 www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx

Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)

As part of the Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 budget (and amended in FY 2019/2020), language was included establishing the MUDTC program for which it will receive a tax credit allocation of \$3 million. PHFA will use proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to establish the Community Revitalization Fund Program (CRFP) to provide grants to help finance mixed use projects in communities as part of a comprehensive revitalization plan. The Program has received applications for the inaugural round of program funding and is expected to be an annual RFP for both MUDTC bidders and CRFP mixed-use projects.

Contact – Shelby Rexrode at 717-780-1854 or <https://www.phfa.org/mhp/developers/loans.aspx>

Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Act (PHARE)

Act 105 of 2010 provided the mechanism by which certain allocated state or federal funds would be used to assist with the creation, rehabilitation, and support of affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth. The PHARE Act did not specifically allocate funding but did specify the process to be



used when funds became available. Since enactment, the following sources of funds have become available for utilization under the PHARE Program:

PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Act 13 of 2012 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee) provided a source of funds to be administered through the PHARE Program. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to mitigating the impacts of the Marcellus Shale's Development on housing. Funding is made available to counties that have unconventional gas wells in the Marcellus Shale region, through an annual RFP process.

Contact – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax (RTT)

Act 58 of 2015 provided a process whereby RTT funds may become available to be administered through the PHARE Program. PHARE will receive an allocation of funds equal to 40 percent of the increase in RTT collections for the prior fiscal year, in any year where RTT collections surpass \$447.5 million (the certified estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014). Funds made available to the PHARE Program are currently capped at \$40 million annually. Funding will be made available statewide through an annual RFP process.

Contact – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

PHARE/National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

The federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established the NHTF to provide resources for the development, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing for very and extremely low households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the commonwealth. The initial round of funds was made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws and through an annual RFP process.

Contact – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3867
or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

OTHER RESOURCES

PHFA receives numerous requests for home modifications and improvements assistance for persons with disabilities. The following outlines alternative options for modifications and assistive technology. (Some of these programs overlap with other state and federal programs.)

Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS)

A certified Community Development Financial Institution serving low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Philadelphia with loans and financial products for home improvement mortgages. The Philadelphia Home Improvement Loan (PHIL) provides interest rates of 3 percent and 5 percent based



on income and terms up to 20 years. The Mini-PHIL Loan provides low-interest rates as well with terms up to 10 years.

Contact – Denise Jefferson, Loan Officer, for more information and up-to-date interest rates and terms at 215-476-4205 or view PNHS website: www.phillynhs.org/loans.html

Local Government

Start with your county unless you live in a larger city. Some townships and boroughs also have funds available. Phone numbers can be found in the blue, government pages of your phone book. Often the right office is a “Redevelopment Authority,” a “Housing and Redevelopment Authority or Agency,” “Weatherization Program” or a “Planning Office.” If you do not find a listing similar to this for your local government, try the general information number and explain that you need assistance with home repairs, accessibility modifications or your specific housing issue. Funds may be available and may include: HOME, CDBG, Act 137 Funds and PA Accessible Housing Program.

U.S. Rural Development Agency (USRDA)

This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500. If you live in a rural area, contact the state office at 1-800-670-6553 and ask for help in determining which regional office you should contact or use the web and go to the regional office directly at www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa

KeystoneHELP

Pennsylvania, in partnership with Renew Financial, offers home energy loans with fixed rates to help homeowners complete energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Additional information regarding this program can be found at <https://renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp>

Weatherization

This county or regional program provides grants for specific energy efficiency and heat-related repairs. Local weatherization programs can be found by using the search function at www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx
Quick Start Housing Resources – PHFA and the Self-Determination Housing Project’s Regional Housing Coordinators have compiled information about specific social service and housing resource agencies across the commonwealth. For more information, go to www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/ click on “Hot Topics” and scroll down to Quick Start Housing Resources to begin your search by county.



FOR ACCESSIBILITY ONLY

PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)

PATF can help people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians get the assistive technology they need through low and no-interest financial loans, information and assistance about possible funding resources, and financial education through various publications and individual counseling. Additional information regarding PATF's services can be found at <https://patf.us/>

Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP)

This nonprofit organization works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. SDHP promotes self-determination and control in the field of accessible housing by providing outreach to social service organizations, conducting fair housing education and trainings across multiple counties, performing home modifications on behalf of low-income individuals with disabilities, and providing educational programming to all consumers with disabilities with the knowledge to become more informed homeowners and renters. As the waitlist administrator for the 811 PRA waitlist, SDHP builds stakeholder participation, refers eligible applicants, and reports the transition of 811 participants. For more information, call 1-877-550-7347 or view their website at www.sdhp.org/

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Nonprofit organizations that serve throughout Pennsylvania, each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provides four core services including information and referral, advocacy, peer mentoring and independent living skills training. CILs can offer home evaluations and help you find resources to pay for home modifications and assistive technology. To locate your local CIL, go to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) website at <http://pasilc.org/independent-living/find-a-cil/>

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

This organization assists/supports veterans and service members. The VA has three types of grants available:

The Specially Adapted Housing grant (SAH)

Currently limited to \$64,960, is generally used to create a wheelchair- accessible home.

The Special Housing Adaptations (SHA) grant

Currently limited to \$12,992, is generally used to assist veterans with mobility throughout their homes due to blindness in both eyes, or the anatomical loss or loss of use of both, hands or extremities below the elbow.



The Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant

It is available to eligible veterans and seriously injured active duty service members who are temporarily living or intend to temporarily live in a home owned by a family member. For more information on the TRA grant go to www.va.gov, search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

For more information about grants and other adaptive housing programs, contact a local VA regional office at 1-800- 827-1000.

Additional program information and grant applications (VAF-26-4555) can be found at VA Home Loans Home

https://www.veteransunited.com/lp/?src=msn&adg=mholn&desc=2021-2&msclkid=6ee195b46ea51a9ac621f5b25ce50120&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=NS%20-%20Head%20Terms&utm_term=va%20home%20loan&utm_content=VA%20Home%20Loans%20-%20E

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

Each agency offers a wide array of programs to help disabled Pennsylvanians age 60 and older and their families to get the help and information they need.

To contact your local AAA use the search function on the Pennsylvania Department of Aging website www.aging.pa.gov or find the local number directly by using the blue pages of your phone book.

FOR PROGRAMS AND/OR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND/OR PERSONS DISABILITIES

Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program (811 Program)

The 811 Program provides rental assistance to extremely low-income persons ages 18-61 with disabilities at participating developments throughout the Commonwealth. Funding for this program is made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PHFA and the Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly administer these funds in an effort to encourage supportive independent living. Additional information is available at www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/

Contact – Kristen Nagel at 717-780-3816 or Knagel@phfa.org

The Department of Human Services (Office of Long Term Living)

Counselors are available to provide information and referrals to local agencies that can offer assistance with planning and arranging long term care and services. Contact the Long-Term Care Helpline at 1-800-753-8827 or visit

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Services.aspx>



The Department of Aging and 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

AAAs provide a wide variety of non-medical, social services, and support that make it possible for people to remain in their homes and communities. Locate a local AAA by visiting <http://www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources/Pages/AAA.aspx>

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The program benefits income-eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older by providing rebates on property taxes and rent paid in the previous year. Additional information and applications are available at Department of Revenue district offices, Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers, or state legislators' offices. For more information visit

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program (pa.gov)

Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)

This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash. For more information regarding this program, contact a HECM counselor at 1-800-569-4287. For an approved FHA lender, view HUD's website at www.hud.gov To receive additional information on Reverse Mortgages, contact the National Council on Aging's counseling entity at 1-855-899-3778 or view the AARP website at www.aarp.org/revmort

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

This organization offers grants to individuals diagnosed with MS. The grant amount depends on circumstances. There are no income or age guidelines. Examples of funding: assistive technology, home/vehicle modification, or paying for services such as physical therapy/occupation; speech therapy. Call 1-800-344-4867, option 1 for MS Navigator or www.nationalmssociety.org to find a chapter.

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Community Action (CA)

These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

To locate your local agency, call 717-233-1075 or view

Community Action Association of Pennsylvania : Agency Info : Introduction (www.thecaap.org)

Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

This state agency is responsible for helping persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and keep employment. Services may include diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, guidance and counseling,



restoration, rehabilitation technology, training, and placement. OVR helps individuals develop job-seeking skills and locate employment opportunities. OVR may pay for home modifications and assistive technology that are directly supporting an individual's return to paid employment.

For further information, contact 800-442-6351 or view their website at

www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/

Sustainable Home Improvement Partnership (SHIP)

This initiative supports repairs and weatherization to the homes of veterans, seniors, and disabled residents. You may apply to receive home repair and weatherization services if you live in the Pittsburgh communities of Larimer, Homewood, East Liberty or Garfield. Available services include handicapped accessibility upgrades, weatherization, health and safety upgrades, plumbing, electrical, and utility improvements, structural integrity upgrades and homeowner counseling services.

For more information about how you can access services, contact Bill Vandivier at 412-931-6996 Extension 6510 or BVandivier@chfmanor.org

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP assists low-income households with paying their heating bills through cash grants, sent directly to the utility company, and crisis grants for households in immediate danger of being without heat. Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and Area Agencies on Aging.

For more information, call the statewide hotline at 1-866-857-7095 or visit LIHEAP.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

Federal Tax Credits

These credits may be available for energy efficiency work, depending on the type of work and the year completed. PHFA does not provide tax guidance; however, we encourage you to determine if your home qualifies for these credits by viewing www.energystar.gov for more information.

You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return.

Learn more at www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798



Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) www.pahumanities.org

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) is an independent partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and part of a network of 56 state humanities councils that spans the nation and U.S. jurisdictions. Today, across the commonwealth, PHC puts the humanities in action to create positive change that bring Pennsylvanians together to build avenues for civic involvement and community development.

Pennsylvania Humanities Council staff members are engaged grantmakers, innovative program designers, dedicated partners, and passionate advocates. Our programs and grants focus on areas of need where the humanities can have the greatest impact in Pennsylvania today: civic engagement and education.

We work with communities to build their capacity to achieve long-term goals, from engaging teens in strengthening skills for school and life, to coaching residents as they plan a better future for their town.

We travel across the commonwealth and across sectors--through partnerships with local government, business and philanthropic leaders, city planners, artists, librarians, grassroots community activists, university researchers and others--to achieve the greatest impact and broadest reach possible.

We advocate for the crucial role the humanities play in our lives and our society--and for continued resources to keep them vital and visible.

For more information on PHC, visit www.pahumanities.org

PHC's core programs are Teen Reading Lounge, Community Heart & Soul, and Chester Made.

Teen Reading Lounge

In bringing the Teen Reading Lounge to communities across Pennsylvania, PHC invests funds to improve outcomes for youth, but it also helps position libraries and out-of-school-time sites to innovate in the way they serve youth. In addition to the funding program sites receive to cover program expenses as well as an honorarium to pay a program facilitator, PHC also provides professional development to build facilitators and libraries capacity to strengthen and sustain youth engagement. PHC convenes sites in a monthly community of practice meeting and presents both in-person and virtual trainings on topics such positive youth development, social emotional learning, and culturally responsive education.

Community Heart & Soul

In 2015, PHC with the Orton Family Foundation to bring the [Community Heart & Soul](#)[®] model to Pennsylvania communities -- a proven process that empowers people to shape the future of their communities by creating a shared sense of belonging that improves local decision-making and ultimately strengthens social, cultural and economic vibrancy.



Key to the process is learning what matters most to the community. Communities work to understand the [demographics of their community](#) and tailor engagement opportunities to get residents involved in planning for the future - especially those who don't typically participate in public processes. [Residents learn how to gather stories from one another](#), which becomes the basis for articulating a community's shared values and developing a unique action plan. As a result, communities become more connected, innovative, competitive, and strong.

Chester Made

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council believes that humanities are crucial to civic life and that people's stories are a powerful foundation for civic engagement. [Chester Made](#) is a humanities-based initiative to recognize and promote arts and culture in Chester, Pennsylvania, and to harness their power as a force for community revitalization.



Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) www.pennvest.pa.gov

PENNVEST Loans & Grants

PENNVEST provides low-interest loans and grants for new construction or for improvements to publicly or privately-owned drinking water, storm water or sewage treatment facilities, as well as non-point source pollution prevention best management practices. PENNVEST also provides loan funding to remediate brownfields sites, as well as loan funding to individual homeowners for repair or replacement of their malfunctioning on-lot septic system or first-time connection to a public sewer collection system.

Many of the wastewater, drinking water and non-point source construction (includes design) projects funded by PENNVEST use federal dollars that carry requirements that must be met to maintain eligibility for these funds.

PENNVEST conducts a financial analysis to determine the interest rates and the length of the repayment period on any loan, as well as whether any grant funding might be awarded for the project.

Eligibility – Any municipality, authority or private entity that is an owner and/or operator of a drinking water, wastewater, or non-point source pollution prevention project is eligible under the PENNVEST program.

Contact – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); Robert Boos at 717-783-4493 or rboos@pa.gov

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Storm Water and Non-point Source Loans and Grants

Provides low-interest loans and grants to communities or private entities for designing, engineering, and constructing publicly and privately-owned drinking water distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, storm water management systems and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Programmatic Financing – Provides low-interest loans to public or private entities to fund capital improvement plans (in entirety or in part) for a group of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Small Project Initiative – Provides a low-interest loan up to \$500,000 to public or private entities to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Brownfields Remediation – Provides low-interest loans to developers or other private entities, municipal or county governments or an affiliated industrial or economic development or redevelopment entity for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to local groundwater or surface water sources.



Advance Funding Program – Provides low-interest loans and grants to provide funding for the design and engineering needed to improve water and wastewater management systems.

Sub Level Revolving Loan Program – Provides 1% loans to counties or other regional entities with the ability to capitalize the funds as a revolving loan program to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Growing Greener and Other Grants

PENNVEST has grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source projects. Consideration is given to each applicant depending upon their capacity to handle debt service. There is no special application to be considered for these funds.

Eligibility – Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible for Growing Greener or other available grants under the PENNVEST program.

Contact – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); Robert Boos at 717-783-4493 or rboos@pa.gov

On-lot Sewage Disposal Funds

Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair, or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner-occupied property, which is the primary residence of the owner. Eligibility also includes first time connection to a public wastewater system or lateral replacement.

Contact – PHFA at 1-800-822-1174 or PENNVEST at www.pennvest.pa.gov

Nutrient Credit Trading

Provides a Clearinghouse for trading nutrient credits within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Contact – Tess Schlupp at tschlupp@pa.gov or 717-783-8618

PENNVEST REGIONAL CONTACTS

PV Region 1 – Northwest PA – Ken Anderson at kenanderso@pa.gov or 717-783-6799

PV Region 2 – Southwestern PA – Dan Mikesic at dmikesic@pa.gov or 717-783-6673

PV Region 3 – South Central PA – Tess Schlupp at tschlupp@pa.gov or 717-783-8618

PV Region 4 – Northeastern and Southeastern PA – Rebecca Kennedy at rebkennedy@pa.gov or 717-783-4488

PV Region 5 – North Central PA – Leslie Cote at lecote@pa.gov or 717-783-4489



Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) www.lcb.pa.gov

Act 85

The PLCB released the first biennial report to the General Assembly on underage and dangerous drinking in the commonwealth in March 2007. Mandated by Act 85 of 2006, the report presents current information on levels and trends of underage consumption, existing state prevention programs and science-based proven prevention strategies that could impact future programming. The General Assembly received the report in the spring of 2019 and will be delivered again in the spring of 2021.

Website

A section of the PLCB website is dedicated to alcohol education and provides information and resources to the public. Parents, students, professionals, and licensees can check out the latest statistics, find county resources, research current alcohol-related laws, order prevention materials through PLCB+, and link to state and national organizations working to address underage and high-risk alcohol consumption. Visit www.lcb.pa.gov then click Education.

Know When. Know How.

Know When. Know How. is a statewide, research-based education and prevention campaign targeted to Pennsylvania parents of children ages 8 through 12. The objective of the campaign is to prevent underage drinking by providing information and tools for parents so they can engage their children in discussion before trial or use of alcohol begins www.knowwhenknowhow.org.

Conference – The Bureau of Alcohol Education hosts or sponsors a statewide conference for prevention personnel from law enforcement, colleges, communities, and schools. The conference offers a venue to share the latest information on prevention strategies and innovative programs that have made a difference in communities across Pennsylvania.

Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking Grants

Grants are awarded biannually to Pennsylvania colleges, universities, municipalities, and community organizations for environmental management strategies to address the issues of underage and binge drinking. This includes funding for such things as establishing campus and community coalitions, reducing the availability of alcohol, increasing enforcement efforts, and creating a local environment that reduces excessive and underage consumption of alcohol. The current grant cycle is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022. The Grant Application will reopen in early 2022.



Exhibits

PLCB staff attends and/or provides materials for various events, such as health fairs, conferences, legislator events, etc. The goal is to educate the public about the consequences of underage and dangerous drinking and to make them aware of the resources we have available for them.

Facebook

The Bureau of Alcohol Education has a Facebook page to keep stakeholders apprised of PLCB initiatives and share news and information about issues relating to alcohol. Search for us at PLCB Alcohol Education.

Materials

The PLCB develops and disseminates numerous alcohol education materials. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and materials are distributed. Items, such as brochures, posters, stickers, pencils, and coloring sheets, are available free of charge to Pennsylvania residents and liquor license holders. Most items are printed in-house by the PLCB Graphics Department. Materials are developed based on current trends or the needs of our target populations and regularly updated. They can be ordered through PLCB+ or printed online by going to www.lcb.pa.gov clicking on Education, then PLCB+.

Public Service Campaigns – The PLCB uses various media – television, radio, online, outdoor and print – to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues.

RAMP

Act 141 of 2000 established the Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) as a voluntary certification that provides incentives for licensees that participate and complete all five components: Owner/Manager Training, Server/Seller Training, New Employee Orientation, Signage and Request for RAMP Certification through PLCB+. RAMP Certification and/or one or both trainings may also be mandatory for certain licensees/servers. RAMP makes training and resources available to licensees and their employees, so that they may understand and employ responsible alcohol management practices. Call 866-275-8237 or email ra-lbramp@pa.gov for more information.

Training/Technical Assistance

The PLCB continues to coordinate statewide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics. One of the trainings is the Student Leader Training available at no charge to institutions of higher education. This nationally recognized program teaches those on the front lines of colleges and universities how to prevent and deal with underage and dangerous drinking on campus. The PLCB also helps communities create comprehensive coalitions to address underage and dangerous drinking. For more information about the above resources, please contact the Bureau of Alcohol Education at 800-453-7522 or email ra-lbeducation@pa.gov



Pennsylvania State University www.psu.edu

Penn State Extension

Penn State Extension provides research-based advice for individuals, families, and communities in Pennsylvania's 67 counties on gardening, farming, food and health, community development, natural resources, and youth development. Extension makes a difference locally through focused engagement, and more widely to customers connecting in the digital landscape.

Contact – Penn State Extension at 814-865-4028 or www.extension.psu.edu

Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)

Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness with technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs that can be addressed within a limited amount of time.

Contact – Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-0427 or www.penntap.psu.edu

Invent Penn State

Invent Penn State is a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success. Entrepreneurs in all 21 Penn State undergraduate communities now enjoy free access to accelerator programs, co-working space, legal and IP advice, mentorship, rapid prototyping, pitch competitions and funding.

Contact – Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-4700 or <https://invent.psu.edu/>



Public Utility Commission www.puc.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities to ensure safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; furthers economic development; and fosters new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissions Office of Communications offers an online Electric and Gas Supply Shopping tool for consumers through www.PAPowerSwitch.com and www.PAGasSwitch.com

Both websites allow consumers to enter their zip code to see the competitive offers and prices available in their area. Other features include: a Spanish language companion site, consumer alerts emails, weekly updates on suppliers and prices available; a printable version of the zip code-searchable supplier list; brochures and ways to save energy are available on the website, and this information can be mailed upon request.

PAPowerSwitch and PAGasSwitch are just some of the many educational tools the PUC offers. PUC fact sheets, brochures, speaking engagements, roundtable discussions and conferences are other successful ways to help consumers shop wisely for utility services or learn about energy assistance programs and are conducted by our Senior Communications Specialists, Shari A. Williams at 215-560-6901, shariwilli@pa.gov - Christina Chase-Pettis at 717- 772-8884, cchasepett@pa.gov and Information Specialist, Juanita Gale at 412-423-9313, jgale@pa.gov.

For more information or to schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training, consumer education event, presentation or speaking engagement, please contact our specialist directly.

To find more information on upcoming events, check out the Consumer Education Events Schedule on the web at www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/consumer_ed_events.aspx

Follow us on: Twitter @PA_PUC, www.facebook.com/PAPowerSwitch or PAGasSwitch.com

For informal complaints or termination issues, please contact the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) toll-free hotline at 1-800-692-7380.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Budget Billing

All residential customers may contact their electric or natural gas company and request budget billing at any time. Each monthly bill will be the same amount. The company may adjust the bill four times a year, up or down, depending on the customer's usage.

Customer Assistance Program (CAP)

CAPs can lower your monthly utility bill. CAPs may also remove the amount you already owe. Each company has a CAP and works with the customer to determine what the customer can pay versus the cost of energy used.

Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Program (CARES) – The CARES program helps customers with special needs. CARES may help you find ways to pay your utility bill. For example, special needs are customers who are experiencing family emergencies, divorce, unemployment, or medical emergencies. The goal is to provide support and direction to help customers pay their utility bills.

Hardship Funds

Utility companies have hardship funds that provide cash assistance to utility customers to help them pay their utility bills. Hardship funds provide assistance grants to customers who “fall through the cracks” of other financial assistance programs, or to those who still have a critical need for assistance after the other resources have been exhausted. The funds make payments directly to companies on behalf of eligible customers.

Low Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)

LIURP helps low-income residential customers lower the amount of electricity or natural gas used each month. Typically, the company may install energy saving features in your home to help reduce bills. For example, a smaller bill means your payment covers a greater portion of the bill or perhaps covers the whole bill.

Assistance Qualifications

Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows the income levels at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines customers must meet in 2020 for CAP. The income levels are slightly higher for LIURP, CARES and Hardship Funds. Customers who meet these limits should call their local electric or natural gas company for details to see if you qualify. Each company's toll-free number is listed below.

2020 Household Size Monthly Income Guidelines:



Size of Household	150% of Poverty
1 person	\$1,595
2 persons	\$2,155
3 persons	\$2,715
4 persons	\$3,274
5 persons	\$3,835
6 persons	\$4,395
7 persons	\$4,955
8 persons	\$5,515

For each additional person, add \$560.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP is a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to pay energy bills. In Pennsylvania, LIHEAP is administered by the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) and consists of three components:

- Cash Benefits: Helps low-income customers pay their home energy bill.
- Crisis: Helps low-income customers meet home emergency situations and restore services if service has been shut off.
- Weatherization: Helps qualified low-income customers reduce their energy consumption through home improvements.

Note: Low-income customers who qualify for Cash and Crisis can receive both. Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on DHS' website at www.dhs.pa.gov. If you have more

questions about LIHEAP, you may call your local county assistance office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 1-866- 857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886).



LIHEAP & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – ELECTRIC & GAS

West Penn Power (LIPURP) 800-207-1250 Refer directly to county assistance office.
Duquesne (CAP) 888-393-7600 Refer directly to county assistance office
Met-Ed (PCAP) 800-962-4848 Refer directly to county assistance office
PECO (CAP Rate) 800-744-7040 800-34HELP4 (344-3574
Penelec (PCAP) 800-962-4848 Refer directly to county assistance office
Penn Power (PCAP) 800-720-3600 Refer directly to county assistance office
PPL (OnTrack) 800-358-6623 Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI-Electric (CAP) 800-844-9276 800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

Columbia (CAP) 800-537-7431 800-272-2714
Peoples Natural Gas (CAP) 800-400-WARM (9276) 800-400-9276 (WARM)
Equitable (CAP) 877-577-8735 800-644-8090
NFG (LIRA) 800-365-3234 Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Penn Natural Gas (CAP) 800-490-8605 800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
PGW (CRP) 215-235-1000 Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Central Penn Gas (CAP) 800-652-0550 800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Peoples TWP (EHF) 866-276-4055 Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI - Gas (CAP) 800-844-9276 800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – WATER

Pennsylvania American (H2O-Help to Others) 888-282-6816
Water Administered By: Dollar Energy Fund Conservation Consultants 877-346-7384
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Bucks County 215-785-3296
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Delaware County 610-874-8451 or
610-583-9133 (Wed. Only)
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Montgomery County 610-277-6363
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Northumberland County 570-644-6570
Aqua (A Helping Hand) All Other Counties and for ALL Questions 800-360-2998
York Water Cares (YWC) 800-750-5561 or (717) 845-3601
United Water (UW CARES) Cumberland/Dauphin 717-564-3662
United Water (UW CARES) Columbia/Luzerne/Perry/Schuylkill/Wyoming/York 888-299-8972

To view each utility's Universal Service Plan in detail, please go to:

www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/

For further information, contact the Public Utility Commission:

Call: 1-800-692-7380 – For people with speech or hearing loss, dial 7-1-1 (Telecommunications Relay Service)

Write: PA Public Utility Commission Bureau of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265



RELATED PROGRAMS

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB), recently authorized by the FCC, uses \$3.2 billion in federal funding Congress and gives qualifying households money to buy internet service or equipment to use the internet if they are eligible.

The program will provide eligible households with:

1. Discounts of up to \$50 a month for broadband service
2. A one-time discount of up to \$100 on equipment to use the internet

Deadline: The EBB **began May 12, 2021. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency**, whichever is sooner.

Attached is more specific information on the EBB.

https://www.puc.pa.gov/media/1512/affordable_broadband-ebb0521.pdf



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