



Rep. Regina Young State Grant Workshop

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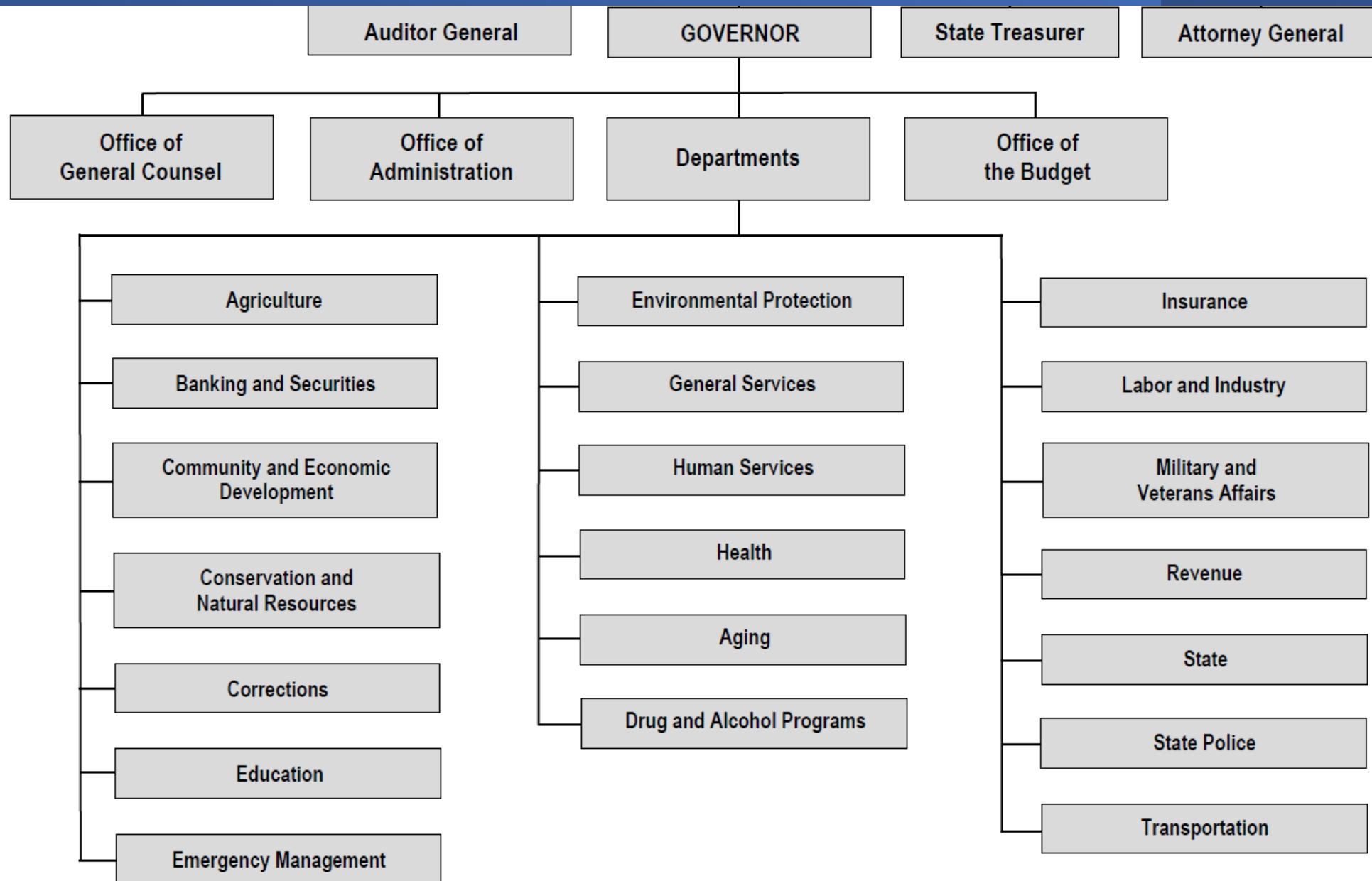
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Grants Presentation Agenda

- Overview of state agencies
- How to find state grant opportunities
- Determining eligibility for state grant programs
- Getting support for an application
- Avoiding common mistakes & finding help
- Popular state grant programs
- Questions





Finding State Grants

- Think about what exactly you're looking for in a grant and think what agencies that topic might fall under.
- Research state agencies "grants" pages.
- Sign up for email alerts for when grants are announced.





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Funding & Grants Process

PCCD initiates, validates, and makes financial investments in programs that demonstrate promise in improving outcomes related to the agency's mission and [strategic priorities](#). The administration of federal and state funding programs is one of PCCD's core responsibilities.

This webpage provides information about current open funding opportunities, how to seek and manage grant funds, and related resources. It also outlines important fiscal and administrative requirements for organizations receiving grant monies from PCCD.

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Funding Opportunities

[Open Funding Opportunities](#)

This webpage provides links to any currently open PCCD funding opportunities, either in Egrants or on SurveyMonkey.

[Funding Announcement Q&A](#)

This webpage provides information in response to questions that have been asked regarding PCCD funding announcements.

[Sign Up for Alerts](#)

PCCD announces all funding opportunities on its webpage. You can use this link to subscribe to receive email notifications when these opportunities are available.

[Funding Streams](#)

This webpage provides a summary of the state and federal funding streams PCCD administers that are awarded either competitively or through formula allocation.

[Grants Map](#)

This interactive dashboard lists all grants awarded by PCCD, from 2012-present.

Grant Program Guidelines

- Read the grant program guidelines
- If you have questions, there's usually a program contact email/number listed toward the end of the guidelines
- Review previous grant awards to see if any are similar to your project
- Take note of funding match requirements or reimbursement status

Section I – Statement of Purpose

The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section II – Eligibility

A. Eligible Applicants

- **Counties**
- **Municipalities** – Any city, borough, incorporated town, township or home rule municipality
- **Municipal Authorities** – Organized under the Act of July 29, 1953 (P.L. 1034, No. 270), known as the Public Auditorium Authorities Law, or 53 Pa.C.S. Chapter 56 (relating to Municipal Authorities).
- **Economic Development Agencies**
- **Redevelopment Authorities** – Organized under Act of May 24, 1945, P.L. 991, No. 385, known as the Urban Redevelopment Law
- **Land Banks** – Organized under 68 Pa.C.S. Chapter 21 (relating to Land Banks)
- **Councils of Government** – An entity organized by units of local government under an intergovernmental agreement, which provides cooperative planning, coordination and technical assistance to its member governments on issues of mutual concern that cross jurisdictional lines, and which does not act under the direction and control of any single member government.

B. Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization.

- **Projects in the Public Interest**
Projects that improve the quality of life in the community.

C. Eligible Uses of Funds

- Acquisition
- Construction to include renovation and rehabilitation
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
 - Sidewalks for public use will be considered eligible regardless of eligibility outlined in Section II. B.
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects.
- Engineering, design and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award. Limitation does not apply to a planning-only project.

Getting support for an application

- Letters of support from a state representative and state senator are very important.
 - Reminder – if you don't speak to your state rep's or state senator's office about your application, they'll never know you applied.
- Get support letters from community entities (local elected officials, local non-profits, people in the community directly impacted)
- Think about grants in terms of project needs and not organizational needs
 - Look at getting a PROJECT funded not an ORGANIZATION funded
- Show a public benefit that goes beyond the direct benefit to an organization

Avoiding common mistakes

➤ **Read the program guidelines thoroughly**

- Ensure eligibility of an organization
- Ensure eligibility of a project
- Ensure you understand the application procedures and necessary paperwork

➤ **Don't be afraid to ask for help**

- Contact your state representative
- Contact the agency that administers the grant
- Check guidelines for specific contact information

➤ **Think about your organization's needs in sections**

- Rather than one application to one program for \$500,000, could it be broken down into smaller requests to multiple programs?

Popular Grant Opportunities

Outdoor & Recreation Related Programs

- **Commonwealth Financing Authority - Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program**
 - Open for applications February 1 to May 31 each year.
 - DCED administers the applications.
- **Department of Conservation and Natural Resource - Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)**
 - Open for applications January through April each year.
 - Must meet with DCNR regional advisor prior to application.
- **Statewide Local Share Account Grant Program**
 - Popular program due to wide scope
 - DCED administers the applications.

Popular Grant Opportunities

Historic Preservation

PA Historical & Museum Commission: Keystone Historic Preservation Planning and Construction

- Local governments and non-profits. Private property owners not eligible.
- For publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

PA Historical and Museum Commission/DCED: PA Historic Preservation Incentive Tax Credit

- For income producing properties, like businesses. Residential properties are not eligible.

PA Historical & Museum Commission: Cultural and Historical Support Grant Program

- General support for museums and official county historical societies.

PA Historical & Museum Commission: Historical & Archival Records Care

- Historical societies, libraries, universities, local governments, and school districts.
- Preservation and public accessibility of historically valuable records, equipment, outreach.

Popular Grant Opportunities

Community Violence Prevention

PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Violence and Intervention Prevention Programs

- Gun violence prevention, mental health issues, coordination between law enforcement, schools, and families in the criminal justice system, sexual abuse treatment, trauma support.
- Open now with a deadline of Oct. 31

PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

- For drug and alcohol programs for individuals and family support

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency: JAG Single Solicitation Local Initiatives

- Mental illness/substance abuse initiatives; re-entry programs; violence prevention and support services

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency: Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program

- Safety & security upgrades to nonprofits that could be the victim of a hate crime

Popular Grant Opportunities

Community Revitalization and Development

- **PA Department of Community & Economic Development: Keystone Communities**
 - Revitalization projects, especially downtown revitalization projects
- **PA Housing Finance Agency – PHARE program**
 - For the creation, preservation, and maintenance of affordable housing
- **PA Department of Community & Economic Development: Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credit Program**
 - Businesses receive tax credit for donating to neighborhood organizations with projects to improve distressed areas
- **Main Street Matters**
 - New \$20 million program in 2024/25 budget
 - Aimed at revitalizing main streets through planning activities, façade grants, business improvement grants, housing programs, and district development grants
- **Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)**
 - 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.

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- Capital improvement program aimed at large scale economic development projects
- \$1 million minimum project cost
- 50% match requirement
- Reimbursement funding
- 2-step approval process (Itemization, apply in open funding round)
- More information: www.budget.pa.gov/programs/RACP

New Programs in 2024 for School Facilities

➤ Public School Facility Improvement Program (\$175 million)

- Operated by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)
- School districts and area career/tech schools eligible
- Maximum grant \$5 million per application (can submit multiple)
 - Requires 25% match, may be waived for schools in financial watch or recovery
- Roof repairs/HVAC/Plumbing/Demolition/Health & Safety upgrades

➤ School Environmental Repairs Program (\$75 million)

- Operated by the Department of Education
- School districts, area career/tech schools, charter schools
- Maximum grant \$10 million per project
 - Requires 50% match
- Projects that abate or remediate environmental hazards such as lead, asbestos or mold

Business Support

➤ **Ben Franklin Technology Partners**

- Partnership with DCED to provide critical funding, business and technical expertise, and access to resources
- Southeastern PA Regional Office located in Philadelphia (215-972-6700)

➤ **Environmental Protection Small Business Ombudsman**

- Serves as liaison between DEP and small businesses
- Office of External Affairs Small Business Ombudsman (717-783-0909)

➤ **Small Business Development Centers**

- Provides consulting services and educational programs for entrepreneurs or business owners looking to grow their business
- Temple University SBDC (215-204-7282)

➤ **Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop**

- Offers free, practical advice and assistance to individuals starting a business or individuals looking to grow their business
- Contact: 1-833-722-6778 (www.business.pa.gov/contact)

➤ **Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)**

- Network of partners to assist businesses start, grow, and flourish.
- Southeast PREP (610-321-8214)



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