



Local Business Resource Newsletter

March/April 2025

March 10, 2025

Greetings Neighbor,

My office continues to be invested in your success by ensuring your access to viable, well-vetted state, local, and federal funding sources.

This month's categories include *Community Development & Public Interest*, *Education & Workforce Development*, and a robust offering of *Health & Human Services* grant opportunities. We have also included important information about FREE administrative and operational support for community-based organizations (CBOs)!

Opportunities are organized by due date, per category. We have **highlighted** opportunities with upcoming deadlines! If you see any resources that you intend to apply for, or if you have any related questions, please contact my office by calling (215) 242-7300 or by emailing C. Jemille Edwards at cedwards@pahouse.net. My office may be able to provide you with additional supports to strengthen your application.

In Service,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST

Department of Community and Economic Development: Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Economic Development Organizations, Redevelopment Authorities, Municipal Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities, For-Profit organizations.

Use: Projects must focus on the development and deployment of workforce training programs for individuals with barriers to employment, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of manufacturing career opportunities, and advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers that cannot be met through existing programs such as WEDnet and Industry Partnerships.

Funds: Funds are available on an annual basis and vary based on recommendations and constraints set in the annual budget.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: PA SITES

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Funds: \$400 million in funding is available.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and approved on a quarterly basis

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant

Who May Apply: Farmers, prospective farmers, and others may apply.

Use: Strategic business planning to expand or diversify farms or support transition of ownership.

Funds: \$500,000 in funding is available. Grants shall not exceed \$7,500.

Application Deadline: Applications will be received until funds are exhausted.

More information: [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania residents whose total household income is below 400 percent of the Federal Income Poverty Level.

Use: This program provides a rebate to Pennsylvanians who purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles.

Funds: Rebates vary depending on type of vehicle purchased.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted and evaluated on a first come, first served basis as long as funds remain available. Please note applications must be received within six months of the date of the vehicle purchase.

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program

Who May Apply: Qualified well pluggers

Use: Funds are to be used to plug orphaned gas wells.

Funds: Grants of \$40,000 are available for plugging wells 3,000 feet deep or less. Grants of up to \$70,000 are available for plugging wells deeper than 3,000 feet.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted.

More information: [DEP website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Local Business Advantage Grant Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania-based Local Businesses

Use: Adopt processes or acquire equipment which results in energy efficiency, pollution prevention, and natural resource protection.

Funds: Funding can range from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) and will vary depending on environmental impact and project location.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2025

More information: [DEP website](#)

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources: All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations

Use: All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile projects include the planning, acquisition of land, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase of equipment for maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Funds: Funding comes from the ATV Management Restricted Account and the Snowmobile Restricted Account as authorized by Act 97 of 2016. There is no match requirement for this funding; however, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

More information: [DCNR Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Small Business Advantage Grant Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania-based small businesses

Use: Adopt processes or acquire equipment which results in energy efficiency, pollution prevention, and natural resource protection.

Funds: Funding can range from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) and will vary depending on environmental impact and project location.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2025

More information: [DEP website](#)

Conservation and Natural Resources: Community Conservation Partnerships Program

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

Use: Funds may be used for projects related to parks, recreation, and conservation, including, but not limited to, park and recreation rehabilitation and development, recreation and conservation planning, trail planning and construction, land acquisition and conservation, river access and conservation, community and riparian tree planting, and regional and statewide partnerships to better develop and manage resources.

Funds: Funds for this program come from a mix of state and federal sources, including the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, the Environmental Stewardship Fund, the Snowmobile Restricted Account, the All-Terrain Vehicle Restricted Account, and more.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2025

More information: [DCNR Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Abandoned Mine Land and Abandoned Mine Draining Grant Program

Who May Apply: An authority, incorporated nonprofit, political subdivision, or conservation district.

Use: Funds may be used for abandoned mine land reclamation and abandoned mine drainage treatment or abatement.

Funds: \$75 million in funding is available.

Application Deadline: April 25, 2025. Applicants must contact DEP (ra-epamgrantprogram@pa.gov) prior to applying for an initial project consultation.

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: PA Small Water and Sewer Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities or a municipal authority

Use: Projects that involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of a water supply system, sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, or flood control projects that are owned and maintained by an eligible applicant.

Funds: Projects must have a total cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000. A total of \$50 million was allocated in the fiscal year 2024/25 Fiscal Code.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$250,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Baseline Water Quality Data Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Eligible projects are those that will use accepted scientific principles and practices for water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$250,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Flood Mitigation Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Eligible projects are to assist with flood mitigation.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$500,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Sewage Facilities Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Costs associated with the planning work required under the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$100,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: [CFA Website](#)

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

Who May Apply: Local law enforcement agencies, campus or university police, railroad or street railway police, airport authority police, and county park police.

Use: Funding is explicitly to support Act 120 training and recruitment activities for law enforcement officers that will take place between Oct. 19, 2023 and June 30, 2025.

Funds: \$14 million in federal COVID Relief (ARPA) is available. PCCD anticipates this funding being able to support approximately 2,000 new fulltime officers statewide.

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding is committed, at which point the application period will close.

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Who May Apply: Technical and trade schools, school districts, post-secondary academic institutions, workforce investment boards, economic development organizations, and nonprofit organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible.

Use: Projects must focus on the development and deployment of workforce training programs for individuals with barriers to employment, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of manufacturing career opportunities, and advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers that cannot be met through existing programs such as WEDnet and Industry Partnerships.

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More information: [DCED Website](#)

Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)*

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More Information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/manufacturing-pa-training-career-grant-program/>

Department of Environmental Protection: WIIN 2107: Voluntary School and Childcare Lead testing and Reduction Grant

Who May Apply: Childcare facilities and schools located in Pennsylvania with lead in drinking water sample results within 36 months of the application date showing water fixtures exceeding the remediation trigger level of 5 ppb (parts per billion).

Use: Reduction activities may include purchasing and installing hydration stations, point-of-use devices designed to remove lead or replacement of faucets. The primary goal of this grant program is to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water.

Funds: Funding under this grant has been appropriated under 1464(d) of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Funding provided will be up to \$3,000 per hydration station per 100 students in one building. Up to \$30,000 may be awarded per building/childcare facility or \$100,000 per school district.

Application Deadline: Applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss their lead reduction plans to ensure they meet applicable program criteria. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing RA-EPWIINLEAD@pa.gov.

More information: [DEP Website](#)

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Medical & MH Pilots for CSA Victims

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. Schools (including colleges and universities) are considered governmental units and are eligible to apply.

Use: The goal of this specific solicitation is to support the development and implementation of innovative pilot projects that enhance or expand medical and mental health services for child sexual abuse victims.

Funds: A total of \$1.5 million in state Endowment Act – Programs Assisting Victims (EA-PAV) funds are being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund 3-4 grants with budgets not to exceed \$500,000 over the 30-month project period.

Application Deadline: March 27, 2025

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Department of Health: WalkWorks Active Transportation Planning Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities and metropolitan and rural planning organizations. Priority will be given to communities located in PA DOH State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN)

priority counties or with an overall percentile rating above 60 in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) PennEnviroScreen Tool. The 10 current SPAN target counties are: Clearfield, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mercer, Northumberland, and Philadelphia.

Use: Funds will be available to a limited number of MPO/RPO, municipal, and/or multi-municipal applicants to assist with the development of a plan, which will identify and prioritize projects related to modes of active transportation with an emphasis on walking, biking, using a wheelchair, and accessing public transit.

Funds: Grantees in priority areas can receive up to \$50,000. Grantees in non-priority areas can receive up to \$25,000.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2025

More information: [DOH Website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Statewide Victim Witness Training Project

Who May Apply: Any non-profit organization or public (governmental) agency that can demonstrate a history of providing services and/or training to victim advocates. The organization must also demonstrate the ability to provide training at a statewide level

Use: To continue the Statewide Victim Witness Training Project for victim advocates who provide direct services to victims of crime and others who work to provide services to victims of crime.

Funds: A total of \$1,642,000 in federal VOCA and state CVSC funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund one organization with a budget not to exceed \$355,000 over the first year of the project period.

Application Deadline: April 11, 2025

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Enhancing Services to Culturally Specific Populations Program

Who May Apply: Private, non-profit organizations whose primary mission includes services to a specific cultural or linguistic population.

Use: Projects that encourage the development and expansion of direct services like crisis intervention, legal advocacy and shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence who find it difficult to access assistance due to cultural or linguistic barriers.

Funds: Funding is available under the federal STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program. Projects are eligible to apply for up to \$375,000 in STOP funds over a three-year period.

Application Deadline: April 14, 2025

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

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OTHER RESOURCES

FREE Administrative Support for Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits

The [Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub](#) is a partnership with the national [Catchafire](#) volunteer network that pairs community-based and nonprofit organizations with industry professionals that possess the right skills for your unique organizational needs. The *Key Skills Hub* volunteers can augment your existing marketing, development, operational, and strategic needs, and so much more! We strongly encourage organizations who are going after grant opportunities or interested in growing or strengthening their service deliver partner with *The Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub*.

More Information: <https://philafound.catchafire.org/>

Community Development Financial Institutions that Serve Philadelphia County

What is a *CDFI*? Community Development Financial Institutions are federally contracted financial institutions that provide credit and financial services to underserved communities and markets. There are 10 CDFI's that serve Philadelphia Counties. They are listed below:

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Community First Fund 1301 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (267) 236-7000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Affinity Group Lending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Commercial Real Estate</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing Project Loans</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nonprofit Financial Support</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>First-Time Homeownership</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Market Tax Credits</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lender Support.</u></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Reinvestment Fund 1700 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 574-5800</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending</u> Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Small Scale Real Estate Development</u> Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)</u> Reema Fakh, Sr. Director of NMTC Reema.fakh@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors)</u> Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer *Contact our office for support with this resource</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Systems Grants and Supports</u></p> |
| <p>Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) 1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102 (215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Business Support Services</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Business Loans</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Commercial Real Estate Development</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tax Exempt Bonding</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grants Administration</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)</u></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Impact Loan Fund 1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Business Lending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Landlord Working Capital</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rental Improvement Fund</u> 19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Beech Capital</p> <p>1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; info@beechinterplex.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business Lending</p> <p>Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending info@bcvc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Revitalization Project Funding</p> <p>Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation inforabf@beechinterplex.com</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">VestedIn (Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution)</p> <p>3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; info@vestedin.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business Grants</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entrepreneur Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Technical Support</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Enterprise Center Capital</p> <p>45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (215) 895-4000; info@theenterprisecenter.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and Consumer Packaged Goods.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Neighborhood Progress Fund</p> <p>Liberty Square, West Tower 1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 232-0516; contact@npfp.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Microloans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Flexible Financing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business & Entrepreneur Support</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Entrepreneur Works</p> <p>400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women-Owned Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group/Individual Coaching</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Women's Opportunities Resources Center</p> <p>2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 564-5500, info@worc-pa.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Credit Builder Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Direct Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Credit Lines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expansion Loans</p> |

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