

Inside this directory you will find information regarding state, federal and foundation grants and programs available to local governments, non-profits and first responders. Additional information is available by visiting the individual department websites and [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Program availability is confirmed at print time.

However, grant and loan programs may and do change in a fiscal year with little notice. It is strongly recommended that applicants check websites and contact the Department or Bureau prior to the application window for current dates and funding status.



# Pennsylvania Municipal Leaders **Funding & Resource Guide**

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# Department of Agriculture

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture encourages, protects and promotes agriculture and related industries throughout the commonwealth while providing consumer protection through inspection services that impact the health and financial security of Pennsylvania's citizens.

Pennsylvania's 59,000 farm families continue to be the stewards of more than 7.7 million acres of farmland. With \$7.5 billion in cash receipts annually from production agriculture, Pennsylvania farmers and agribusinesses are the leading economic driver in our state.

In addition to production agriculture, the industry also raises revenue and supplies jobs through support services such as food processing, marketing, transportation, and farm equipment. In total, production agriculture and agribusiness contributes nearly \$75 billion to Pennsylvania's economy.

## Grants

**PA Fair Fund** - Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act of 1986, funds are made available to agricultural fairs, agricultural youth organizations and statewide organizations with an agricultural mission through the Pennsylvania Fair Fund.

Five distinct areas make up the PA Fair Fund including:

- *Agricultural Fair Operating and Premium Reimbursement* - helps support PA's county and community fairs with annual operating and premium costs. Deadline is November 15 of every year.
- *County 4-H Funds Reimbursement* - helps support county 4-H organizations with annual expenses for activities that promote leadership development like public speaking, judging contests, scholarships, administration costs and more. Deadline is November 15 of every year.
- *County FFA Funds Reimbursement* - helps support county FFA organizations with annual expenses for activities that promote leadership development like public speaking, judging contests, scholarships, administration costs and more. Deadline is November 15 of every year.

- *State Agricultural Organization Funds Reimbursement* - helps support organizations conducting annual events with an agricultural mission. The fund helps reimburse organizations for expenses including administrative costs, utilities, and planning and preparation. November 15 of every year.
- *Capital Improvement Matching Grants* - assists agricultural fairs with resources to build new and maintain existing physical structures on their fairgrounds. Fairs are eligible to receive grants up to \$25,000. Deadline is June 30 of every year.

The PA Fair Advisory Board meets annually to review grant applications and outline a payment plan contingent upon available funding.

**Ag and Youth Grant Program** - The Pennsylvania Ag & Youth Grant Program provides direct and matching grants to help fund eligible projects, programs and equipment purchases conducted or made by organizations composed mainly of youth and organized to promote development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training, and peer fellowship. \$500,000 is available for grants for two different grant types that can be awarded under the program:

- Direct, non-matching reimbursement grants of up to \$7,500 to defray costs of an eligible project, other than a capital project; and,
- Matching reimbursement grants of up to \$25,000 to defray the costs of an eligible capital project or equipment purchase, where the grant covers no more than 50% of the project cost.

**Specialty Crops Grant Program** - Each state that submits an application is reviewed and approved by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is to receive at least an amount that is equal to the higher of \$100,000, or 1/3 of 1 percent of the total amount of funding made available for the fiscal year. In addition, AMS will allocate the remainder of the grant funds based on the value of specialty crop production in each state in relation to the national value of specialty crop production using the latest available cash receipt data.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture procedures for grant selection are posted on the Specialty Crop link. In accordance with USDA-AMS suggested method for proposal selection; a competitive process is embraced and overseen by an appointed Advisory Board.



**Farm to School Grant Program** - The Pennsylvania Farm to School Grant Program will provide schools with funding to improve access to healthy, local foods and increase agriculture education opportunities for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

The program aims to bridge the gap between children and the food system by connecting them to the fresh, healthy food available from Pennsylvania agricultural producers in their community and the surrounding areas. Through changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early childhood education sites, children will become more aware and engaged with their local food system as well as empowered to leverage their own consumer influence to support Pennsylvania agriculture.

Any school district, charter school, or private school with pre-kindergarten classes, kindergarten, or elementary through fifth grade is eligible to apply for up to \$15,000. Preschool programs operated by schools and child care centers are encouraged to apply, but family and group child care homes are not eligible at this time.

\$500,000 is available for the Pennsylvania Farm-to-School Grant Program; grants will be awarded on a funds-available basis.

Grants will be funded as reimbursement grants.

A single grant shall be limited to 75% of the cost of the project.

Each school may receive no more than \$15,000 annually. Recipients may use the value of in-kind support to match the amount granted.



**Very Small Meat Processor Grant Program** - The Very Small Meat Processor Federal Inspection Reimbursement grant program provides funding to reimburse some portion of the costs associated with meeting federal inspection and certification guidelines during the planning and start-up periods for a very small meat processor operating within this commonwealth.

These grants will increase the supply of locally-produced meat products for local consumption by increasing the number of meat processors approved by the US Department of Agriculture for distribution of meat product. Maximum grant amount of \$50,000, limited to 50% or less of the costs of an eligible project.

**Farm Vitality Planning Grant** - The Farm Vitality Planning Grant Program will help fund professional services for those planning for the future of a farm. The program will enhance the long-term vitality of Pennsylvania's farms through sound business planning, efficient transitions of farm ownership, strategic farm expansion, diversification of agricultural production, and building a team of financial and technical expertise as a resource for Pennsylvania's farmers.

Grants may be used for expenses related to the following projects:

- Creating or obtaining business plans or management strategies to enhance the long-term economic viability of a farm.
- Creating or obtaining plans for the transition of ownership and operation of a farm to new owners and operators.
- Creating or obtaining plans for transfer of ownership and operation of a farm within the farmer's family.
- Creating or obtaining business plans to diversify an existing agricultural operation to new or different forms of agricultural production.
- Creating or obtaining business plans for a farm expansion or to seek financing for farm growth.
- Creating or obtaining plans to maintain the long-term economic viability and protect the investment of public funds in preserving farms that are subject to perpetual agricultural conservation easements acquired under the Agricultural Area Security Law, for agricultural production.

This is a reimbursement grant. The maximum grant amount is \$7,500 and is limited to 75% of project costs.

**Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program** - The Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program (UAI) provides funding in the form of a reimbursement grant to eligible applicants seeking to improve urban agriculture infrastructure in Pennsylvania.

These grants will build out the infrastructure of urban agriculture by investing in the system, filling gaps, encouraging entities to work together, finding ways to bring operations to a greater scale, overcoming food deserts, and opening opportunities for people to become social entrepreneurs.

Two types of grants will be awarded. These include "microgrants" and "collaboration" grants.

1. "Microgrants" for one-time projects or a single entity applicant. Maximum grant amount for these applications is \$2,500, not to exceed 50% of project costs. No more than \$50,000 of available funds in FY 2020-21 shall be used for microgrants.
2. "Collaboration" grants which demonstrate cooperative or regional efforts which share resources, aggregate agricultural products or producers, promote the

sharing of resources among agricultural entities, and support community development. These applications should include several partners in a project, and have a maximum grant amount of \$50,000, not to exceed 50% of project costs.



**Dairy Investment Grant Program** - The Pennsylvania 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).

**Resource Enhancement & Protection Program** - Through the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program, farmers, landowner, and businesses earn tax credits for implementing “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) that will enhance farm production and protect natural resources. REAP is a first-come, first-served program – no rankings. The program is administered by the State Conservation Commission (Commission) and the tax credits are awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Eligible applicants receive between 50% and 75% of project cost in the form of State tax credits for up to \$250,000 per operation in a 7-year time-frame. The tax credits can be used incrementally (as needed) for up to 15 years to pay PA state income tax. Farmers and landowners can elect to sell the tax credits after 1 year. Farmers can work with a sponsor that will help to finance the BMP project. The sponsor reimburses the farmer/landowner for the project installation costs and the sponsor receives the tax credits. Applicants can apply for proposed projects and/or completed projects.

1. *Tax credits for 75% of eligible costs include the following:*
  - Conservation/Ag E&S Plans, Nutrient Management/ Manure Management Plans.
  - BMPs for ACAs and barnyard runoff, stream bank fencing with 50 foot forested riparian buffers, and 50 foot forested riparian buffers.
2. *Tax credits for 50% of eligible costs include:*
  - Any Commission approved BMP or equipment necessary to reduce existing sediment and nutrient concerns. Examples include: manure storage systems, alternative manure treatment practices, grassed waterways, rotational grazing systems, no-till planting equipment, cover crops, etc.

- Stream bank fencing with 35 foot riparian buffers (grassed or forested).

**Realty Transfer Tax Exemption** - Available for the transfer of preserved farmland to a qualified beginning farmer.

**Organic Certification Cost Share Program** - PDA administers the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program (OCCSP) to offset a portion of annual organic certification costs. Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope. OCCSP applications are approved on a “first received and complete, first to get approved” basis. Only one application for cost-share per year will be accepted per operation. The annual application postmark deadline is October 31.

## Bureau, Commission and Council Telephone Numbers

- General Information (717) 787-4737
- Administrative Services (717) 705-3792
- Agricultural Statistics (717) 787-3904 x204
- Animal Health & Diagnostic Services (717) 772-2852
- Center for Dairy Excellence (717) 346-0849
- Dog Law Enforcement (717) 787-3062
- Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (610) 436-3501
- Farmland Preservation (717) 783-3167
- Farm Show (717) 787-5373
- Food Distribution (717) 787-2940
- Food Safety and Laboratory Services (717) 787-4315
- Hardwoods Development Council (717) 772-3715
- Harness Racing Commission (717) 787-5196
- Horse Racing Commission (717) 787-1942
- Information Technology Services (717) 787-4357
- Invasive Species (717) 772-5225
- Legislative Office (717) 772-2854
- Market Development (717) 787-6041
- PA Preferred (717) 705-9511
- Plant Industry (717) 787-4843
- Policy Office (717) 705-2122
- Press Office (717) 787-5085
- Ride & Measurement Standards (717) 787-6772
- Rural Development Council (717) 836-3374
- State Conservation Commission (717) 787-8821
- Workforce Development (717) 346-0426

# Office of the Budget

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## Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program -

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

Projects that can normally obtain funding from PENNDOT, PENNVEST, the Department of Community and Economic Development, or other state agencies are generally restricted from participating in the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.



A project is eligible for RACP funding only if that project has been itemized in a PA Capital Budget Project Itemization Act, such itemizations have remaining "Project Allocation" amounts, and have not been statutorily "sunset" according to Act 77 of 2013. Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-RACP Application to the Office of the Budget. Please refer to our website for more detailed information on eligibility, funding schedules, and submission requirements.

All submissions that pass an initial review of eligibility and completeness will be considered for a RACP grant award.

There is a 30-day "public comment period" from receipt of an e-RACP Application 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.

The final selection results will be posted to the Listing of Candidates & Selection Results section of our website and all successful Candidates will be notified via an Award Letter. The Award Letter shall serve as written notification authorizing the preparation and submission to the Office of the Budget of a formal Application and Business Plan. If you did not receive an award letter by the date the Office of the Budget officially closes a funding round, as posted on our website, then you were not selected for an award. You will need to re-apply during a subsequent open funding round.

Grant applicants must then 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 will have six (6) months to submit a formal Application and Business Plan to the Office of the Budget for the drafting of an RACP grant.

Once a Grant is drafted, it will be sent to the Grantee for signature and returned to the Office of the Budget for circulation through the Commonwealth for execution. Upon execution of the Grant Agreement, the Grantee should work to satisfy all terms and conditions of the grant. The Grantee may start to submit Payment Requests once eligible construction costs have been incurred and paid.



Upon submission of a final payment request, the Grantee will be contacted for a close-out audit of the project.

\*\*\*If a RACP project does include and require improvements to housing, roads, bridges, tunnels, infrastructure, and/or drinking water/waste disposal/wastewater/stormwater systems, these improvements must not be the primary focus of the project; and as per Act 77 of 2013, they must be associated with a project that is part of an economic development project; and in the case of housing, must be part of a community revitalization plan and in accordance with RACP requirements. These additional requirements for housing projects are not required if the funding is from a designated special allocation for housing.

## Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

Bureau of Revenue, Capital and Debt  
Office of the Budget  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210

Please address any general questions to: RACP Administrator at [RA-OB-RACP-PPR@pa.gov](mailto:RA-OB-RACP-PPR@pa.gov).

# Commission on Crime and Delinquency

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**County Sherriff Body Worn Camera Policy & Implementation** - Funds are being made available to support the implementation of the BWC programs in County Sheriff Offices across Pennsylvania. These funds will support the development and implementation of policies and practices for effective program adoption, and includes factors such as the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment.

**Victims of a Crime Act Non Competitive Grant (VOCA)** - VOCA funds may only be used to provide direct services, which respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims by helping them stabilize their lives after victimization, assisting them in navigating the criminal and juvenile justice process, and/or provide victims of crime with a safe and secure environment.

**Victims of a Crime Act Competitive Grant (VOCA)** - Funding will be made available to support enhanced service delivery to victims of crime. Projects that focus on identified priority areas will be given priority consideration.



**Rights and Services Act/Victims of Juvenile Offenders (RASO/VOJO)** - RASO funds are made available to support the continuation of procedural services to crime victims. RASA funding is to be directed to the activities that are consistent with the prosecutor's and juvenile probation's responsibilities as outlined in the Crime Victims Act (Act 85 of 2002). VOJO funds are made available to support the continuation of VOJO Programs for procedural services to victims of juvenile offenders. Victims Of Juvenile Offenders funding is to be directed to the activities that are consistent with the prosecutor's and juvenile probation's responsibilities as outlined in the Crime Victims Act (Act 85 of 2002), as well as for activities outlined in Pennsylvania's Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure.

**Child Advocacy Centers Grant (CAC)** - This state appropriation supports the on-going operation and development of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) throughout the Commonwealth. CACs are child-focused, facility-based programs for child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

**Endowment Grant** - Act 1 of 2013 requires that funds must be spent for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to prevent child sexual abuse. Funds may be spent on the following categories:

- Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse;
- Multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs);
- Child advocacy centers;
- Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and
- Training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse.

**Residential Substance Abuse & Treatment Grant** - The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program assists states, local, and tribal governments in the development and implementation of substance abuse treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities. Funds are also available to create and maintain community reintegration services for offenders after they are released from incarceration.

The purpose of the RSAT for State Prisoners Program is to break the cycle of drug addiction and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT's objectives are to enhance the capabilities of states and units of local and tribal governments to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepare inmates for their reintegration into a community by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assist these offenders and their communities through the reentry process by delivering community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

**Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant** - Funds are available for applications from state, county or municipal forensic crime laboratories, county district attorneys, medical examiners and county coroners to



improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services to the criminal justice system.

**The STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant -**

This federal grant program provides support to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and enhance the services available to women who have been victims of violent crime. STOP funding is distributed on a competitive basis to counties and the money is used to implement program plans that incorporate a law enforcement, prosecutorial and victim services component to address violence against women at the local level. By federal requirement, 25% of funds must be used for prosecution; 25% for law enforcement; 30% for victim services; 5% for judiciary and 15% discretionary. Of the 30% allocated to victim services, 10% must be used for the underserved populations. During 2012, federal STOP Violence Against Women funding was used to serve 16,056 victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence across Pennsylvania.

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

**(JAG)** - The 108th Congress merged the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program (also known in Pennsylvania as the Drug Control and System Improvement (DCSI) Program) with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) to establish the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

The JAG federal grant program provides seed money to assist 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. Funds are also used to provide technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; as well as coordinate regional and statewide training events.

**Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program**

**Grant** - The County Intermediate Punishment Treatment (IP) Program provides funding support to participating counties for programs offering restrictive intermediate punishments. Only non-violent offenders who would have been sentenced to incarceration under Levels 3 and 4 of Pennsylvania's Sentencing Guidelines are eligible for program participation. Violence Prevention Program Grant- Eligible activities under this solicitations could include funding of new Communities That Care sites in communities/counties who complete a risk and resource assessment; that include the administration or planned administration of the PA Youth Survey (PAYS); support costs related to the implementation of targeted delinquency prevention programs.

**Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDRF)**

- To provide support for collaborative projects between community-based victim service programs and licensed drug and alcohol programs to address the interrelated issues of trauma due to victimization and substance abuse.

*Category One* - Research based, funding is available to nonprofit organizations to provide research-based

approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse or to provide resources to assist families in accessing these services.

*Category Two* - funding is used 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.

*Category Three* - funding is to be used to educate employers, unions and employees about the dangers of substance abuse 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.

**Endowment Act** - Act 1 of 2013 requires that funds must be spent for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and spent on one or more of the following categories:

- Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse;
- Multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs);
- Child advocacy centers;
- Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and
- Training of persons who are mandated reporters of child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse.

**Intermediate Punishment Treatment Programs** - This state appropriation provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are sentenced to intermediate punishment in lieu of incarceration. Counties must submit intermediate punishment plans to PCCD in order to receive funding and they must agree to comply with minimum program standards. The number of jail days averted through the utilization of intermediate punishment programs is a significant cost saving measure for both the counties and the Commonwealth. The goal of these programs are to reduce confinement costs by providing alternatives to incarceration and secure placement for offenders and by enhancing opportunities for offenders to successfully reintegrate into society. Ongoing research on the Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment participants has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism and that only 14% of participant's recidivate within the first year of successfully completing the program.

**National Forensic Science Improvement Act** - This federal program provides for projects designed to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice services.

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Formula Grant** - These federal funds are made available to private non-profit community-based agencies/

organizations and units of local/state government to support local and statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects/programs. Eligibility for federal JJDP Formula Grant Funds requires states to comply fully with federal requirements prohibiting the placement of status offenders and dependent, neglected or abused juveniles in secure detention facilities or correctional facilities; removing juvenile offenders from adult jails/lock-ups; and reducing the disproportionate number of minorities who come into contact with the



juvenile justice system.

**PCCD Office of Safe Schools Equipment Grants** - Act 44 of 2018 (School Safety and Security) created the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) within PCCD. The SSSC was tasked with developing the criteria school entities are to use in performing school safety and security assessments, issuing a survey to school entities to measure school safety and security preparedness, and administering grants. Recent amendments by Act 18 of 2019 and Act 67 of 2019 included the development of a model trauma-informed approach plan; model trainings for threat assessment teams; and set training requirements for school resource officers (SROs), school police officers (SPOs) and school security guards.

Act 44 of 2018 allows for a portion of the school safety and security funding to be set-aside annually to support community violence prevention/reduction grants. Entities eligible to apply for this funding are municipalities (including counties), institutions of higher education, and community organizations. The school safety assessment criteria is a compilation of best practices and recommendations as developed by experts on the SSSC and additional workgroup members.

PCCD has six advisory committees and two training boards that provide advice and guidance to the Commission in regards to the release of grant funding. Some of the PCCD advisory committees and boards were created by statute, while others were created by the Commission to assist meeting the duties required under PCCD's governing act.

Interested parties are made aware of available funding via PCCD's electronic grants management system (Egrants). Egrants sends automatic notifications to those who register

for the alerts. Organizations or persons interested in receiving PCCD's funding announcement notifications must subscribe for email notifications. Potential applicants must also complete the Egrants user registration process to be eligible.

Applications are reviewed and scored according to the criteria identified in the funding announcement. These criteria typically include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Proposed project is feasible and coincides with the overall goals and objectives of the funding announcement;
- Proposed project is cost effective and there is a strong relationship between the proposed budget and program objectives;
- A sustainability plan is outlined for continuing the project after PCCD funding has ended, if applicable.

# Department of Community & Economic Development

[dced.pa.gov](http://dced.pa.gov)

*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.*

*Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees.*

**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. 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.

**Alternative and Clean Energy Program (ACE)** – The Alternative and Clean Energy Program provides financial assistance in the form of grants and loans that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects; infrastructure associated with compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas fueling stations; and energy efficiency and energy conservation projects throughout the commonwealth. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Funds are used to promote the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects, plus energy efficiency and energy conservation projects in the commonwealth.



**Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** – The commission was established by Congress in 1965 to support economic and community development throughout the Appalachian Region. ARC is a unique partnership composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a presidential appointee representing the federal government. The Office of Appalachian Development (OAD) is responsible for specialized services designed to improve conditions for citizens in our 52 Appalachian counties. Grassroots participation is provided through Local Development Districts (LDDs) – multi-county organizations with boards made up of elected officials, business people, and other local leaders. The LDD program provides grants to support services provided by the seven Pennsylvania LDDs. The program provides technical assistance for businesses seeking to expand their markets; identifies resources for community development projects and activities; and provides regional solutions for local government needs. Appropriated funds are allocated by formula to the seven LDDs. Eligible applicants are LDDs designated in the Pennsylvania Local Development District Act.

**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.

**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority: Venture Investment Program** – The goal of the VIP is to assist in establishing a technology-based economy within Pennsylvania, allowing Pennsylvania to compete in the global marketplace. Along with the prospect of new technology-based jobs, financial returns resulting from the VIP activities will permit additional investments to be made as well as providing for administrative expenses associated with the Program.

**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 funds private company and university joint research and development along with technology training and entrepreneurial infrastructure.

**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Technology Development Grant** – Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Act authorizes BFTDA to encourage and coordinate programs and investments which advance the competitiveness of Commonwealth companies in the global economy; award grants, and other forms of financial incentives to companies, economic development agencies, educational institutions, government agencies or other entities for research activities related to economic development at academic and research institutions and community-based and economic development technology initiatives; and award grants to the Ben Franklin Technology Partners for eligible activities specified in the Act.



**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.

**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.

**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.

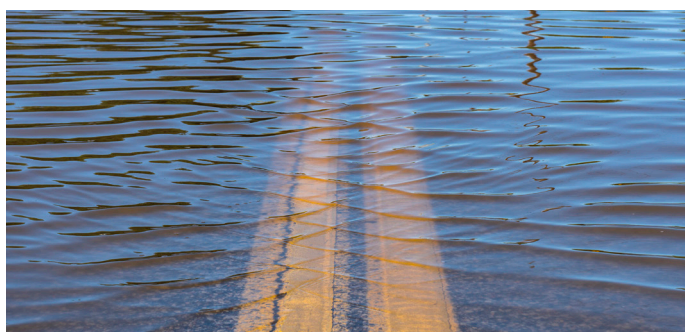
**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** – The mission of (CSBG) is to provide a full range of services and activities having a measurable impact on the causes of poverty in a community or those areas of a community where poverty is a particularly acute problem. Funding is used for community engagement 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.

**Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)** – Educational Improvement Tax Credit program provides tax credits to operating business firms authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are subject to one 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 Premiums Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax or Retaliatory Fees under Section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1912. Such business firms include pass-through entities and special purpose pass-through entities. To receive tax credits, businesses must be approved to make contributions to Scholarship Organizations (SO) and/or Educational Improvement Organizations (EIO) and/or Pre-K Scholarship Organizations (PKSO) that are on the list of such organizations published by the Department. A business firm will be approved for a tax credit equal to 75% of its contribution(s) to listed organization(s), up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. The tax credit may be increased to 90% of the contribution(s) made, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year, if the business firm agrees at the time of application to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive tax years. The tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

**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.

**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 Act 55 of 2007, provides a tax credit equal to 25 percent of a film production’s “qualified Pennsylvania production expenses” for films in which at least 60 percent of the total production budget is spent in Pennsylvania. Qualified projects include feature films, television pilots, each episode of a television series intended as programming for a national audience, and television commercials. The eligible expenses include the total amount of wages and salaries of individuals employed in the production of the film, the costs of construction, editing, photography, sound synchronization, lighting, wardrobe and accessories, and the rental cost of the facilities and equipment.

**First Industries Fund (FIF)** – The First Industries Fund is a loan guarantee 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. Loan guarantees are awarded for land and building acquisition and construction, and machinery and equipment purchase and upgrades.



**Flood Mitigation (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.

**Global Access Program (GAP)** – Designed to enhance the capability of small and mid-sized Pennsylvania companies to increase export sales, the Pennsylvania Global Access Program (GAP) is a valuable tool available to qualifying companies seeking financial assistance and foreign market entry support. GAP is designed to provide flexibility and encourage innovative use of funds to meet the specific international marketing needs of the applicant. Valid uses: overseas trade shows participation, overseas trade mission participation, foreign market sales trips, and subscription to US DOC services. The Global Access Program (GAP) provides up to \$3,500 per year to qualifying companies.

**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.

**H2O PA – Flood Control Projects** – Projects are those which involve the construction, improvement, repair, or rehabilitation of all or part of a flood control system. Types of flood control projects may include channel improvements, compacted earth levees, concrete channels, concrete floodwalls, detention dams, non-structural measures, or any combination of these project types. Major repairs or rehabilitation of an existing flood protection project would also be eligible.

**H2O PA – High Hazard Unsafe Dam Projects** – Projects include those which involve the repair, rehabilitation, or removal of all or part of the High Hazard Unsafe Dam. A High Hazard Unsafe Dam is defined as a dam so located as to endanger populated areas downstream by its failure and is so designated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with deficiencies of such a nature that if not corrected, the deficiencies could cause a failure of the dam with subsequent loss of lives or substantial property damage

**H2O PA – Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water** – 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. An eligible project also includes consolidation or regionalization of two or more water supply systems, sewage disposal systems, or storm water systems which are managed or operated as an integrated system regardless of whether the system is physically connected.

**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). *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.*

**Historic Preservation Tax Credit** – The Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will be completing the restoration 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 standards for rehabilitation of historic buildings as adopted by the United States 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 expenditures as determined by the application in connection with the completed project. Tax credit awards can be increased to 30 percent of the qualified expenditures in connection with a workforce housing completed project. The total tax credits awarded to a qualified taxpayer may not exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year.

**Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** – HOME provides grants to expand the supply of safe, code-compliant, and affordable housing for low-income Pennsylvanians in smaller cities, communities, and rural areas. (Urban counties and major cities are funded directly by HUD, not through DCED.) Grants support virtually any activity to expand or improve affordable housing, including homeownership activities, home repair/ rehab, and development of rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, and technical assistance for nonprofit housing organizations.

**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.

**Keystone Communities** – 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. Units of local government, redevelopment and/or housing authorities, nonprofit organizations (including economic development organization and housing corporations), community development corporations, business development districts, neighborhood development districts, downtown improvement districts and similar organizations incorporated as authorities are all eligible.

\*Note: Communities may wish to consider designation through the KC program as a Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Enterprise Zone, or Keystone Community. For more information, please review the KC Program Designations Guidelines.

**Keystone Innovation Zone Tax Credit Program (KIZ)** – This program provides tax credits to early-stage technology-oriented businesses and entrepreneurs operating in a Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ); companies without a tax liability may sell tax credits to companies with tax liabilities for cash. Funding provides tax credits for companies that have been in operation less than 8 years, whose gross revenues have increased over the previous year, are located in a KIZ Zone, and fall under the industry sector focus.

**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. Eligibility for benefits is based upon annual certification. In order to receive benefits, any entity applying must be compliant with all local and state taxes and building and zoning codes.

**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. To be eligible, sites must be located within a Special Industrial Area as of July 1, 2011, for which the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has executed a Special Industrial Area Consent Order and Agreement. Businesses that provide job-creating economic development opportunities in these sites through the expansion of existing operations or the relocation of operations to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may be eligible for tax credits under this program.

**Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCP)** – 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.

**Local Share Account-Statewide** – 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. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization. Grants are available for projects with a total eligible project cost of \$25,000 or more. Grant requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000 for any project.



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

*Luzerne County:* 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:* 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.

*Montgomery County:* Montgomery County and municipalities and municipal authorities in the county are eligible applicants. Redevelopment authorities and industrial development agencies in the county are eligible for certain types of projects within the county.

*NORTHAMPTON & LEHIGH COUNTIES:* Local share account funds are available in Northampton and Lehigh counties for projects concerning the public interest, community improvement and economic development.

*PHILADELPHIA:* Philadelphia is eligible for funding for economic development projects, job training, community improvement projects, and public interest projects.

*WASHINGTON COUNTY:* All Washington County municipalities, economic development authorities within Washington County, and redevelopment authorities within Washington County are eligible applicants.

**Manufactured & Industrialized Housing** – These programs facilitate the manufacture and installation of factory constructed housing and commercial buildings throughout the commonwealth. DCED establishes effective regulations and building standards and provides technical support to both the industry and local municipalities that receive these factory constructed homes and/or commercial buildings. Buildings that are produced under these programs are deemed to comply with the local building code requirements.

**Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant Program** – The Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant 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 for existing or near future open positions, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of career opportunities in manufacturing, and or advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers. The grant funds may be used for professional services/consultants, internships, equipment purchase, shop modifications, program development, marketing, domestic travel, and salaries and fringes.

**Marketing to Attract Tourists** – The Marketing to Attract Tourists Program provides funding to support and development international tourism, sports marketing, outdoor recreation, and cultural attractions. A primary goal of the program is to promote overnight stays. Applicants should, as part of the project narrative, explain how their project will meet this goal. Non-profit organizations with a significant interest in the development of tourism product that provides a visitor experience to a tourist region, destination and/or attractions are eligible to apply. Funds may be used to: support events; fund facility enhancements; support new construction and/or renovations; and, develop marketing, advertising and public relations campaigns to build attendance.

**Military Community Enhancement Commission** – The Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission Local Defense Group Grant (PMCEC LDG Grant) program is a Department of Community and

Economic Development grant program designed to provide funds for projects that enhance the military value of military installations and organizations in Pennsylvania.

Local defense group is a non-profit organizations or governmental entities who have a demonstrated interest and investment in the success and enhancement of a military installation or organization in the geographic proximity of the communities from which the local defense group draws its membership and who have been identified by the PMCEC.

DCED will accept proposals from local defense groups. These proposals should design a course of action to be taken using state dollars that will demonstrably support or enhance the military value of the military installation or organization.

Proposals will be reviewed by DCED with input from the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission to determine the eligibility of the organization and to assess the proposal. Based on that review, local defense groups will be invited to apply for a grant in a specified amount.

**Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)** – The Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) is created to help local governments efficiently and effectively plan and implement a variety of services, improvements, and soundly managed development. The program provides funding for three groups of activities –

- Shared service
- Community planning
- Floodplain management

The program is administered by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS) in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The MAP guidelines are divided into two parts –

- Part 1 for shared service and community planning activities
- Part 2 for floodplain management.

**Municipalities Financial Recovery Program (MFRA)** – Act 47 – 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.

**Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)** – The Multimodal Transportation Fund Program provides financial assistance in the form of grants for improvement to transportation assets in order to enhance communities, pedestrian safety and transit revitalization. The Program is administered under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)** – The NAP was the first of its kind in the United States with the goal of improving neighborhoods throughout Pennsylvania by using tax credits to create a partnership between community organizations and the business community. Through NAP, millions of dollars from the private sector have been invested in programs and projects that have positively impacted communities throughout the state. The NAP provides businesses with five options for participation:

*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 – Enterprise Zone Program (NAP/EZP):* Tax credit applicable to private companies which make qualified investments to promote community economic development in impoverished areas that have been designated as state Enterprise Zones.

*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.

**New American Development Fund** – This program provides low-interest private loans through foreign investment to finance economic development projects within the state’s federally designated EB5 regional center



that are projected to create a significant number of new, full-time, direct or indirect jobs. Funds are used to support the costs associated with new construction, the acquisition of plant, property, and equipment, building rehabilitation, and tenant improvements. Loan funds can also be used as working capital.

**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 farm land or agricultural machinery and equipment.



**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 a low-achieving school district to attend a nonpublic school or a public school outside of their district. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

**Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program** – The Marcellus Legacy Fund allocates funds to CFA for plugging orphan or abandoned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety, or environmental concerns. Funds are used for projects which involve the cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells; stray gas mitigation systems; and well venting projects.

**Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program (PCD Bank)** – Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program provides debt financing for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that support job creation. The PCD Bank leverages public sector funds with private sector investment to provide access to capital that is reinvested in distressed regions throughout the state. CDFIs play an important role in providing critical financial resources to low- and moderate-income communities and in molding the financial acumen of small businesses and community development groups. Loans range from \$250,000 to \$5 million.

**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.

**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 institution 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, through stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land and building acquisition; building renovation and new construction; machinery and equipment acquisition and installation; and designated infrastructure. Loans are for no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$10 million for manufacturers.

**Pennsylvania Economic Development for a Growing Economy (PA EDGE) Tax Credit Program** – The Pennsylvania Economic Development for a Growing Economy (PA EDGE) is a collection of tax credit programs designed to attract new investments from businesses in critical manufacturing sectors, including semiconductors, biomedical, milk processing, and petrochemicals and fertilizers produced from natural gas. Tax credits are also available for manufacturers purchasing clean hydrogen and natural gas from a Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub.

*Programs:*

- Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit Program
- Pennsylvania Milk Processing Tax Credit Program
- Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub Tax Credit Program
- Semiconductor Manufacturing, Biomedical Manufacturing and Research Tax Credit Program

**Pennsylvania First** – The Pennsylvania First Program was established as a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation in the commonwealth and to enable the commonwealth to compete more effectively in the global economy.

Eligible applicants for Pennsylvania First Program include:

- Businesses– corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, limited liability companies or other for profit entities. This term shall also include not-for-profit entities.
- Municipalities– boroughs, townships, towns, cities, home rule municipalities.
- Municipal Authorities.
- Redevelopment Authorities.
- Industrial Development Authorities or Corporations.
- Local Development Districts.

All costs financed through the Pennsylvania First Program must be necessary for the operation of an eligible business or businesses at a project site(s) in the commonwealth. Specifically, funds may be used for:

- Job training for direct, full-time, commonwealth resident employees of the applicant/business.
- Acquisition of land, buildings or rights-of-way.
- Construction or rehabilitation of buildings.
- Construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure necessary for the operation of an eligible business or businesses at a project site not to include tap-in fees.
- Purchase or upgrade of machinery and equipment.
- Working capital.
- Project site preparation, including demolition and clearance.
- Environmental assessments.
- Remediation of hazardous material.
- Architectural and engineering fees not to exceed 10% of the total Pennsylvania First Program award.

**Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)** – This program provides loans for industrial development projects, manufacturing, research and development, agricultural processors, firms establishing a national or regional headquarters, or computer/clerical operation centers. Funds are used for land and building acquisition, building construction, and renovation.

**Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)** – PITA is a collaboration of DCED, Lehigh University’s Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS), and Carnegie Mellon University’s Institute for Complex Engineered Systems to support advanced manufacturing research, improve the global competitiveness of Pennsylvania companies to launch new companies, and retain engineering talent in Pennsylvania. DCED funding supports a matching program for manufacturing research and development

projects with Pennsylvania university graduate students, faculty and companies. A call for proposals in specific technology areas is released to support competitive and collaborative research projects with manufacturing companies and universities.

**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.

**Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program (PA SITES)** – The Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program (PA SITES) was established to provide grant funding to eligible applicants to develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within the Commonwealth. The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Pennsylvania First Program (PA First).

The program is intended to serve as gap financing for strategic sites that need financial assistance to help reduce development risk for businesses. The grant funding is intended to help finance strategic investments that will enhance sites across the Commonwealth to effectively compete for expanding and relocating businesses. The program will help reduce development risk for businesses by timeline reduction from the development of public infrastructure or reducing unknown development costs.

#### *Eligibility*

- Municipality
- Economic development organization
- Redevelopment authorities
- Municipal authorities
- Industrial development agencies



**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.

**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. Funding is dependent upon budget recommendations and constraints set in the adopted annual budget for the commonwealth. The sole applicant under this program is Penn State University.

**Regional Investment Marketing Program (RIM)** – The RIM grant program is designed to support the marketing initiatives of regional alliances that adopt DCED’s industry-focused economic development model as part of a comprehensive business expansion and investment attraction initiative. RIM grant program is intended to reinforce an understanding that competitiveness within specific industry sub-segments is the key to the successful attraction of business and investment to Pennsylvania; promote targeted marketing by regional alliances while reinforcing the image and reputation of the commonwealth as a destination of choice for investment; support marketing initiatives which utilize an investor-oriented approach to investment attraction. These marketing initiatives must be based upon regional markets rather than traditional political or geographic boundaries. Funding requests may not exceed \$5,000 (a minimum of 1:1 matching funding is required).

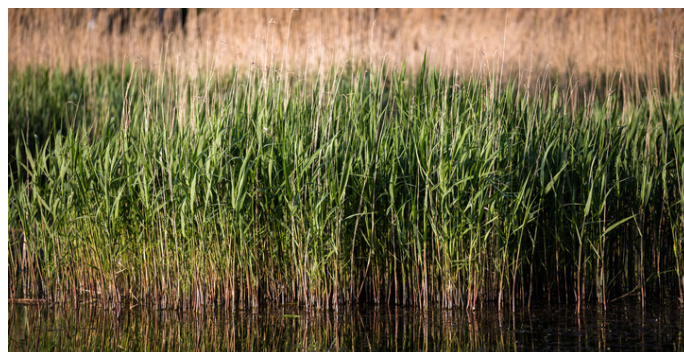
**Renewable Energy Program** – Geothermal & Wind – The Renewable Energy Program (REP) provides financial assistance in the form of grants and loans to promote the use of alternative energy in Pennsylvania. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**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.

**Second Stage Loan Program** – The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established the \$50 million Second Stage Loan Program (SSLP) to fuel the growth

of the commonwealth’s businesses and increase the competitiveness and prosperity of Pennsylvania’s communities. The Second Stage Loan Program offers guarantees for bank loans to second stage manufacturers, advanced technology, and life sciences businesses to support growth in these vital sectors. The SSLP is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program** – This program is for municipalities to undertake community or economic development projects for local governments eligible to receive CDBG funds from DCED. (Urban counties and major cities are funded directly by HUD, not through DCED.) Funding is used for a wide variety of activities associated with community or economic development, such as housing rehabilitation, water and sewer lines, redevelopment projects, and assistance to private sector commercial or industrial firms.



**Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)** – Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for statewide initiatives for complying with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Uses include costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537. Grants shall be awarded to eligible applicants up to \$100,000. A 50% match of the total project cost is required. Eligible applicants include:

- Municipalities
- Council of Governments
- Authorized Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Watershed Organizations
- For-Profit Businesses

**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. A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for SDBCA 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. 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.

**Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) –**

In order to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties, the Early Intervention program provides grants to municipal and county governments to develop and implement multi-year financial management plans. The plans supply governments with both short-term and long-term direction to address fiscal difficulties before they reach a crisis point (Act 47).

**Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program (TIF) –**

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 indebtedness. Funds are used for infrastructure and environmental projects for industrial enterprises and retail establishments; Infrastructure, environmental and building projects for manufacturers, hospitals, convention centers and associated hotels; 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.

**Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program (UHSB) –**

The Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program (UHSB) provides grants to deploy middle-mile and last-mile high-speed broadband infrastructure to unserved areas in Pennsylvania. An unserved area is defined as a designated geographic area in which households or businesses do not have access to at least 25 megabits per second downstream speeds and 3 megabits per second upstream speeds.

**Waterfront Development Tax Credit –** The Waterfront Development Tax Credit 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 to a waterfront development organization during a taxable year.

**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 watershed restoration/protection; refurbishing, restoring or creating stabilization of stream banks or channels; repairing and maintaining existing watershed protection, creating Best Management Practices (BMP); and monitoring water quality.

**Weatherization & LIHEAP Crisis –**

This program reduces energy consumption in low-income eligible households. The LIHEAP Crisis Program is coordinated through the Department of Public Welfare County Assistance Offices to provide assistance to low-income eligible clients who have a heating emergency. 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 LIHEAP Crisis, furnaces may be repaired or replaced. LIHEAP funds, if available after the crisis season is over, are also used to weatherize homes.

**WEDnetPA –**

Through the Guaranteed Free Training Program (GFT), qualified in-state businesses and out-of-state companies relocating to Pennsylvania can access funding for a wide range of employee training. This program provides grant funding to Pennsylvania companies for essential skills and advanced technology training of employees. Employees eligible for training under this program must be full-time employees of the business receiving GFT funding, must be Pennsylvania residents, must work in Pennsylvania, and must earn at least 150 percent of the federal minimum wage.

# Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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## Community Conservation Partnership Program

(C2P2) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) provides a single point of contact for communities and non-profit 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.



**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; and 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.

**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; and implementing a River Conservation Plan for the protection and enhancement of our waterways. These grants require a 50% cash match and/or a land donation non-cash value.

**Partnerships Grant Program** – State and regional partnerships grants are available to advance the 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.

**Pennsylvania Recreational Trails (PRT) Program** – Grants are awarded to federal and state agencies, municipalities, non-profit 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.

**Trails Program** – Grants are awarded to municipalities and non-profit 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.

**Rivers Conservation Grant** – DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation's rivers conservation grants focus on protecting and enhancing the conservation or recreation value of Pennsylvania's waterways. Rivers program funding supports water-based outdoor recreation and water resource conservation activities at all stages of project development.

Grants for rivers projects are available through the Community Conservation Partnerships Program. Rather than applying for funding through a "Rivers" grant category, applications are submitted under the appropriate primary grant category as listed below:

- Land acquisition
- Planning
- Rehabilitation or Development
- Partnerships
- Riparian forest Buffers

**Riparian Forest Buffer** – DCNR is leading a broad initiative to increase riparian forest buffer establishment statewide, including providing grants to install riparian forest buffers along waterways in Pennsylvania, including providing grants to install riparian forest buffers along waterways in Pennsylvania.

Riparian buffers are the trees, shrubs, and grasses planted along waterways that help protect water quality. Buffers improve the health and diversity of local ecosystems by:

- Filtering pollutants
- Improving bank stability
- Reducing erosion and flooding to providing wildlife habitat and cooling water temperatures
- DCNR supports both conventional riparian forest buffers and multifunctional buffers. Multi-functional buffers (PDF) provide benefits beyond conservation

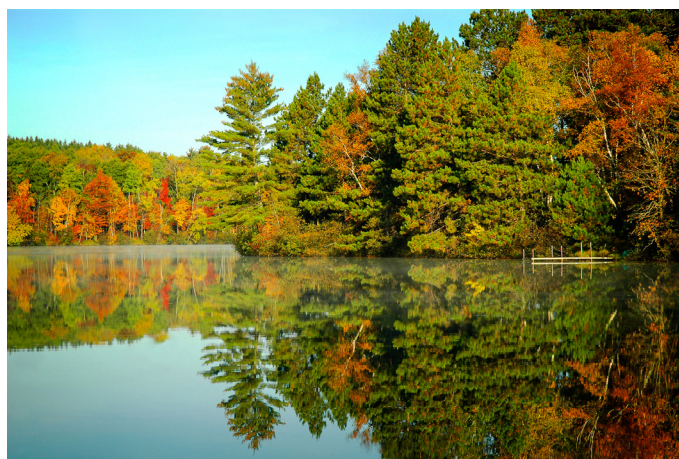
Eligible projects for Riparian Forest Buffer Program funding include:

- Landowner outreach
- Buffer design
- Site preparation and buffer installation
- Plant materials and tree shelters
- Post-planting establishment (approximately three years)

**Snowmobile Projects** – Grants are awarded to federal and state agencies, municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations to assist with planning, acquisition of land, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of snowmobile trails and trail related facilities, the purchase or lease of equipment for maintenance and construction, and the development of educational materials and programs. These grants require a minimum 20% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values. Land acquisition projects require a 50% cash match and/or a land donation non-cash value as match.



**All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Projects** - Grants are awarded to federal and state agencies, municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations to assist with planning, acquisition of land, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of ATV trails and trail related facilities, the purchase or lease of equipment for maintenance and construction, and the development of educational materials and programs. These grants require a minimum 20% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values. Land acquisition projects require a 50% cash match and/or a land donation non-cash value as match.



**Circuit Rider** – The Circuit Rider grants are awarded to initiate new programs and services for county (ies), Council of Governments and/or multi-municipal entities that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional full-time staff person. The Circuit Rider's purpose is to initiate new programs and services in the designated service area. The intended result of this project is to increase the ability of grantee to more efficiently and effectively meet their recreation, park, greenway, open space and/or natural resource conservation needs. The grantee will be responsible for the long-term financial commitment and maintenance of this professional position.

This is a four year commitment of funding. Match is variable based on the year of funding. Eligible project costs include the circuit rider's salary only and Bureau-approved technical assistance and training expenses as follows:

- Year- One: up to one hundred percent (100%) of gross salary.
- Year- Two: up to seventy-five percent (75%) of gross salary.
- Year- Three: up to fifty percent (50%) of gross salary.
- Year- Four: up to twenty-five percent (25%) of gross salary.

**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 may include projects that form new intergovernmental recreation and park agencies (which is a high priority for DCNR); 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 ten percent (10%) local cash match. Non-cash match is not accepted for Peer-to-Peer Projects.

## **Bureau of Forestry Programs**

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program** – 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 which 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 – 717-787-2925

**Wild Resource Conservation Program** – The Wild Resource Conservation Program (WRCP) awards grants for biodiversity research, conservation, and education. The grant application window opens in April and ends June 30. While the exact grant priorities vary from year to year, our current focus is on better understanding and addressing the effects of environmental stressors, such as development and PA's changing environment, on our native species. 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 – 717-787-3212



# Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

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## Grant Management Programs

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities**

**(BRIC)** - The BRIC program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design. For example, an innovative project may bring multiple funding sources or in-kind resources from a range of private and public sector stakeholders or offer multiple benefits to a community in addition to the benefit of risk reduction.

BRIC Guiding Principles:

- Support community capability and capacity building
- Encourage and enable innovation
- Promote Partnerships
- Maintain flexibility
- Provide consistency

**Emergency Management Performance Grant** - The Emergency Management Performance Grant encourages the development of comprehensive disaster preparedness and assistance plans, programs, capabilities, and organizations by the States and by county governments. Financial and technical assistance is provided to support State and county governments' efforts to improve their emergency response capabilities. By providing this assistance, the Federal government stresses the importance of, and the fact that there is a national interest in, all jurisdictions having emergency management programs that:

- Have a dedicated staff to conduct and coordinate emergency management activities;
- Prepare and maintain comprehensive Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) that address relevant hazards;
- Ensure that all members of the emergency response organization receive the necessary training;
- Ensure that there is an aggressive exercise program that provides a means to evaluate and test plans, people, procedures, equipment, etc.; and,
- Apply the results and lessons learned from self-assessments, deficiencies identified during the conduct

of exercises, EOP reviews, and post-disaster response critiques to improve the jurisdiction's emergency response capabilities.

Such organizations and programs are expected to play a key role in cooperation and coordination with Federal departments and agencies and private sector organizations in developing, maintaining and improving a comprehensive, national emergency management system.

Funds under this program are appropriated by Congress for allocation to the states by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The states, in turn, are responsible for subgranting these funds to county emergency management organizations for reimbursement of salaries and benefits. Grants are available on a 50% matching basis.

County Employment Opportunities County governments participating in the EMPG are subject to the federal merit system and the State Civil Service Commission (SCSC) rules and procedures. Counties may also participate in the EMPG if they have a county merit system. The following classifications are those most commonly used by county participants.



**Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)** - The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP) is a pre-disaster mitigation program. 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 percent. At minimum, a FEMA-approved local flood mitigation plan is required before a project can be approved. Some funding is available for planning.



### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning & Training Grants**

- Federal Hazardous Material Law authorizes the U. S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to provide assistance to public sector employees through planning and training grants to States, Territories, and Native American tribes for emergency response. 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 the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. The U.S. DOT Research and Special Programs Administration, under a program that began in 1993, provides a reimbursable grant to every state to assist in hazardous materials response planning and related training activities. States are required to apply each year for the funding. Of funding received, 75% is earmarked for local planning and training activities.

The Commonwealth's 67 counties are eligible to apply for grants provided under this program. While 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.

**Hazardous Materials Response Fund** - The Hazardous Materials Response Fund, supported by fees assessed to the chemical industry, is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency preparedness at county and state levels. These funds are to be used for the preparation of 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 the conduct of training and exercises. All 67 counties of the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for grants under the guidance of Act 1990-165, as amended.

**Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP)** - The non-profit security grant program is a federal program administered by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of this program is to provide funding to eligible non-profit organizations, generally limited to target hardening and physical security enhancements. The focus is on organizations that are at high risk of a potential terrorist attack. The program further seeks the integration of preparedness activities of the non-profit sector with the local and state preparedness efforts, while promoting emergency preparedness collaboration and coordination.

### **Radiation Transportation Emergency Response**

- The Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Fund (RTERF), which is supported by fees assessed each

shipper of spent nuclear fuel to, within, through, or across the Commonwealth, is designed to provide financial assistance to train and equip local agencies and volunteer organizations to respond to accidents involving the shipment of spent nuclear fuel. The fund provides grants to the 47 counties that have an approved Nuclear Regulatory Commission / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania route for the shipment of spent nuclear fuel within 5 miles of their jurisdictional borders. Counties may apply one time during a fiscal year for a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00.



**Radiological Emergency Response** - The Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF), supported by fees assessed to nuclear power plants, is designed to provide financial assistance to the 26 designated risk and support counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer organizations and State agencies in order to carry out the purposes of the Radiological Emergency Response Program.

The Radiological Emergency Response Program provides for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for areas surrounding each nuclear electrical generation 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 the accident scenarios designated in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission emergency response plan applicable to each fixed nuclear facility, and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.

# Department of Environmental Protection

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## Energy Programs

### **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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: AFIG.

### **Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Rebate Program** –

Provides rebates to consumers for the purchase of new, 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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

### **Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants** –

In general, PEDAA 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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: PEDAA.

**Natural Gas Vehicle Program** – Provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per vehicle, for the incremental purchase costs, including the cost to retrofit, for dedicated compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), or bi-fuel vehicles that weigh at least 14,000 pounds. Eligible applicants for this grant program are commonwealth or municipal authorities, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, nonprofit entities, for-profit companies, local transportation organizations, and state-owned or state-related universities.

**Note:** The Natural Gas Vehicle Program is currently closed. For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Natural Gas Vehicle Program.

**Small Business Advantage Grant Program** – Provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$9,500, to

enable Pennsylvania small businesses to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: SBA Grant.

### **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 percent 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 percent and has a maximum term of 10 years.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: PPAA.

### **Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Charging Station Grant** –

Up to \$3 million in grants is available for acquisition, installation, operation, and maintenance of Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) fast-charging equipment and hydrogen fuel cell equipment through 2019. Grants are awarded as reimbursements after completed projects, with a maximum amount of \$500,000.

Another \$3 million is available in rebates for Level 2 (240-volt) charging stations for 2018. Stations can be located on publicly accessible, government-owned or non-government-owned property or at workplaces or multi-unit dwellings that are not publicly accessible.

Businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and other organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants will find program guidelines, eligibility requirements, instructions, and links to the online applications at [www.dep.pa.gov/DrivingPAForward](http://www.dep.pa.gov/DrivingPAForward).

## Environmental Cleanup & Brown Fields

### **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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program.

**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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Storage Tank Cleanup Program.

**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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Storage Tanks and link to Financial Assistance.

## General Programs

**Cooking in Healthy Electrified Commercial Kitchens (CHECK)** – To help commercial kitchens in Pennsylvania modernize and become healthier places to work via energy efficiency and electrification, DEP has developed the Cooking in Healthy Electrified Commercial Kitchens (CHECK) rebate program for nonprofits, higher education institutions and K-12 schools. Under this program, eligible entities may apply for first-come, first-served rebates for a variety of combustion-free cooking equipment, as well as associated electrical upgrades.

**Environmental Education** – 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 \$50,000.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: EE Grant.

**Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant** – The Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant Program provides assistance to registered nonprofit organizations such as food banks for the proper management and operation of food to reduce waste.

**West Nile Virus Control Program** – Grants to counties provide funds to counties to conduct West Nile Virus mosquito surveillance and control activities.

For more information, visit [westnile.state.pa.us](http://westnile.state.pa.us).

## 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, and other state agencies. Approximately \$100,000 is available for funding annually.

For more information, visit the Bureau of Air Quality website at: <http://www.dep.pa.gov>.

## Waste Management

**Act 101, Sec. 901 – County Planning Grants** – Provide counties up to 80 percent reimbursement for preparation of waste management plans required by Act 101 and pollution prevention education activities.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Recycling Grants.

**Act 101, Sec. 902 – Recycling Grants (902)** – Municipalities and counties are eligible for 90 percent reimbursement toward establishing a municipal recycling program.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Recycling Grants.

**Act 101, Sec. 903 – Recycling Coordinator Grants** – Provide reimbursements of up to 50 percent of a county recycling coordinator’s salary and approved expenses.

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Recycling Grants.

**Act 101, Sec. 904 – Recycling Performance Grants** – Grants awarded to municipalities based on weight and type of materials recycled in the previous calendar year. For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Recycling Grants.

**Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement (Municipal)** – Payment for 50 percent of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors for a landfill or resource recovery facility

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Host Municipality Waste.

**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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Host Municipality Waste.

**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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Hazardous Sites.

### **Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipal Inspector**

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

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Hazardous Waste.

### **Act 190 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**

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

For more information, visit [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Hazardous Waste.

### **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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Hazardous Waste.

## **Water Related Programs**

**CAP Implementation Block Grant** – During the development of the Phase 3 WIP, a main challenge identified by county partners was the multiple application processes to receive state or federal funds. In an effort to support the rapid planning and implementation of the Countywide Action Plans (CAP), DEP developed the Chesapeake Bay CAP Implementation Block Grant. This grant program provides a mechanism to fund CAP implementation developed at the county level to maximize specified nutrient and sediment reduction goals established as part of Pennsylvania's Phase 3 WIP.

The goal of this grant program is to streamline the funding process so monies for implementation can be awarded through the block grant, on an annual basis, based on a defined set of criteria and progress made on the prior year's award. Utilizing their CAPs, county planning teams list, in order of priority, the projects that they intend to fund with this implementation block grant for the following year. The block grant is designed to be flexible; if the county is unable to accomplish the first CAP Priority Initiative project listed over the course of the year, they may move onto the second project, etc.

**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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Compacts and Commissions Office.

### **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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Growing Greener.

### **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 [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov), search: Nonpoint Source Grant.

**Growing Greener Plus** – Pennsylvania's Growing Greener Plus Program is part of DEP's Grant and Loan Program, which provides grants to assist individuals, groups, and businesses in addressing a host of environmental issues. The Growing Greener Plus Program remains the largest single investment of state funds in Pennsylvania's history to address Pennsylvania's critical environmental concerns of the 21st century. The program encourages partnerships between counties, municipalities, county conservation districts, watershed organizations, and other groups to restore and protect the environment. The three programs covered under DEP's Growing Greener Plus Grants Program include Growing Greener Watershed Restoration and Protection, Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Set-Aside, and Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation (SMCRA) Bond Forfeiture grants

## **Environment-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.*

### **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 – [dep.pa.gov](http://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 – [askemap.org](http://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 – [pennvest.pa.gov](http://pennvest.pa.gov)

# Pennsylvania Film Office

[filminpa.com](http://filminpa.com)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Pennsylvania Film Office, administers the Film Tax Credit Program. Applicants should read and understand the requirements prior to submitting an application. Applicants are also strongly advised to consult with their legal and financial advisors prior to submitting an application.

Program Eligibility Projects eligible for Film Tax Credits under the Program are:

- The production of a feature film
- Television film
- Television talk or game show series
- Television commercial
- Television pilot
- Episodes of a television series intended as programming for a national audience

The following are NOT eligible projects: A production featuring news, current events, weather and market reports, or public programming, sports events, awards shows or other gala events, a production that solicits funds, a production containing obscene material or performances as defined in 18 PA.C.S. § 5903(b) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances), or a production primarily for private, political, industrial, corporate, or institutional purposes.

**Program Requirements** – All Film Tax Credit awards are subject to the availability of funds. A project is eligible if at least 60% of the project's Total Production Budget is used for Qualified Pennsylvania Production Expenses. Projects already completed at the time of application are not eligible for a Film Tax Credit. Projects with a Film Tax Credit Contract may not submit a revised or new application for additional film tax credits for the same project.

**Available Tax Credits** – The amount of the Film Tax Credit available for an eligible project is equal to 25% of Qualified Pennsylvania Production Expenses for the project. The term "Qualified Pennsylvania Production Expenses" includes nearly all production (including pre- and post-production) expenses incurred in Pennsylvania, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. An eligible project may receive an additional 5% tax credit if the taxpayer films a feature film, television film, or television series, which is intended as programming for a national audience that meets the minimum stage filming requirements and the taxpayer films the eligible project in a Qualified Production Facility.

**Film Tax Credit Program Guidelines** – If a project is scheduled to be in production for more than 12 months the applicant may, at the time of application, make a written request for the Film Tax Credit to be issued on an annual basis rather than upon completion of production. The PA Film Office may, at its discretion, grant such a request subject to the following conditions:

- The amount of the Film Tax Credit to be issued shall be limited to 25% of Qualified Pennsylvania Production Expenses actually incurred in connection with the project during the relevant 12 month period specified in the request;
- The applicant shall comply with the Financial Compliance instructions for the Program (Section X) with respect to each Film Tax Credit to be issued under this provision; and
- If accepted by the PA Film Office, the request may not be withdrawn or changed. The PA Film Office will limit a Film Tax Credit award to an amount no greater than the 20% cap available in a fiscal year.

Please visit [www.filminpa.com](http://www.filminpa.com) for further details and applications.





# Office of State Fire Commissioner

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## Fire Company and Emergency Service Grants

**Emergency Training Center Capital Grants** - This program provides funding for emergency service training providers. Eligible recipients include:

- Emergency services training centers
- Community colleges
- County-owned facilities
- Municipal or fire department-owned facilities
- Nonprofit, countywide associations

**The Fire Company, Emergency Medical Service Grant Program (FCEMSGP)** - provides grants for volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services and rescue companies. The FCEMSGP makes an annual grant program available for volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services and rescue squads. The program provides grant eligibility information and makes an on-line grant application available for all eligible applicants. Based on applicant and project criteria, staff reviews and approves or disapproves all applications, processes signed grant agreements and authorizes dispersal of grant funds. Final grant reports are reviewed for compliance with project description and program guidelines.

### *ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:*

The following organizations may be considered eligible for grant funding:

- All Fire Companies
- Emergency Medical Services
- Volunteer Rescue Squads

### *ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:*

Eligible organizations may apply for grant funding for a combination of up to two projects in the following categories:

- Facilities – Construction and/or renovation of the fire company’s or ambulance service’s facility and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the company to provide fire, ambulance and rescue services.
- Equipment – Purchase or repair of firefighting, ambulance or rescue equipment. Includes the purchase of fuel for company vehicles.
- Debt reduction – Debt reduction associated with the facility (1) or equipment (2) categories above.
- Training – Training and certification of members.
- Training and education materials regarding fire prevention for the general public.
- Career Departments Only – Overtime costs associated with backfilling positions while fire fighters are attending training.
- The Grant Application is available online in September of each year the week following Labor Day.

**Municipal Fire Department Capital Grants** - These grants are for municipal fire departments recognized by local ordinance and budgeted by the local government where the department geographically resides. Eligible departments can apply for \$25,000 to \$100,000 in grants from May 30 to June 30, 2023.

### *ELIGIBLE EXPENSE CATEGORIES:*

- Establishing/modernizing facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles.
- Acquiring/renovating existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles; or constructing/modernizing facilities.
- Repairing/purchasing firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment to provide proper and adequate training.

### **Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Medical Services**

**Loan Program** - The General Assembly established this loan on July 15, 1976, with Act 208. They provide 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. Since its inception, the program has approved more than \$489 million in loans for the commonwealth’s volunteer emergency services community. Forms and informational materials are available to interested organizations. Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) staff provides technical assistance and regulatory guidance to applicants; receives, analyzes and approves loan applications; supplies loan closing services; maintains financial and historical files and services all accounts until they are closed.

**Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Fund Grant Program (UGWF)** - Fire companies, rescue companies and emergency medical services throughout the 40 counties in



which unconventional gas wells are located, or counties that directly border those counties, are eligible to apply for the grants.

Eligible projects in accordance with the 2020 UGWF Grant Program provided by Act 13 of 2012, include development, delivery and sustainment of training, professional certification or the acquisition of specialized equipment for emergency responses relating to natural gas production from unconventional gas wells.

*ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:*

- Obtaining professional national certification of members;
- Purchase of firefighting, emergency medical, rescue or air monitoring equipment used at or related to an unconventional gas well pad incident on, or related to, an unconventional gas well pad. All equipment purchased through the program will also include training on the equipment provided by the PSFA at no additional costs to the grant recipient(s); and
- Training classes and required educational materials to prepare for incidents at an unconventional gas well pad incident or related to the unconventional gas industry.

If a grant-eligible entity is not currently compliant with this Act 13 grant program or the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program (FCEMSGP); is delinquent in loan payments to the Pennsylvania Emergency Services Loan Assistance Fund (ESLAP); or is not reporting to the Pennsylvania Fire Information Reporting System (PennFIRS); then the entity is not eligible to apply for this grant program.

## **FEMA - Fire Grants** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Assistance to Firefighters Grants** - The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA). This funding is for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

**Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)** - The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

**Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants (SCG)** - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) provided the Department of Homeland Security with \$210,000,000 to fund the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG). This one-time grant opportunity provided 120 fire departments with financial assistance to build new fire stations or modify existing stations in order to enhance response capabilities and protect the community from fire and fire-related hazards.

**Fire Prevention and Safety Grants** - The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

**Fire Prevention & Safety Grants - Research & Development** - The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Research and Development Grants (R&D) are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and are under the purview of FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate. The goal of this Research and Development Grants Program activity is to reduce firefighter fatal and nonfatal injuries and improve firefighter safety, health, and wellness. Research institutions applying for R&D grants must have fire service partners that will support the ongoing project efforts from design through dissemination and implementation of successful results. Applied research projects include: Clinical Studies, Technology and Product Development, Database System Development, and Dissemination and Implementation Research. The emphasis of this program is on research that will yield results that can be readily applied to improve firefighter safety, health, and wellness. Research and Development Grants have been awarded since 2006.



# Fish and Boat Commission

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**Boating Facility Grant Program** - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) created the Boating Facility Grant Program to provide grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational boaters have the highest quality boating facilities.

Boating Facility Grants are available to public entities, including townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments as well as to nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed associations that have or will have the capability to provide boat access facilities that are open and available for general public use.

Grants cover up to 50% of costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and construction of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping.

**Boating Infrastructure Grant Program** - The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Transient means passing through or by a place, staying 10 days or less. The program is administered in Pennsylvania by the PA Fish and Boat Commission, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Grants may be made to public and private operators of open-to-the-public boating facilities: municipal agencies (cities, towns, counties, etc.), state agencies (State Parks, DNR, Fish & Wildlife, etc.), and other government entities.

**Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program)** - In 1992, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act to help reduce pollution from boat sewage discharges into U.S. waters. The grant program established by the act helps fund the construction, renovation, and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats.

Clean Vessel Act grant funds are available to both the public and private sector. This includes all local governmental entities and private businesses that own and operate boating facilities. To participate in this program, the pumpout stations must be open to the general boating public.

The Grant will reimburse recipients for up to 75% of the installation cost of pumpout and dump stations. This includes the cost of new equipment, or the renovation or upgrading of existing equipment, as well as necessary

pumps, piping, fitting, lift stations, on-site holding tanks, pier or dock modifications, signs, permits and other miscellaneous equipment needed for a complete and efficient station.

The grant will not pay for the construction or renovation of onshore restroom facilities, sewage treatment plants, septic tanks, drain fields or other special treatment devices.



**Coldwater Heritage Partnership** - The purpose of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) is to provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

#### GOALS OF THE CHP INCLUDE:

- Fostering a greater public understanding of watershed characteristics and how they affect coldwater ecosystems;
- Identification of special areas of concern, such as areas with exceptional water quality and high potential for impacts; and,
- Providing technical assistance and financial opportunities to organizations dedicated to protecting our coldwater ecosystems.

The CHP is composed of Pennsylvania Trout (PATU), the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). The CHP grant program is administered by PATU under contract with DCNR, and receives funding assistance from DCNR, PFBC, and the Western PA Watershed Program (WPWP).

In addition to providing information and technical assistance, the CHP administers a grant program to develop Coldwater Conservation Plans for the purpose of conserving and protecting our coldwater streams. Coldwater Conservation Plans are useful in building local awareness and support for the long term stewardship of coldwater streams and their surrounding watersheds.

The plans are meant to identify potential problems and opportunities for stream conservation, and may often also lead to more detailed watershed studies or projects, ultimately improving the health of coldwater ecosystems. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership awards grants of up to \$5,000 annually to non-profit organizations such as watershed groups, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of Trout Unlimited.

**Cooperative Nursery Grants** - Requests from organizations involved in the PA Fish & Boat Commission's (PFBC) Cooperative Nursery Program may be considered for grants from the PFBC. The PFBC reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a project for support. Grants will be for a maximum of \$3,000.

The Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) staff reviews grant applications each year. To be considered for funding, a completed application (PDF) must be in the Cooperative Nursery Unit office by the date specified in the application memo from the unit (this letter will accompany grant applications). Application memos are sent to sponsors in February or March.

**Erie Access Improvement Grant Program** - The Erie Access Improvement Grant Program was made possible by Act 159 of 2004 which created a new Lake Erie stamp (required for anglers fishing in the Lake Erie watershed) and a Combination Lake Erie Trout/Salmon stamp. The Act provides that the proceeds from the sale of Lake Erie permits are to be deposited into a restricted account within the Fish Fund to "be used to provide public fishing access on or at Lake Erie and the watersheds of Lake Erie."

Government entities and other nonprofit, sporting and conservation organizations may identify acquisition and development needs in the Erie watershed and request Commission funding to assist in addressing these needs. Eligible projects include acquisition of lands and property rights including easements, and/or development of lands to improve and/or maintain angler access.

The Commission initiated this grant program to ensure that anglers in the Erie watershed have the highest quality access to fishing opportunities. The opportunities afforded by Lake Erie and its tributary streams are unique, and we want to work with partners to improve the existing situation.

**Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund** - The Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarship in 1991. Each year the fund will award between \$1,000 and \$2,000. These awards will assist a worthy young man or woman in pursuing their education at approved institutions of higher learning in one of the environmental disciplines, such as fisheries, forestry, ecology, wildlife management or environmental resource management.

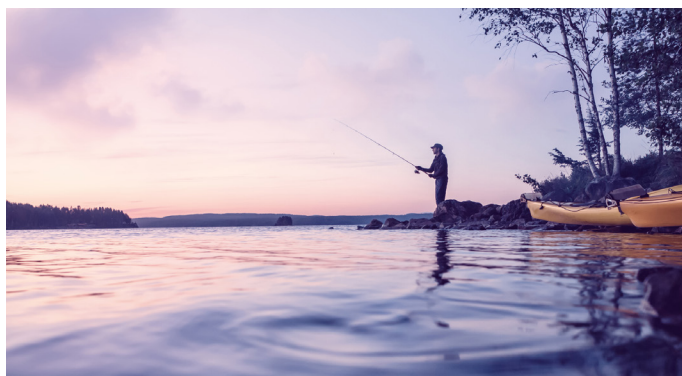
Scholarship selection is based on an applicant's academic potential, his or her interest in conservation education, and his or her demonstrated commitment to conservation. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and binding.

The Scholarship Fund is an IRS-recognized organization to which tax deductible donations may be made. The RWA Scholarship is a private, nonprofit organization; its Board of Directors consists exclusively of unpaid volunteers. The Fund is not officially related to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

**Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program** - Projects must be located in and benefit fishing, boating and the aquatic resources of Cameron, McKean, Elk or Potter County. Eligible projects must occur on lands owned by the applicant in fee simple or where the applicant has a long-term lease or other agreement with the landowner for the site. The nature and the duration of the applicant's interest in the property will be determined by the project type. As a condition of a grant, the PFBC will require that the project site be kept open and accessible to the public at reasonable hours and times of the year consistent with the nature and intended use of the site.

**State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program** - Funds for the State Wildlife Grants program (SWG) are provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to keep species from becoming federally listed as threatened or endangered. Annually appropriated by the U.S. Congress, Pennsylvania's funds are apportioned between the Fish and Boat Commission and Game Commission to address each agencies' trust species and habitats. For general information about the State Wildlife Action Plans visit: <http://www.fishwildlife.org>.

The Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan is the guiding document for addressing the needs of these at-risk species.



**Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program** - The Valley Creek Trustee Council, comprised of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the National Park Service, oversees a grant program to provide funding for restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, PA. The goal of this funding is to improve trout habitat and angler access through implementation of projects related to stormwater management, streambank stabilization, implementation of environmentally sensitive land practices (e.g. easements, land purchase for preservation), and projects that directly improve angler access (e.g. trails). Anyone is eligible to apply!

Visit the Restoring Valley Creek Watershed web site for a grant application and additional information.

### **Tulpehocken & Quittapahilla Watershed Grant**

**Program** - Through an agreement between the PFBC and PPL Ironwood, LLC, funds provided by PPL Ironwood, LLC are to be applied to projects that will improve aquatic habitat, water quality and recreational access in these watersheds. There is currently no call-for-projects. An announcement seeking proposals for projects will be made through a Commission press release.

Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Creek Watershed grants are given for stream restoration, habitat enhancement, and recreational enhancement activities on streams located in the Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Creek watersheds. This funding is available through a settlement agreement between the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and PPL Ironwood, L.L.C. related to the operation of an electric generation facility located in South Lebanon Township, Lebanon County.

Only project proposals located within the Tulpehocken and/or Quittapahilla Creek watersheds are considered. The monies can be used for stand-alone projects or to supplement other funding for larger projects that are designed to improve aquatic habitat, water quality, or recreational use. Examples of acceptable activities include fishery habitat restoration or enhancement; fish stocking; fishing access; maintenance or creation of facilities to encourage, improve or expand recreational use of the fishery; or studies related to these issues.

### **York & Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement**

**Grant Program** - The Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) is an electrical power generating facility located along the Susquehanna River in Peach Bottom Township, York County and Fulton and Dunmore townships, Lancaster County. On July 23, 2014, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) issued a Section 401 Water Quality Certification to Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) for the PBAPS Extended Power Uprate (EPU) project. The continued operation of the PBAPS and the EPU project will have impacts to the aquatic resources.

Therefore, Exelon will mitigate the impacts by providing \$100,000 per year to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) (or conservation district, other resource agency or 501(c)(3) corporation as directed by PADEP) as long as the PBAPS is in operation. This funding shall be deposited in a PFBC restricted revenue account, and all funds, including interest, shall be used for habitat improvement projects consistent with established guidelines.

# Department of General Services

[dgs.pa.gov](http://dgs.pa.gov)

## 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 non-profits 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.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us).



**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 concrete block, 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 from the federal government; however, a service charge is incurred to cover the state's cost of administering the program.

**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. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night-vision goggles, 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.

**The 1122 New Property Program** - Enables Pennsylvania local law enforcement, emergency response and Homeland Security agencies to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities from federal contracts. 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 percent 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.

**The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program** - 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

fire trucks with low mileage and only one prior owner are all available. View current inventory online or submit a request for a specific vehicle.

**The State Surplus Property Program** - The State Surplus Property Program offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. Items may be purchased at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. The Harrisburg warehouse hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

**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 [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com).



**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.

**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.

# Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

[phmc.pa.gov](http://phmc.pa.gov)

*Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) administers multiple funding programs. Grant programs are available to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Tax credits are available to owners of certified historic buildings in income producing use. There are no grant or tax credit programs available to private homeowners. This section provides information about each program and type of grant and tax credit.*

## Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant

Funding under the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant program, as established by the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development of publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The purpose of the grant is to support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. These guidelines address only historic preservation projects under the planning category. Please review the separate guidelines for the Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants for information pertaining to the bricks and mortar program.

## Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants

PHMC provides funding for construction activities through its Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants with revenue from the Commonwealth's Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for small construction projects for publicly accessible historic resources. (Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program and may wish to refer directly to the Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program for information on historic tax credits.)

The purpose of the grant is to support projects that rehabilitate, restore, or preserve historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These guidelines address only construction-related activities. Please review the separate guidelines for the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grants for information pertaining to the preservation projects.

## Cultural and Historical Grant Program

The Cultural and Historical Support (CHS) program provides general operating support funding to eligible Pennsylvania museums and official county historical societies. The goal of this program is to strengthen Pennsylvania's museums and allow applicants to determine how to use funds for operating expenses. A museum must meet the American Alliance of Museums' definition that "a museum must be a legally organized nonprofit institution, essentially educational in nature, with professional staff, which owns or utilizes tangible objects, cares for them, and exhibits them to the public on some regular schedule." PA Museums administers this program on behalf of PHMC.

Only eligible Pennsylvania-based museums and official county historical societies can apply for CHS grants. Applicants that receive financial support from other state agency funding programs (such as accredited zoos and art museums) are not eligible. Eligible applicants include:

- Museums that are in Pennsylvania with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services), have at least one full-time professional staff person and are not supported by other state agency funding programs.
- Official County Historical Societies designated as the official historical society for the county.



## Certified Local Government Grant Program (CLG)

The CLG Grant Program provides financial support to participating communities to develop the tools, products, programs and services needed to administer local preservation programs effectively and in accordance with the CLG Guidelines and Procedures.

### **THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE TO CLGS:**

*Project Grants (up to \$25,000)* – for studies, plans, programs and tools that help a community build capacity and implement effective preservation programs that generally take 12 – 18 months to complete. Project Grants are available once a year.

*Mini-Grants (up to \$7,500)* – for studies, plans, programs and tools that are shorter in duration or time sensitive. Mini-Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Scholarships* – for participating in conferences, seminars, and online trainings, for hosting trainings in your community, and for membership fees and publications that provide information for decision-makers. Scholarships are available on a rolling basis.

## Historical & Archival Record Care Grants

There are two levels of funding for the Historical & Archival Records Care Grants (neither requires a match):

- Individual grants in amounts up to and including \$5,000. No match required.
- Collaborative grants, where organizations can apply jointly for up to \$15,000. This would include two organizations applying jointly for up to \$10,000 or three organizations applying collaboratively for up to \$15,000. No match required.

*Collection Care Projects* - Funding may be requested for 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.

*Historical & Archival Records Care Grant* - Eligible organizations (or subunits) may apply for only one Historical & Archival Records Care Grant in any given grant cycle year. More than one qualified subunit within a multipurpose organization, however, may apply for funding during the same grant cycle. Funding may

be requested for surveying, inventorying, preserving, arranging, describing and making available historical local government records. Funding may also be requested for reformatting or the purchase of supplies and equipment.



## Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission administers a program of historical markers to capture the stories of people, places, events and innovations that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries. More than 2,500 cast aluminum markers feature subjects such as Native Americans, early settlers, government and politics, athletes, entertainers, artists, struggles for freedom and equality, factories and businesses, and a multitude of other noteworthy topics.

Nominations for historical markers may be submitted by any person or organization. New markers are approved and dedicated each year. Most markers are dedicated in public events featuring public officials, local historians, community representatives and others. Each dedication presents opportunities for Pennsylvanians to celebrate and understand their heritage.

## National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and is maintained by the National Park Service (NPS). In Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) manages the National Register program.



Properties listed in the National Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. National Register properties are distinguished by having been documented and evaluated according to uniform criteria established by the NPS.

National Register criteria recognizes the accomplishments of all people who have contributed to the history and heritage of the United States and are designed to help state and local governments, federal agencies and others identify significant historic and archeological properties worthy of preservation and of consideration in planning and development decisions.

Listing in the National Register often changes the way communities perceive their historic resources and gives credibility to efforts to preserve these resources as irreplaceable parts of our communities.

# Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

[lcbc.pa.gov](http://lcbc.pa.gov)

## Grants for Reducing Underage & Dangerous Drinking

The PLCB awards more than \$1 million annually in grants that fund programs that focus on proven strategies to discourage and reduce both underage and dangerous drinking. Grants are awarded to schools, community organizations, municipalities, law enforcement organizations, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and for-profit institutions, and grant-funded initiatives have included increased police patrols, social norms campaigns, “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” campaigns, college alcohol assessment surveys, online alcohol education programs, peer training, and more.

If you wish to be notified via email regarding grant information and updates, please send an email to [ra-lbeducation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-lbeducation@pa.gov) requesting to be placed on the grant distribution list.

## Act 39 Grant

Act 39 of 2016 created the Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board and authorized the PLCB to approve up to \$1 million annually for development and marketing of the Pennsylvania beer industry. The grant projects are approved by the Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board.

The Board will annually will solicit proposals for grants to conduct promotion, marketing and research projects to increase the quality, profitability, production and sale of malt and brewed beverages produced in this Commonwealth.

# Pennvest

[pennvest.pa.gov](http://pennvest.pa.gov)

**Mission** - PENNVEST was founded on March 1, 1988 and serves the communities and citizens of Pennsylvania by funding sewer, storm water and drinking water projects.

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.

PENNVEST's low cost financial assistance helps make the water that is consumed every day by thousands of Pennsylvanians safe to drink. It helps clean rivers and streams in communities for the enjoyment of our citizens and the protection of our natural resources. PENNVEST funding also assists businesses to locate and expand their operations in Pennsylvania to create permanent, well-pay jobs for our workers.

**Preapplication Project Review** - When an applicant is considering PENNVEST funding mechanism the first step to the process is to meet with their PENNVEST regional representative for a pre-application meeting. The PENNVEST regional representatives are a valuable resource and should be part of the process at the concept phase.

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**- The CWSRF program provides affordable financing for wastewater and certain other projects throughout Pennsylvania for the construction, improvement, extension, expansion, repair or rehabilitation of wastewater collection, treatment or disposal facilities, storm water management, nonpoint source pollution controls including but not limited to agricultural best management practices and watershed and estuary management.

The program offers low interest loans with flexible terms and principal forgiveness funds where applicable and available. Funding awards are made by the PENNVEST Board at scheduled meetings and the type and amount of funds are dependent upon the relative ranking of a project in the pool of projects, the economic need of the system and the amount of funding available for award at that meeting.

PENNVEST performs similarly to a bank for the CWSRF program in Pennsylvania and manages the financial aspects of the fund, while the Department of Environmental Protection is the technical arm for the program. The seed money for the CWSRF has been distributed to states annually under Congressional authorization pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1987. The funds and the program are administered nationally by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Credit Enhancement Assistance** - The Board has expanded the PENNVEST funding packages with the development of Credit Enhancement Assistance (CEA). Through the CEA, recipients are eligible to accept bond and/or loan guarantees for the repayment of third-party loans, bond issues or other types of financing that qualified applicants may incur to finance eligible project costs. Each deal will be specific to the project sponsor and other funding, but the term of the bond or loan guarantee will typically be 20 years from the day the guarantee goes into effect.



**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)** - The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered jointly with the PA Department of Environmental Protection, provides a resource for financing various public drinking water systems (including systems owned by for-profit entities and not-for-profit entities) for expenditures for projects which will facilitate compliance with national and state drinking water regulations or otherwise advance the health-protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving funds are funded by federal capitalization grants and State matching funds.

The DWSRF program offers low interest loans with flexible terms to assist a variety of borrowers for construction, expansion and maintenance of drinking water facilities (treatment plants, distribution mains, storage facilities), and improvements and upgrades to water quality systems.

The United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides federal oversight of the national EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program in all 50 states and Puerto Rico under the laws, regulations and policy of the program.

**Green Initiatives** - PENNVEST actively funds Green Initiatives that promote and encourage environmental responsibility in our communities that are creative

and innovative with green solutions for water quality management. These solutions can be as simple as installation of water barrels for water collection and re-use, to regional projects that reduce sediment and nutrient contamination of the Chesapeake Bay watershed by reducing storm water runoff from agricultural areas.

**ARRA Green Reserve** - As part of the PENNVEST ARRA 2009 Funding under the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”, a wide variety of applicants accomplished work in support of water quality and drinking water quality efforts. The objective was to encourage the submittal of applications for projects that “address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities.” As defined by U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidance and in ARRA, the following categories of water quality work were funded under Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund authority: Water Efficiency; Energy Efficiency; Green Infrastructure; Environmentally Innovative Projects.

**Growing Greener Grants** - The Growing Greener initiative has created an opportunity for PENNVEST to participate in innovative ways to promote sound land use, while simultaneously improving the Commonwealth’s water resources. Under this initiative, PENNVEST has grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. These are the same types of projects that PENNVEST has always funded. PENNVEST uses these grant funds in its normal funding process, making these infrastructure projects more affordable for the users who ultimately must pay for them.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection reviews applicants for their Growing Greener grant funding and referring to PENNVEST some of those that they are not able to accommodate at the time of review. These will likely be applicants for drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects such as those traditionally funded by PENNVEST. As soon as those referrals come to PENNVEST we will contact the applicants to work them into our funding process.

**NonPoint Source Projects** - Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) Ag BMP projects that demonstrate cost-effective nutrients reduction benefits are eligible for funding to a municipal sponsor, a conservation district or directly to the landowner. Funding could be in the form of a loan, grant or a loan/grant combination depending on the funding capability of the benefactor. Eligible practice consist of manure storage facilities, lagoons, riparian buffers, barnyard runoff reduction and various other practices. By funding Ag BMPs, PENNVEST can assist in the reduction of nutrients into receiving streams.

**Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment** - By reducing or eliminating water quality threats to the health and welfare of Pennsylvania’s citizenry and to the environment, PENNVEST anticipates that the Brownfield’s remediation low-interest loan program will help facilitate

the sale and reuse of industrial and commercial properties in the Commonwealth. This is an important benefit to all Pennsylvania residents. As the potential environmental liabilities of reusing or further developing existing commercial properties diminish, economic benefits are expected for both the buyer and seller. PENNVEST is optimistic that its Brownfield remediation funding initiative will provide the following benefits: improve local surface and groundwater quality; encourage reuse of property in urban areas rather than suburban sprawl into surrounding rural areas; help revitalize the economies of local communities; create employment opportunities in areas of low income and/or high unemployment; increase local tax bases; facilitate the use or reuse of existing infrastructure and facilities located in the proximity of the sites; and facilitate the creation, preservation, or addition to parks, greenways, open spaces and other recreational properties.

**Greyfields** - Greyfields are described as old, and abandoned commercial real estate, specifically shopping malls and retail centers. Greyfield development focuses on the revitalization of these types of existing infrastructure often by creative building, ‘greening’ the land, and re-purposing open space. These types of projects are vital to the economic impact and beautification of communities. PENNVEST funding can be leverage with economic development authorities and investments groups for the remediation of drinking water and surface water as part of larger efforts for greyfield development.



**Acid Mining Drainage** - PENNVEST recognizes the important role that can be provided in assisting the public in the restoration of the quality of water resources to local communities impacted by acid mine drainage (AMD). PENNVEST funding can be leverage with existing funding partnerships to provide communities with the means to address mine drainage problems impacting water supplies. ADM projects that demonstrate cost-effective environmental benefits for water supplies can use funding for: monitoring of water quality changes resulting from an abatement project; and engineering, design and construction costs for a priority reclamation project.

**Estuary** - Estuaries are large bodies of water that meet at the mouth of a river or streams. These estuaries are vital to the ecosystems that provide home and habitat for fish and water life. Rapid population growth over several decades has created an abundance of nutrients that have leached into the estuaries through ground and surface waters. The results are dissolved oxygen levels within the water and changes in water quality that essentially destroy productive fish areas and displeasing waters that adversely affect the valuable tourist industry and property values. PENNVEST can provide funding to leverage existing funding partnerships that help with the removal and abatement of these nutrients from wastewater treatment and storm water management programs including changes in water flow within the estuary to increase flushing to complement reduction and removal efforts.



**Homeowner On-Lot Sewage Disposal & Lateral Repair Loans** - PENNVEST, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, provides low-cost financing to improve, replace, or repair individual on-lot sewage disposal systems or to connect, for the first time, to public sewer in order to meet public health and environmental safety standards.

#### **ELIGIBLE USES**

- Rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing on-lot system or sewer lateral located from the house to the main line on a single family, owner-occupied property which is the primary residence of the owner.
- Project costs may include design costs, construction fees and costs, permit fees and most loan origination fees.
- First-time hook-ups to community wastewater collection and treatment systems.

**Lead Line Replacement Initiative** - On October 4, 2019, the Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act (WIFTA) was signed into law. This statute temporarily expands the Clean Water to Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) transfer authority specifically to address lead-related threats to public health in drinking water.

In addition to the existing inter-SRF transfer authority, WIFTA authorizes states to transfer no more than five percent of the amount of the states' cumulative CWSRF

federal grants to the state's DWSRF to be used as principal forgiveness. Drinking water system or facility owners or operators are eligible to apply, provided they are otherwise authorized to make application under the PENNVEST Act. The system or facility may be privately or publicly owned or operated. Drinking water projects otherwise eligible under the PENNVEST Act with adequately mapped and designated lead line replacement areas are eligible. The replacement must be a full line replacement for any lead portions of both the public and private sides of laterals ending at the homeowner's foundation to be eligible.

# Department of Transportation

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## 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. Eligible applicants may apply for multimodal transportation funding to fund up to 70 percent of the total project cost. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants will not exceed \$3,000,000.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** – Application deadlines vary and are available on the PennDOT website



**Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – The Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program 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. There is an 80/20 cost share for shovel-ready projects, and PennDOT will pay for 100 percent of right-of-way acquisition costs. Applicants pay for any pre-construction costs but these upfront costs may be eligible for Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) funding.

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.



## 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.

**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.

**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 funded with 95 percent federal, 5 percent state and 2½ percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

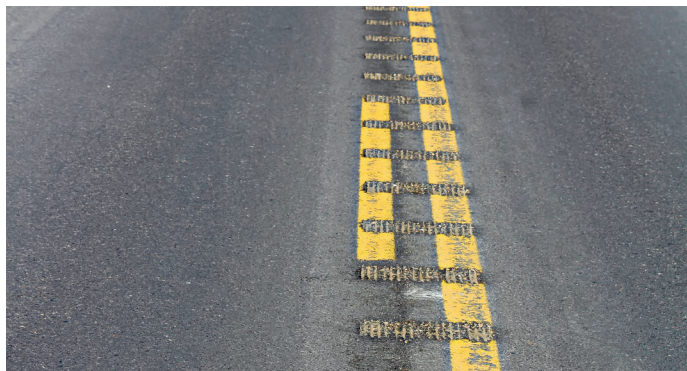
Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

**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.

**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.



## Bureau of Maintenance and Operations

**Highway Safety Grant Program** – This federally funded program provides funds for behavioral highway safety initiatives. 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 Improvement Plan (SHSIP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSIP.

April – Grant programs 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 ([www.dot34.state.pa.us/](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/)).

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.

**Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania’s Municipal Signal Partnership Program** – The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania’s Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the “Green Light-Go Program”, provides state funds for the operation and maintenance of traffic signals along critical and designated corridors on state highways. Act 89 of 2013 created Title 75, Section 9511(e.1) [Allocation to Municipalities for Traffic Signals] which is a new funding program for designated corridors. The Department developed a similar traffic signal modernization and improvement program for critical corridors designed to improve safety and mobility by

reducing congestion and improving efficiency on key state highways.

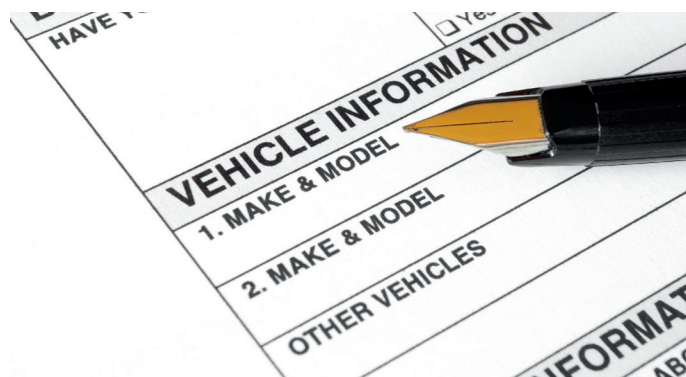
**Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program** – In October 2010, PennDOT established as identified within the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [75 Pa.C.S. §§3116 (1)(2), 3117(m)(2), and 3117(m)(2.1)], an Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. Details regarding the ARLE 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 focused to low-cost safety and mobility improvements.

Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement specifying the acceptance of applications between June 1 and June 30. Applicants are required to obtain the latest grant application and fill out appropriately. Additional ARLE Funding Program information can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals>

## Bureau of Motor Vehicles

**Motor Vehicle Titling and Registration for Totally Disabled Veterans** – Vehicles of totally disabled veterans, whose disability has been certified as service connected, will not be charged a fee for the titling and registration of their vehicle. Documentation certifying disability from the service unit of the armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States Veterans’ Administration as being service connected needs to be attached to the MV-1 or MV-4ST (for initially titled vehicles) or to their registration renewal form.

Contact – PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104. Phone: 717-412-5300. Website: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)  
Reduced Motor Vehicle



**Registration** – Retired persons can register a passenger vehicle or a light-duty truck up to 9,000 pounds for a \$10 processing fee instead of the usual registration fee. Those eligible must be a retired Pennsylvania resident receiving Social Security or other pension and whose total annual income does not exceed \$19,200 annually. A completed MV-371 is required.

The \$10 processing fee instead of the usual registration fee is also available to: any veteran who lost a limb or

eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; a person who, as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal; or any person who has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

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## Bureau of Driver Licensing

### **Free Photo ID when driver surrenders driver license –**

Drivers who wish to surrender their license (usually for medical reasons) will be given a free photo identification card, valid for four years. Drivers whose licenses are recalled for medical reasons are also issued the free, four-year ID.

Contact – PennDOT Bureau of Driver Licensing, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104. Phone: 717-412-5300. Website: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov).



## Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports and Waterways

**Capital Budget Rail Freight Assistance** – 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 for both types of projects 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: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application, go to [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants). 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 [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

**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. The final grant award will be based upon actual bid costs or agreed upon prices if work is to be performed by your own labor forces.

Types of projects eligible for funding: Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts and other track materials. See PennDOT's website, [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us), for more details. 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 [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application go to [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants). Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.

**Marcellus Shale Program** – This program, funded through Act 13, 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.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application go to [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants).

Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.



## Bureau of Public Transportation

**Public Transportation Operating Assistance** – State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 37 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. Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

*APPLICATION DEADLINE* – May 31.



**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

## 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 first based on legislative formula distribution to SEPTA and PAAC and the remainder based on transit agency need. This program requires a local match.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

*APPLICATION DEADLINE* – July 31

**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.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

*APPLICATION DEADLINE* – July 31

**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* – July 31

*ELIGIBILITY* – All counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.

**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* – July 31

**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* – May 31





**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 are supported under this program.

*APPLICATION DEADLINE* – No deadline

**New Initiatives** – If funds are available for this program, those funds would be used 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

**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 general public one-way shared-ride 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 general public one-way shared-ride fare.

*APPLICATION DEADLINE* – May 31

*ELIGIBILITY* – Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Philadelphia.

**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 general public one-way shared-ride fare. A senior citizen, or a sponsoring agency, pays 15 percent of the general public one-way 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* – May 31

**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

**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* – May 31

## Bureau of Municipal Services

**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.

**Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program** – The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 1983-32, 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.

## 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 – 1-800-FOR-LTAP or [LTAP@state.pa.us](mailto:LTAP@state.pa.us)

## PennDOT Public-Private Partnerships

Act 88 of 2012 authorizes public private transportation projects in Pennsylvania. This allows PennDOT and other transportation authorities and commissions in the state to enter into agreements with the private sector to participate in the delivery, maintenance and financing of transportation-related projects.

A P3 project is a contractual agreement between a public entity and private entity that transfers the responsibility of a facility's engineering, construction, operation and/or maintenance to the private sector for a defined period of time. P3's also allow the private sector to perform by contract a service previously provided by the public sector; and ensures the private firm receives payments either from existing revenue sources or through the collection of new tolls or user fees.

The two basic P3 project types are:

- **New Build Facilities** – Adding capacity to the system by building something new.
- **Existing Facilities** – Improving capacity or performance of the current system through a P3 arrangement.

Contact – [P3ForPA@pa.gov](mailto:P3ForPA@pa.gov)

Public Private Partnerships Office  
P.O. Box 3545, Harrisburg, PA 17105

## Pennsylvania State Transportation Innovation Council

Pennsylvania State Transportation Innovation Council  
In 2010, FHWA introduced the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) concept to state transportation departments and industry partners to foster ownership and pride in establishing a process in which ideas, innovative techniques and processes can be evaluated and implemented quickly and proficiently.

Pennsylvania's STIC evaluates well researched and proven technologies that are ready to be implemented in the field. Technologies, tactics, and techniques that are selected will be employed and promoted to become standard practice within the transportation community at the local, regional, or statewide level.

The STIC is a cross-section of various stakeholders, state and federal agencies, local governments, research organizations and industry partners that work together to forge an environment of innovation, imagination and ingenuity to pursue specific initiatives and their rapid implementation to deliver a modern and high-quality transportation system to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

To assist the STIC in selecting initiatives that should be promoted and implemented, Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) have been created to review, evaluate and provide suggestions on potential benefits and uses of initiatives or techniques. The TAGs are responsible for ensuring that chosen initiatives succeed in improving the transportation system and are required to develop deployment plans and track the initiatives progress.

The TAGs created thus far are focused in the following areas: Construct, Design, Environmental, Facilities, Maintenance, Materials, Project Delivery, Safety, Structures, Work Force Development and Traffic Management.

## Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Grant Program

**Program purpose** - This discretionary grant program purposes are to advance community-centered transportation connection projects, with a priority for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration, and to provide technical assistance to further these goals.

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program provides technical assistance and grant funding for planning and capital construction to address infrastructure barriers, restore community connectivity, and improve people's lives.

The Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Program provides technical assistance and grant funding to improve walkability, safety, and affordable transportation access through context-sensitive strategies for improving community connectivity; mitigating or remediating negative impacts on the human or natural environment; and assisting economically disadvantaged or underserved communities with planning and capacity building activities.

## USDOT Transportation Alternatives

**Program purpose** - The FAST Act eliminates the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaces it with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding for transportation alternatives (TA). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Fiscal year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Authorization	\$835M	\$835M	\$850M	\$850M	\$850M

Statutory citation- FAST Act § 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133(h)

Type of budget authority –

Contract authority from the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund, subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation. The FAST Act directs the Secretary to set aside, for TA, an amount from each State’s STBG apportionment, such that—

The State receives a share of the national total TA funding that is determined by multiplying the amount of the national total TA funding by the ratio that the amount of FY 2009 transportation enhancements (TE) funding to the State bears to the total amount of TE funds apportioned to all States in FY 2009; and

The national total for TA is \$835 million per year for FYs 2016 and 2017 and \$850 million in FYs 2018-2020.

Suballocation- A portion of transportation alternatives funding is suballocated based on population, in a manner identical to funding under the prior TAP. [23 U.S.C. 133(h) (2)]

**Set-aside of funds** – Unless the Governor opts out in advance, for each fiscal year FHWA is to set aside for the State’s Recreational Trails Program (RTP) an amount of TA funds equal to the State’s FY 2009 RTP apportionment. FHWA administers this set-aside identically to the RTP set-aside under the prior TAP. [23 U.S.C. 133(h)(5) and (6), 23 U.S.C. 206]

### Transferability to other Federal-aid apportioned

**programs** – A State may transfer to the National Highway Performance Program, National Highway Freight Program, the STBG Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program up to 50% of TA funds made available each fiscal year for TA projects in any area of the State. Suballocated funds distributed by population or set-aside for RTP are not transferable to other apportioned programs. [23 U.S.C. 126]

Federal share – As a general rule, the Federal share for TA is in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 120. However, the Federal share for projects under the RTP set-aside is determined in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 206(f). (See the “Federal Share” fact sheet for additional detail.)

**Eligible activities** - Generally, TA eligibilities are the same as those under the prior TAP, except the FAST Act—

- Newly allows an urbanized area with a population of more than 200,000 to use up to 50% of its suballocated TA funds for any STBG-eligible purpose (but still subject to the TA-wide requirement for competitive selection of projects); and [23 U.S.C. 133(h)(6)(B)]
- Eliminated TAP’s “Flexibility of Excess Reserved Funding” provision (which allowed the use of excess TAP funds for any TAP-eligible activity or for projects eligible under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program).

**Program features** - As under TAP, the FAST Act requires all TA projects to be funded through a competitive process. Eligible applicants include all entities that were eligible to apply for TAP funds. The FAST Act also allows nonprofit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs to apply.

The FAST Act newly requires States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to report annually to DOT on project applications and projects that are awarded TA funding (including the RTP set-aside). DOT must make these reports available to the public.

Except as specified above, FHWA administers the TA set-aside identically to funding under the prior TAP, including the relative roles of State DOTs (which generally administer TA funding) and MPOs that represent urbanized areas with populations of more than 200,000 (which are involved in project selection); and the requirement that each TA-funded project (except for those funded under the RTP set-aside) be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway.

# Miscellaneous

## Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program

[www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov)

**(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 projects include: convention centers, hospitals, hotels, industrial enterprises, manufacturers, retail enterprises creating at least 200 jobs and occupying over 200,000 sq. ft., and research and development enterprises.

## Local Law Enforcement Grant Program (PGCB)

[gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)

The Local Law Enforcement Grant Program (“Local Law Enforcement Program” or “Program”) was created by the passage of Act 71 of 2004 and revised with the passage of Act 1 of 2010. Amendments made by Act 42 of 2017, reallocated funding of the Local Law Enforcement Grants for different purposes. The Supreme Court, however, struck down provisions reallocating Local Law Enforcement Grants, giving the Board the authority to once again offer the Local Law Enforcement Grants. The purpose of the Program, as identified in Section 1408(c) of the Act, is to issue Grants to local law enforcement agencies to “investigate violations of and enforce laws relating to unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth.” The Local Law Enforcement Grant Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (“PGCB” or “Board”).

## Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania State Wildlife Grants Program

[pgc.pa.gov](http://pgc.pa.gov)

The State Wildlife Grants program (SWG) is the nation’s core program for preventing species from becoming endangered. This federal program provides needed funds to states to develop and implement conservation actions that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species not hunted or fished. Created in 2000 by Congress, SWG has enabled the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to direct conservation efforts toward species in decline or vulnerable to decline, with the goal of preventing endangered species listings. State Wildlife Grant funding to Pennsylvania has ranged from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million per year, split equally between the Game Commission and Fish & Boat Commission.

## Pennsylvania State Library Grants

The State Library of Pennsylvania’s Bureau of Library Development provides financial assistance to strengthen library services in the Commonwealth. These funding programs include the Library Services and Technology Act Grant Program, and the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Act Library Facilities Grant Program, the e-Rate program and the State Aid to Public Libraries Program.

## PA Small Business Development Centers

[PASBDC.org](http://PASBDC.org)

The Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) are the only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. The SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and 18 universities and colleges across the Commonwealth. The mission of the network of Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) is to provide entrepreneurs and small business owners with the knowledge needed to make smart decisions and prosper. Consulting Services. Since its inception in 1980, the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) has evolved into a network of 18 university and college-based centers and more than ninety outreach locations operating under the guidance of the Lead Office located at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania SBDC provides consulting services and educational programs to entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their small business. SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, one-to-one sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more.

## Walkworks (DOH)

[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

WalkWorks is an initiative between the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center that supports the development and adoption of active transportation plans or related policies. Its mission is to increase access and opportunities for physical activities, such as walking, biking, wheeling, and using public transit. WalkWorks:

- Provides funding to develop Active Transportation Plans to guide the establishment of safe, accessible, active routes connecting everyday destinations.

- Provides technical assistance for the development of said plans and policies.
- Educates about the relevance and benefits of safe and accessible walking, biking, transit, and all forms of active mobility for people throughout the commonwealth, no matter their zip code, income, or skin color.
- Offers support to communities that encourage walking, biking, transit, wheeling, etc., through events, routes, programs, and groups.

# PA Department Contact Numbers

## **Agriculture**

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Harrisburg, PA 17110  
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## **Center for Rural Development**

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(717) 787-9555 • F: 717.772.3587  
info@rural.palegislature.us

## **Commission on Crime & Delinquency**

3101 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
(717) 705-0888  
www.pccd.pa.gov

## **Community & Economic Development**

Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 4th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225  
1.866.466.3972 • www.dced.pa.gov

## **Conservation & Natural Resources**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105  
717-787-4737 • www.dcnr.state.pa.us

## **Emergency Management Agency**

1310 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
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## **Environmental Protection**

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Harrisburg, PA 17101  
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www.dep.pa.gov

## **Film Office**

400 North St #4, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
(717) 783-3456 • filminpa.com  
ra-film@pa.gov

## **Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Headquarters**

1601 Elmerton Avenue  
PO Box 67000  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000  
717-705-7800

## **Game Commission Headquarters**

2001 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797  
Phone: (717) 787-4250

## **General Services**

515 North Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17125  
www.dgs.pa.gov

## **Governor's Action Team**

400 North Street, Plaza Level  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
1-888-483-2672

## **Governor's Budget Office**

Main Office  
19th Floor, Harrisstown 2  
333 Market Street, Harrisburg PA 17101  
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## **Governor's Center for Local Government Services**

400 North Street, 4th Floor  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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## **Historical & Museum Commission**

300 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
(717) 787-3362 • www.phmc.pa.gov

## **Liquor Control Board**

Northwest Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17124-0001  
717-7837637  
lcb.pa.gov

## **Office of the State Fire Commissioner**

2605 Interstate Drive # 300  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
(717) 651-2001 • www.osfc.pa.gov

## **Penn State Extension**

www.extension.psu.edu

## **Pennvest**

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority  
333 Market Street, 18th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
(717) 783-6798 • www.pennvest.pa.gov

## **SBDC Lead Office**

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
15200 Kutztown Road  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Client Inquiries: 877-472-7273  
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## **Transportation**

Riverfront Office Center  
1101 South Front Street  
Harrisburg PA 17104-2516  
1-800-932-4600 • www.dmv.pa.gov

## **USDA**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250  
(202) 720-2791 • www.usda.gov

## **USDA, Pennsylvania**

359 East Park Drive, Suite 4  
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2747  
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# Letter of Support Request Form

Utilize this form to provide all relevant information to your state senator's office.

Grant Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant / Loan

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application ID Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief Impact of the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If application has been submitted. Additionally, please provide a copy of your application.

## Support Letter

Support Letter: Yes  No

Letter: Electronic  Mail

To whom would you like the support letter addressed?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Desired: \_\_\_\_\_