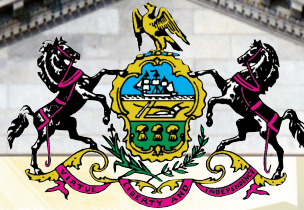




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*Serving the 19th District*

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*Dear Community Leader,*

I am pleased to provide you with an updated resource that will help you, local groups and residents find grants and other resources in government.

From the Department of Aging to the state Treasury to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority, the Pennsylvania Grant Directory is a great starting point for constituents and organizations seeking financial support for their work and ideas.

Some state grant programs have limited eligibility in which only municipalities, school districts and nonprofit organizations can apply. And, it is important to note that some grant, loan and assistance programs change each fiscal year. It is best to check websites or contact the appropriate agency to learn about the current status of any program.

If you need additional assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn T. Comitta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C'.

**Carolyn T. Comitta**

*State Senator - 19th District*



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

### THE AGING SERVICES NETWORK

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

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

**Domiciliary Care (Dom Care)**—The Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) program provides a supervised, homelike living arrangement for adults ages 18 and older who are unable to live independently in the community. Dom Care homes are certified by the local Area Agency on Aging for three or fewer residents. Area Agencies on Aging match eligible residents to Dom Care providers with consideration of their mutual needs, preferences, and interests. Area Agencies on Aging also provide ongoing care management services to residents and conduct annual Dom Care home inspections. Residents of the Dom Care home receive assistance with self-help activities such as bathing, grooming, and laundry. Dom Care providers assure the resident receives nutritious meals, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance with self-administration of medication, when needed. Dom Care providers are typically individuals who open their homes and are willing to provide residents with housing, support, care, and encouragement in a family-like setting. They participate in a certification process to make sure their home meets health and safety requirements. The success of the Dom Care program is dependent upon these nurturing individuals who have the desire to give daily, personalized care and attention to residents and encourage a sense of belonging and independence in their own home.

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**Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO)**—The Pennsylvania Department of Aging partners with the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A) to offer the Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO). Elder cottages are small, separate, manufactured residences for older adults that are temporarily placed in the side or backyard of a host family (relatives or close friends). The arrangement provides independence and privacy for its resident along with easy access to family or friends who can provide assistance. When living requirements of the resident

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change, the cottage will be relocated to the home of another host family. All seniors served are lower income and pay no more than 30% of their monthly incomes to reside in the cottage. The cottages will be made available through a local collaboration between the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and a local housing partner.

There are currently cottages in the following counties/AAAs service areas:

- Centre
- Clearfield
- Fayette
- Huntingdon/Bedford/Fulton
- Lackawanna
- Union/Snyder
- Wayne
- Westmoreland

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**Health & Wellness Program**—The Department of Aging's Health & Wellness Program is designed to educate and enable older Pennsylvanians, through evidence-based programs, to remain healthy and improve their quality of life. The program focuses on key wellness areas, including exercise, nutrition, chronic conditions, falls/injury prevention, medication management and behavioral health. A variety of free health and wellness programs and activities are available in your local community.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550 or visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/health-wellness/Pages/default.aspx>.

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**Modernization of Senior Community Centers**—The Department of Aging offers grant opportunities for senior community centers to modernize their facilities and improve their programs and services, consistent with the goals and direction of the State Plan on Aging. The objective is to help senior centers prepare for changing demographics and make them more attractive to a younger aging population.

Details can be obtained online at [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or by calling 717-783-1550

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**Nutrition Services**—The Department of Aging provides for quality nutrition services to older Pennsylvanians through: senior community center and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and personalized assessments, assistance with applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and information and online resources. Nutritious meals are available to individuals age 60 or older and their spouses at various senior community centers across the state. Meals are available either on location at the center (congregate meals) or they can be delivered directly to eligible individuals who have nutritional needs or are nutritionally at-risk through the Department's OPTIONS Program. Meals are provided free of charge, but participants may give an anonymous donation to help offset the cost of the service.

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

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

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



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exploitation and abandonment. The department works closely with the 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), which administer the older adults' protective services program at the local level. The local AAAs are responsible for intake of reports, investigation into allegations of all types of abuse and providing protective services to older adults. Within the department, the Protective Services Office is responsible for conducting quality assurance reviews and providing technical assistance to local protective services programs across the commonwealth. Reports may be made on behalf of an older adult, whether the individual lives in the community or in a care facility. Any person who believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned may call the 24/7 elder abuse hotline: 1-800-490-8505. The reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

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**Older Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Program**—The Older Pennsylvanians Legal Assistance program provides access to free legal services for older adults, including counsel, advice, and representation in a case. The program can help with legal matters relating to abuse, age discrimination, guardianship defense, healthcare, housing, long-term care, Medicaid, Medicare, nutrition, social security and supplemental security income benefits and utilities. Eligibility is provided to residents age 60 or older with an emphasis on individuals with the greatest economic and/or social needs. The program is free of charge, but clients are required to pay for actual legal costs incurred, such as court costs and filing fees. The program is funded in part by the Department of Aging and is administered by the AAA.

For more information on aging services available in your community, contact your local Area Agency on Aging, visit [www.aging.pa.gov/aaa](http://www.aging.pa.gov/aaa)

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**OPTIONS**—The Pennsylvania Department of Aging's OPTIONS Program provides services to help Pennsylvanians who are 60 years of age and older to remain in their homes and communities. A comprehensive interview is conducted by the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to determine eligibility and identify the consumers' unmet needs. A Care Manager works closely with the consumer to develop a plan of care to address the unmet needs and coordinates the provision of services.

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

Benefits: OPTIONS Services required to be offered by the AAA include:

- Adult Daily Living Services
- Care Management
- In-Home Meals (home-delivered meals)
- Personal Care Services

*Other services which may be offered, at the discretion of the AAA, may include\*:*

- Emergent Services
- Home Health Services
- Home Modifications
- Home Support
- Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Devices
- Pest Control - Fumigation

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- Personal Emergency Response System
- Specialized Medical Transportation

*\*Not all services are available in every county.*

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

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**PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources**—The PA Link assists older adults (over 60) and individuals with disabilities by providing information and connecting them to the supports and services they need (non-medical and medical) to live safely in their homes and communities. It is a coordinated network of partners that allows an individual to initiate contact with any PA Link partner and access needed information, assistance, resources, or next step in the process. The No Wrong Door approach attempts to minimize duplication of efforts by both individuals and providers, thereby streamlining access, reducing confusion, preserving resources, and creating a safety net for the most vulnerable.

The PA Link:

- Informs and connects individuals that are aged 60+ and individuals with disabilities to local long term services and support resources.
  - Provides objective information and one-on-one assistance to streamline access to community services and supports.
  - Diverts individuals from more costly forms of care such as nursing facility and hospital admissions.
  - Empowers people to make informed decisions about long-term services and supports, maintaining independence and aging in place.
  - Contributes to a one-stop-shop approach to accessing long-term services and supports.
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For more information, please call the PA Link Call Center at 1-800-753-8827

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

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assistance, or for a dependent child.

The following individuals may qualify for benefits:

- A caregiver age 18 and older who is the primary caregiver for a functionally dependent individual age 60 and older or an individual of any age who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.
  - A caregiver age 55 and older caring for an individual age 18-59 who is related by blood, marriage or adoption, with a non-dementia disability.
  - A caregiver age 55 and older who is not the biological parent but is the primary caregiver for, and related by blood, marriage or adoption to, a child under the age of 18.
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**Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman**—Pennsylvania's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program works to resolve complaints and issues on behalf of individuals residing in long-term care settings, such as nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and personal-care homes. Ombudsmen empower residents by educating them on their rights under federal and state law and advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves, to ensure that they receive the highest quality of care. They also work to bring about change that improves care at the local, state, and national levels.

To contact the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for program details, or to see how you can support your local Ombudsman Program, call the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) or the State Office at 717-783-8975 or by email at [LTC-OMBUDSMAN@pa.gov](mailto:LTC-OMBUDSMAN@pa.gov).

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**Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI)**—Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI, is the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Trained counselors provide free, objective information to help Medicare beneficiaries, those nearing Medicare eligibility and their families and caregivers to explore their Medicare choices. The program helps individuals understand their health insurance options in order to make informed decisions about their health care coverage. PA MEDI counselors are thoroughly trained in Medicare and can also provide local, un-biased, personalized information about Medicaid, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D prescription drug plans, financial assistance programs, and long-term care insurance. Counselors also understand Medicare rights and protections and can assist beneficiaries file Medicare appeals.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550, toll-free PA MEDI Helpline at 1-800-783-7067 Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM or visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling/Pages/default.aspx>

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

For more information or to apply, call 1-866-712-2060 or visit [www.pacecares.magellanhealth.com](http://www.pacecares.magellanhealth.com).

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Additional department resources for assistance with prescriptions include:

- Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse (PA PAP) – The department funds a statewide service

Anyone without PACE coverage or government-funded health insurance, including Medicare, can apply by calling 1-800-955-0989.

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center staffed by trained specialists, who can help uninsured and underinsured adults apply for prescription assistance through various programs. Anyone without PACE coverage or government-funded health insurance, including Medicare, can apply by calling 1-800-955-0989.

- Pennsylvania Prescription Price Finder – Anyone can access this free department-maintained resource that lists local prices on commonly used drugs, local pharmacy listings, information on low-cost generics, and drug information materials.

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To access the information, simply call 1-800-835-4080 or visit [www.parxpricfinder.com](http://www.parxpricfinder.com).

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**Property Tax Rent Rebate (PTRR)**—This rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. To file a Property Tax/Rent Rebate application online visit [www.mypath.pa.gov](http://www.mypath.pa.gov). Submitting your application online is easy and does not require you to sign up for an account. Using the electronic option offers many benefits, including:

- Fast processing and direct deposit options
- The Where's My Rebate? tool to track the status of a claim online
- Error-reducing automatic calculators
- Instant confirmation that your application has been filed
- Security features to ensure your sensitive information is safe

Applicants will be asked to provide specific information on their income and rent/property taxes. Applicants should check the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program instruction booklet to learn which information they will need to input/upload to complete the process.

For more information or to apply, call 1-888-222-9190.

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

Nutrition services such as:

1. Congregate meal services
2. Nutrition education
3. Nutrition screening and counseling
  - Fitness and well-being classes
  - Educational programs for creative instruction, self-enrichment and independent living
  - Volunteering opportunities Senior Community Centers also facilitate access to services that may be available within the local Area Agency on Aging's (AAA's) program service area, such as:
    - Providing information, referral, and outreach

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

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

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**Shared Housing and Resource Exchange (SHARE)**—Shared Housing and Resource Exchange (SHARE) is an affordable housing choice that brings together homeowners who want to share their home with home seekers who are looking for housing in exchange for rent, help around the house, or a combination of both. The program is currently available in Pike, Wayne, Monroe, Crawford, Adams, Union, Snyder, Bucks, Lackawanna, Montgomery, Northumberland, Philadelphia and Carbon counties.

For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging

**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**—The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) assigns unemployed low-income individuals age 55 and older to part-time community service positions with public and private nonprofit agencies such as social service agencies, public housing facilities, senior centers, public schools, etc. SCSEP strives for participants to obtain an unsubsidized job through the work experience obtained from the community service assignment. Participants usually work an average of 20 hours a week for which they are paid the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher. If you live in Clinton, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Philadelphia, Northampton, Washington, Westmoreland, or Wyoming counties, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging. If you live in a county that's not listed in the previous sentence, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's SCSEP contractor, The AARP Foundation. In addition to the 7 AAAs and The AARP Foundation that operate SCSEP in the commonwealth through contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, there are other national organizations that operate the SCSEP Program through direct contracts with the U.S. Department of Labor. SCSEP participants must be unemployed, age 55 or older, and meet income requirements.

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

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**Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and often for very specific activities. The department periodically updates the site: [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding) to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change.**

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**AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians (AgrAbility PA)**—A statewide partnership between Penn State Extension and UCP Central PA, which promotes independence in farming for individuals with disabilities or long-term health conditions by providing a variety of services at no cost.

**Contact** – Email [ARGRABILITY@psu.edu](mailto:ARGRABILITY@psu.edu), or call 814-867-5288, or visit [agrabilitypa.org](http://agrabilitypa.org)

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**Agricultural Business Development Center**—A new initiative designed to enhance the long-term vitality of Pennsylvania farms. The Center focused on providing support for sound business planning, efficient transitions of farm ownership, strategic farm expansion, diversification of agricultural production, and in building a team of financial and technical expertise as a resource for Pennsylvania farmers.

**Contact** – Email [RA-AGBusiness@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AGBusiness@pa.gov), or visit [www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/business-and-industry/agricultural-business-development-center.html](http://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/business-and-industry/agricultural-business-development-center.html)

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**Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program**—Developed to strengthen Pennsylvania's agricultural economy and protect prime farmland. The program incorporates the use of local, state, and federal funds to purchase agricultural conservation easements on prime agricultural land from willing landowners. More than 50 county programs participate. Farm owners apply directly to the county program. Farm applications are ranked and then forwarded to the state board for approval after offers have been made.

**Contact** – Email Stephanie Zimmerman at [STZIMMERMA@pa.gov](mailto:STZIMMERMA@pa.gov)

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**Agriculture and Youth Grant Program**—his program provides direct grants and matching grants to help fund eligible projects, programs and equipment purchases conducted or made by an organization composed mainly of youth, or an organization with programs that benefit youth, and organized to promote development in the areas of agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship.

**Contact** – Email Sara Gligora at [SGLIGORA@pa.gov](mailto:SGLIGORA@pa.gov)

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**Agriculture-linked low Interest Loan (AgriLink) Program**—Provides 'low-interest' loans to assist farmers in implementation of best management practices (BMPs) listed in approved Act 38 nutrient management plans, Chapter 91 manure management plans, agricultural Erosion and Sedimentation plans (Ag E&S) or conservation plans.

**Contact** – Justin Challenger at 717-772-4187 or Email: [JCHALLENGE@pa.gov](mailto:JCHALLENGE@pa.gov)

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**Clean & Green**—Clean and Green is a preferential tax assessment program, that bases property taxes on use values rather than fair market values. This ordinarily results in a tax savings for landowners. A property must be ten acres in size, and in Agricultural Use, Agricultural Reserve, or Forest Reserve. Agricultural Use applications may be less than 10 acres in size if the property is capable of generating at least \$2,000 annually in farm income. Applications may be requested via local county tax assessment offices.

**Contact** – Christopher Snyder at 717-257-6532 or Email: [SNCHRISTOP@pa.gov](mailto:SNCHRISTOP@pa.gov)

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**Conservation Excellence Grant Program**—Provides financial and technical assistance for the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural operations in high-priority locations within the Commonwealth. The program is administered by the State Conservation Commission and delegated to participating conservation districts for local implementation of the program.

**Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program**—Under this program, the State Conservation Commission provides grant funding through county conservation districts to state and local entities to eliminate stream pollution caused by runoff and sediment from dirt, gravel and low volume roads. Eligible applicants are state and local entities that own public roads. Federal roads and privately owned roads are not eligible for grant funds.

**Farm to School Grant Program**—Provides schools with funding to improve access to healthy, local foods and increase agriculture education opportunities for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. A minimum 25% match cash or in-kind is required (25% of project), and \$15,000 maximum may be awarded (75% of project).

**Good Agricultural Practices, Good Handling Practices and Mushroom-specific GAP Program**—The GAP/GHP Cost Share Program provides direct financial support through cost sharing of applicable certification fees to producers and processors who successfully complete a USDA GAP or GHP audit. Any business or individual located in Pennsylvania that successfully completes one initial USDA (GAP), (GHP) or (MGAP) audit is eligible to apply.

**Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Recovery Reimbursement Grant Program**—Provides reimbursement to farms, integrators, and allied industries directly impacted by HPAI by suffering demonstrable financial losses due to inclusion in a control or quarantine zone.

**Homegrown by Heroes**—Allows veteran members to add the Homegrown by Heroes logo to their products so that consumers can easily identify it and support veteran-owned businesses. Membership is free. Visit the website for details on how to participate.

**Organic Certification Cost Share Program**—The Organic Certification Cost Share Program provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program.

**PA Fair Fund**—Funds are made available to agricultural fairs, agricultural youth organizations and statewide organizations with an agricultural mission through the Pennsylvania Fair Fund. The PA Fair Advisory Board meets annually to review grant applications and outline a payment plan contingent upon available funding.

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or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/  
Business\\_Industry/pafairfund](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/pafairfund)

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

**PA Veteran Farming Project**—The state's grassroots network of veterans, military, and their spouses who farm and operate agribusinesses. They provide resource referral, education, and connections. Receives funding from the PA Veterans Trust Fund.

**Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) Grant Program**—REAP is a first-come, first-served program that enables farmers, businesses, and landowners to earn PA income tax credits to offset the cost of implementing conservation practices. Tax credits provided by the REAP program helps farmers off-set the costs of implementing best management practices (BMPs) that benefit their farms and work to protect water quality at the same time. PA tax credits are issued after the installation of a practice or purchase of eligible equipment. State or federal cost-share portions of a project are ineligible for REAP tax credits.

**Specialty Crop Block Grant Program**—Grant funding to assist with the growth, certification of seed, and marketing of eligible specialty crops incl. hemp, hardwoods, honey, and hops; and barley, rye and wheat for distilling, brewing, and malting.

**State Food Purchase Program**—Provides grants to counties for the purchase and distribution of food to low-income individuals. Intended to supplement the efforts of food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks, feeding programs, shelters for the homeless and similar organizations to reduce hunger.

**Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program**—Provides funding as a reimbursement grant to eligible applicants seeking to improve urban agriculture infrastructure in Pennsylvania. Projects must include improvements to agricultural infrastructure in urban areas and support for community development in the project service area. They may further include improvement or creation of programs that aggregate agricultural products in urban areas and promote the sharing of resources among urban agricultural entities.

**Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program**—This program supports the development and expansion of current or future very small meat and poultry processing operations in the Commonwealth by offering reimbursement grants to cover the cost associated with obtaining a grant of inspection from USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), opening a new very small meat and poultry processing operation, expanding the capacity of a current very small meat and poultry processing operation, or a combination of those purposes. Grants will only be offered to the extent that funding is made available to the department.

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**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. Eligibility includes: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

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

**Airport Land Development Zones**—The Airport Land Development Zone (ALDZ) program was established to encourage and promote the creation of new jobs on land and buildings owned by airports within this Commonwealth, while accelerating economic activity at and around airports on undeveloped land or vacant buildings owned by airports that can provide new revenue sources for airports. The ALDZ program is an incentive-based tax credit program to foster development on this vacant land.

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**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. **Eligibility:** Businesses, Economic development organizations, Political subdivisions; includes municipalities, counties and school districts.

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

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**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. **Eligibility includes:** Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

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**Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program**—Program provides tax credits to owners of agricultural assets who sell or rent agricultural assets to beginning farmers. The program is

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administered in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue. Those eligible to apply for a Beginning Farmer Tax Credit must: 1. Be an individual, trust, or pass-through entity that is the owner in fee of agricultural land or has legal title to any other agricultural asset 2. Sell or lease agricultural assets to a Beginning Farmer 3. Be subject to Personal Income Tax (Article III) 4. Be in state tax compliance with the laws and regulations of the commonwealth as determined by the Department of Revenue.

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**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Technology Development Grant**—Grants to help groups or consortia of Pennsylvania companies position themselves at the cutting edge of emerging technologies and establish a competitive advantage through the use of advanced e-business systems. *Eligibility:* Not-for-profit organizations; Community groups

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

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**Ben Franklin Technology Partners Challenge Grant Program**—The Ben Franklin Technology Partnership is comprised of a network of four independent organizations known as the Ben Franklin Technology Partners. The network serves the commonwealth by playing a major role in promoting and supporting business innovation within the state. The Ben Franklin Technology Partners provide access to capital, business expertise, technology commercialization services and a network of resources in order to advance the development of new technologies. The Challenge Grant Provides funds to businesses through the four Ben Franklin Technology Partners for access to capital, business expertise,

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technology commercialization services to advance the development of new technologies and for the generation, conservation, and transportation of alternative and clean energy.

**Eligibility:** Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Entrepreneurs, Start-up & early-stage companies, Established companies, Investors, Higher education, Research and BFTP alumni companies.

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**Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program**—Pennsylvania’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program is funded pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and provides more than \$42 billion to expand access to high-speed internet across the United States. Pennsylvania received a total of \$1,161,778,272.41 through its federal allocation. The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) is administering the BEAD program in accordance with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)’s Notice of Funding Opportunity for BEAD and Act 96 of 2021. BEAD funds may be used for the following eligible projects: Deploying and/or upgrading broadband network facilities in connection with a Broadband Serviceable Area (BSA); data collection, broadband mapping, and planning to the extent necessary to facilitate the goals and deliverables of the BEAD Program; eligible projects are limited to the defined project areas listed within Section III B and must meet the minimum 95% Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) coverage threshold.

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**Broadband Ready Communities (BBRC) Program**—The Broadband Ready Communities (BBRC) Program seeks to increase opportunities for investment in broadband infrastructure deployment within municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This program will work to reduce procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level and to encourage broadband infrastructure investment within participating communities. *Eligible entities include:* PA County, PA Municipality/Township.

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

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**Business in Our Sites (BOS) Grants/Loans**—The Business in Our Sites Program provides loans for the acquisition and

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

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**City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ)**—The City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) Program was created by Act 52 of 2013. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue (Revenue Department), the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Governor’s Office of Budget are tasked with administration of the CRIZ Program. The guidelines provide information for municipalities looking to apply to the CRIZ Program. A CRIZ is an area of up to 130 acres, comprised of parcels designated by a contracting authority, which will provide economic development and job creation within a political subdivision. State and local taxes collected within the CRIZ will be used to stimulate economic development projects within the CRIZ. The focus of the program is to provide opportunity to spur new growth, helping to revive communities and create jobs for the residents in the regions. Vacant, desolate, underutilized or abandoned space will be developed, thereby creating jobs, increasing personal incomes, growing state and local tax revenues, reviving local economies and improving the lives of residents and visitors.

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**Coal Refuse Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit**—The Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit provides tax credits to eligible facilities which generate electricity by using coal refuse for power generation, control acid gases for emission control, and use ash produced by the facilities to reclaim mining-affected sites. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes a person that owns an eligible facility, or is a transferor, purchaser, affiliate or assignee of a person to which a Coal Refuse Tax Credit certificate is issued. Eligible applicants are Qualified Taxpayers and must be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Institutions Tax.

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/coal-refuse-energy-reclamation-tax-credit/>

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**Community Development Block Grant-CARES (CDBG-CV)**—The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided for a supplemental appropriation of Community Development Block Grants as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

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Grants and technical assistance for eligible municipalities as identified under Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984 as amended, for any eligible community development activities for COVID-19 relief related activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. These funds were made available and released in three tranches: **Tranche 1:** Entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities and the Competitive program is available to all municipalities that are not direct federal recipients of CDBG funds and state Act 179 entitlement municipalities with a population less than 10,000. **Tranche 2 and 3:** Competitive program is being made available to any unit of local government in the commonwealth, including those that qualify as direct federal entitlement communities or urban counties under the CDBG program and the Partnership for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) Networks to apply for the Economic Development Assistance Funds.

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**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, eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need. **Eligibility:** Entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities, Competitive program is available to all municipalities that are not direct federal recipients of CDBG funds and state Act 179 entitlement municipalities with a population less than 10,000.

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

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**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

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needs of youth through programming or coordination; and making more use of or coordinating with welfare reform efforts. Eligible applicants must be a federally recognized Community Action Agency.

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**Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)**—Tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization. Pass-through entities, such as S-Corporations, Partnerships, LLCs, etc., can now apply the same day as C-Corporations. Applications must be submitted electronically using DCED's Single Application for Assistance. See the business application guide on our website: [www.dced.pa.gov/eitc](http://www.dced.pa.gov/eitc). Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made. Eligibility includes: Businesses authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax, Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921.

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

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**Engage!**—Engage! is a statewide business retention and expansion (BRE) program designed to regularly and proactively interact with targeted companies. Engage! will provide grants for purposes of a systematic BRE program to assist in the identification of PA companies to target, the engagement of those companies through various outreach methods, assessment of the needs of those targeted companies, and assisting those targeted companies through referrals and direct technical assistance. Eligible applicants to Engage! are nonprofit

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organizations, local governments, municipal authorities, industrial development agencies, and community organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for this program.

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**Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program (EEEP)**—Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes the issuances of Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program to expand the Concert Rehearsal and Tours in Pennsylvania. Eligibility is restricted to Concert Tour promotion companies, Concert Tour management companies, or other Concert management companies that produce a series of live musical Concerts with performances featuring a live musical performer or performers in front of a live audience within the commonwealth. Performances must be held at two or more different locations within Pennsylvania that qualify as a Class 1 Venue, Class 2 Venue, or Class 3 Venue, as defined in the Act. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

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

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

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**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. Eligibility includes: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

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**Global Access Program (GAP)**—The Global Access Program (GAP) is designed to enhance the capability of small to mid-sized Pennsylvania companies to increase export sales. GAP is administered by the Pennsylvania Office of International Business Development (OIBD) and provides up to \$10,000 per award period to qualifying Pennsylvania companies to reimburse up to 75% of eligible expenses associated with specific export promotion activities. The program is funded in part through a federal grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration. GAP is designed to provide flexibility and encourage innovative use of funds to meet the specific international marketing needs of the applicant. Valid uses include: overseas and domestic trade show participation, overseas trade mission participation, foreign market sales trip, subscription to US DOC services, translation/interpreter fees, website internationalization, shipping sample products, and compliance testing.

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**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. Eligibility includes: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

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**H2O PA-Flood Control Projects**—The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities or municipal authorities for flood control projects (Projects which involve construction, improvement, repair or rehabilitation of all or part of a flood control system). Eligible Applicants include: The Commonwealth, Independent Agencies, Municipalities or Municipal Authorities.

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**H2O PA-High Hazard Unsafe Dam Projects**—The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the state, independent agencies, municipalities, or municipal authorities for High Hazard Unsafe Dams. Eligible Applicants include: The Commonwealth, Independent Agencies, Municipalities or Municipal Authorities. Eligible uses: Projects which involve the repair, rehabilitation, or removal of all or a part of a high hazard unsafe dam.

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**H2O PA-Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects**—The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects. Eligible uses include: Activities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

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

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**Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance Program (HDBA)**—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supports the creation, sustainability, and growth of small, historically disadvantaged businesses across the state. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will partner with nonprofit organizations, economic development organizations, and educational institutions to provide technical assistance and business support services designed to increase access to capital, promote economic empowerment, and increase the number of small and diverse businesses engaging in business with Pennsylvania and other government entities. The Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance Program (HDBA) includes two components: Funding to create and support Business Assistance Service Centers and Funding to create microgrant programs.

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**Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC)**—The Historic Preservation Tax Credit provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will complete the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure into an income-producing property. All projects must include a

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qualified rehabilitation plan that is approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as being consistent with the Secretary of the Interior. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. Those eligible to apply are qualified taxpayers which include an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock-Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax.

**HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Non-Congregate Shelter Program (HOME-ARP NCS)**—The Pennsylvania HOME-American Rescue Plan Non-Congregate Shelter (HOME-ARP NCS) funds may be used to acquire and develop non-congregate shelter for individuals and families that meet one of the Qualifying Populations defined in the Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. NCS provides private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. This activity may include the construction of new structures or the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes, or other facilities) to be for use as HOME-ARP NCS. The Notice establishes requirements applicable to HOME-ARP NCS. HOME-ARP funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by DCED. Eligibility: Units of Local government may apply on behalf of private, non-profit and for-profit housing development entities. HOME-ARP participating jurisdictions (PJ's) may also apply under certain criteria (Review HOME ARP Non-Congregate Shelter Guidelines).

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**HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Supportive Services Program (HOME-ARP SS)** - The Pennsylvania HOME-American Rescue Plan Supportive Services (HOME-ARP SS) funds can provide a broad range of supportive services to individuals and families that meet one of the qualifying populations as defined in Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. Supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who are not already receiving the services outlined in the Notice through another program. Applicants may establish a separate supportive services activity or activities or may combine supportive services with other HOME-ARP activities. HOME-ARP funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by DCED. Eligibility: Units of Local government as well as non-profits may apply directly for HOME-ARP Supportive Services funds. Units of Local

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Government may submit applications on behalf of other eligible public agencies and nonprofit organizations, but in doing so, bear the responsibility of ensuring their subgrantees adhere to federal requirements such as the Environmental Review. (*Review HOME-ARRP Supportive Services Guidelines*).

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

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**Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP)**—The Industrial Sites Reuse Program promotes the reuse and redevelopment of former industrial land and sites by providing funding for public entities, private nonprofit economic development groups, and companies to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work. Entities cannot have caused or contributed to the environmental contamination, in order to receive funding. Funds are used for Phase I, II, and III environmental assessments and remediation of hazardous substances. **Eligibility:** Public entities, private nonprofit economic development entities, and companies involved in reuse of former industrial land; Entities that did not cause or contribute to environmental contamination.

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**Invent Penn State (IPS)**—Invent Penn State blends entrepreneurship-focused academic programs, business startup training and incubation, funding for commercialization, and university / community / industry collaborations to facilitate the challenging process of turning research discoveries into valuable products and services that can benefit Pennsylvanians and humankind. The designated grantee is The Pennsylvania State University.

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

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façade grant programs, accessible housing programs, and development grants. **Eligibility:** Units of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, towns, and home rule municipalities), Redevelopment and/or housing authorities, Nonprofit organizations to include economic development organizations, housing corporations, etc., Community development corporations, Business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts, and similar organizations incorporated as authorities.

### **Keystone Communities Program Designations:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-statewide/>

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**Category 4 Facilities Program (CFA) – (Berks, Westmoreland, and York Counties)**—The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues from Category 4 licensed facilities through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the host counties. Eligible Applicants are Counties, Municipalities, Economic Development Agencies and Redevelopment Authorities located in Berks, Westmoreland and York Counties.

**Fayette County (DCED)**—The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette (RACF) is the only eligible applicant. Interested entities should contact RACF regarding the local application process for more information.

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

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

**Northampton and Lehigh Counties (CFA)**—Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, economic development agencies and redevelopment authorities in Northampton and Lehigh Counties.

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

**Statewide (CFA)**—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 applicants include, Pennsylvania Counties, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Economic Development Agencies and Redevelopment Authorities.

**Washington County (DCED)**—All Washington County municipalities, economic development authorities within Washington County, and redevelopment authorities within Washington County are eligible applicants.

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**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

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project narrative, explain how their project will meet this goal.

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

For additional information or regulations questions, please reach out to DCED Customer Service at 1-866-466-3972 to be transferred to the program office.

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

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

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

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**Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) Program**—The Manufacturing Tax Credit Program was established by Act 84 of July 13, 2016 for the purpose of providing tax credits to taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll through the creation of new full-time jobs. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax (excluding employer withholding), Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax. The Program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. **Eligibility:** Qualified taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll through the creation of new full-time jobs.

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**Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)**—The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. Eligible applicants include: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Businesses, Economic Development Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies and Post-Rail/Freight. The program is jointly administered by DCED and PennDOT under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/>

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

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**Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)**—Under Article XIX-A of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 known as the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) (72 P.S. § 8901-A et seq.) as amended, DCED is authorized to administer the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). The goals of the programs are to promote community participation and collaborations among the residents nonprofits and businesses while producing outcomes by assisting a distressed area or the low-income population in a neighborhood. Eligible neighborhood nonprofits ("Applicants") apply for tax credits based on pending

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contributions from for-profit companies ("Contributors"). There are five components to this Act intended to benefit low income populations, and as such must not result in the displacement or forced relocation of low income individuals or households.

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

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

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

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

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**Neighborhood Assistance Program Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (NAP/EZP)**—As part of the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) (72 P.S. §8901-A et seq.), the Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (EZP) is intended for private for-profit companies working in distressed areas within a designated, Enterprise Zone, Keystone Main Street, Keystone Community, or Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone. Applicants make qualified investments to construct, rehabilitate, expand, and improve buildings or land that promote community development. For application dates and other important information regarding the program please visit our website at [www.dced.pa.gov](http://www.dced.pa.gov).  
Eligibility: Any private company with an investment located in an enterprise zone.

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

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for more information. **Eligibility:** Existing eligible NSP grantees, that are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals.

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**New PA Venture Capital Investment Program**—Loans to venture capital partnerships to invest in growth-stage PA companies. Investment in young job-producing companies; Investments must be made in underserved areas of PA, defined as outside the Philadelphia. MSA and those with populations below 1 million.

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**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.

**Eligibility:** Permanent Pennsylvania residents who are at least 18 at the time of the loan application; must meet lender's credit standards; access to adequate working capital, farm equipment, etc.; borrower must not have had any prior ownership of a substantial portion of land. Applicants need to apply through an Industrial Development Authority.

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**Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)**—The program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used by Opportunity Scholarship Organizations to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low-achieving school to attend another public school outside of their district or nonpublic school. A low-achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15 percent of their designation as an elementary or secondary school based upon combined math and reading Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) scores. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

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

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**PA Life Science Greenhouse Initiative**—The Life Sciences Greenhouses are models of effectiveness and efficiency. They capture the innovation potential of the life sciences industry and nurture that potential with critical early-stage funding and sector-specific business expertise. Pennsylvanians benefit directly as new companies are formed, jobs are created, additional capital is attracted to the commonwealth, and life-saving technologies reach patients.

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**PA Small Water and Sewer (SWS)**—Grants for small water, sewer, storm sewer and flood control infrastructure projects. Pursuant to Article XVII-A, §1774.1-A, of the Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, as amended (The Fiscal Code) funds were made available to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for eligible projects. Potential uses include Activities to assist with the construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation or repair of a water supply or sanitary sewer system. Eligible applicants: Municipalities and Municipal Authorities.

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**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 consortia of economic development service providers that may co-locate, develop formal partnership agreements, or otherwise create a coordinated and performance-based service delivery system that ensures each inquiry or lead from a business or potential entrepreneur is referred to, and acted upon expeditiously by, the appropriate service provider(s) in the region. The PREP program is designed to integrate the delivery system historically served by the following core service providers: Industrial Development Organizations, Local Development Districts (LDDs), Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs).

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

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**Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt & Taxable Bond Program**—The program issues tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building equipment, working capital and refinancings. See guidelines for loan requirements. **Eligibility:** All types of businesses and projects needing access to low-cost capital. Eligible Applicants should apply through an Industrial Development Authority or Corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

**Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority- Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Program (PMBDA-RLFCP)**— This program is designed to provide a source of capital to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community-based Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) organizations. Funds are used for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, and working capital. Eligible applicants are: Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) only.

**Pennsylvania Mixed-Use Housing Development Pilot Program**—The Pennsylvania Mixed-Use Housing Development Pilot Program (PA MHD) provides grant funding to eligible applicants for the development or conversion of buildings or land for mixed-use development, which include a portion of the development or conversion project devoted to a final residential use. Eligibility: Municipality, Economic Development Organization, Redevelopment Authority, Municipal Authority, Industrial Development Agency, For-Profit Organization.

**Pennsylvania Regional Center - New American Development Fund**—Low-cost loans to enterprises with job-creating projects located within the state's federally-designated EB5 regional center. The federal EB5 investor program grants eligible foreign investors the opportunity to obtain an EB5 visa if they commit to invest funds in job-producing development projects in the United

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States. Funds may be used to finance new construction, the acquisition of plant, property and equipment, building rehabilitation, tenant improvements and working capital.

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**Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program (PA SITES)**—The Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program (PA SITES) was established to provide grant and loan funding to eligible applicants to develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within the Commonwealth. The Planning Grants component provides grants to conduct a plan or feasibility study for a prospective site that may include the best future use of the parcel(s) for best economic growth opportunities for redevelopment or new development. The Construction Grants and Loans component provides grants and loans to serve as gap financing for strategic sites that need financial assistance to help reduce development risk for businesses. The grant and loan 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.

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**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. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site preparation costs associated with extending natural gas pipelines to serve eligible applicants: Economic Development Organizations, Businesses, Municipalities, Hospitals, and School Districts.

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/pipeline-investment-program/>

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

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**Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program**—This is a statewide program offering assistance to registered apprenticeship programs which foster high quality training. The program's goal is to increase apprenticeship availability to Pennsylvania employers to assist them with their talent recruitment and development. Funding will be provided to eligible applicants: (A Single Employer, Employer Consortia, Workforce Development Boards, Economic Development Organizations,

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Labor Organizations, Local Career Technical Education Institutions, Pennsylvania Community Colleges and Community Organizations or Associations. The apprenticeship program must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office and evidenced by a certificate of registration.

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

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/private-dam-financial-assurance-program-pdfap/>

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**Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program**—The Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program (PSFIG) provides grants to public school districts and area career and technical schools for eligible facility improvement projects. A school entity is eligible to apply for a grant. "School Entity" is defined as a school district or area career and technical school.

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**Qualified Manufacturing Innovation & Reinvestment Deduction**—Manufacturing Innovation and Reinvestment Deduction was established pursuant to the act of October 30, 2017 (P.L. 672, No. 43) (72 P.S. §§7407.6 and 7407.7), as amended, to encourage increased investment and job creation through manufacturing in Pennsylvania. The program will be jointly administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Department") and the Department of Revenue. Eligible applicants must be: a. An entity that is engaged in manufacturing b. Registered to do business in Pennsylvania and subject to Corporate Net Income Tax c. An Employer directly responsible for the collection, withholding and remittance of Individual Taxes to the Department of Revenue on behalf of the workforce. d. Able to obtain and maintain state tax compliance clearance

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status with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue. e. Able to demonstrate a new private capital investment for the creation of new or refurbished manufacturing capacity within three years of a designated start date and associated with a new location or expansion project at a commonwealth site (the "project site"). f. Able to provide current and projected employment figures in Pennsylvania and at the project site. Eligible projects will include the creation of new manufacturing capacity or improvements to existing manufacturing capacity at an identified project site limited to the mechanical, physical, biological, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products that are the creations of new items of tangible personal property for sale. For additional information please refer to the program guidelines on the DCED website.

**Rail Freight Program**—The intent of the program is to preserve essential rail freight service where economically feasible and preserve or stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service in Pennsylvania

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**Renewable Energy Program (REP)-Geothermal and Wind Projects**—The Renewable Energy Program (REP) provides financial assistance in the forms of grant and loan funds 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).

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/renewable-energy-program-rep-geothermal-wind-projects/>

**Research & Development Tax Credit Program**—The Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D Tax Credit) program was established to assist the growth and development of technology-oriented businesses, particularly small start-up technology businesses. R&D tax credits have been issued by the commonwealth to offset state tax liabilities for some time, and there has been a special minimum portion of R&D tax credits reserved for small businesses. However, many small businesses in the early stages of development are not yet profitable and do not have significant tax liability. In the past, these businesses have often not bothered to apply for the available R&D tax credits for which they were eligible. With the R&D Tax Credit assignment program, technology businesses can sell unused R&D tax credits on the open market to help advance and grow the business. **Eligibility:** Businesses qualifying for the federal Research and Development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania. Eligible Applicants should apply with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

**Contact** – DCED Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972 or visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/research-development-tax-credit/>

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

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

**Section 108 Program**—Section 108 enables states and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to obtain federally guaranteed loans to fund large economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities. Under Pennsylvania’s initiative to use Section 108 the loans are guaranteed by the Commonwealth, committing the use of future CDBG funds to pay off the loan in case of default. Funding is used for a wide variety of activities associated with community or economic development, such as acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation, clearance, site preparation, special economic development activities, certain public facilities. Eligibility includes Loan Guarantees as security for federal loans and Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities.

**Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)**—Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for statewide initiatives for complying with the Act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P. L. 1535, No. 537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

**Solar Energy Program (SEP)**—The Solar Energy Program (SEP) provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds to promote the use of solar energy in Pennsylvania. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community

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and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

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**Solar for Schools Grant Program (S4S)**—The Solar for Schools Grant Program is established pursuant to the act of Jul 17, 2024 (P.L.813, No. 68) known as the Solar for Schools Act. This program seeks to reduce the cost of implementing solar energy systems into schools across the Commonwealth. In order to accomplish this goal, the Department of Community and Economic Development has established a grant program that school districts, intermediate units, charter schools including cyber, regional, and a school for education of the deaf or the blind, area career and technical schools, specific trade and technical schools, and community colleges can use to fund solar energy projects. These grants will aid in the purchase and installation of equipment, permit fees, energy storage, and utility interconnection.

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**Sports Marketing and Tourism Account Program (SMAT)**—Section 1721-A.2 of Subarticle C of the Fiscal Code (Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, No 176) establishes the Sports Marketing and Tourism Account (the "Account") within the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund as a restricted account. The purpose of the account is to attract high-quality, amateur, and professional sporting and e-sports events to this Commonwealth with the goal of advancing and promoting year-round tourism, economic impact, and quality of life through sport.

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**Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP) formerly known as Early Intervention Program (EIP)**—In order to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties, the program provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short and long-term financial objectives. A 50 percent match is required. Please refer to program guidelines for additional details. Eligibility: PA Local Governments.

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

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and their authorities, including boroughs, townships, towns, counties and home rules that issue TIF bonds to fund local economic development projects.

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**Tourism Accredited Zoos Program**—The Tourism Accredited Zoos Program provides funding to Pennsylvania accredited zoos designated by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Zoological Association of America (ZAA). The mission of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Accreditation Commission is to establish, uphold, and raise the highest zoological and aquarium industry standards through self-evaluation, on-site inspection, and peer review. ZAA promotes responsible ownership, management, conservation, and propagation of animals in both privately funded and publicly funded facilities through professional standards in husbandry, animal care, safety, and ethics.

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

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**Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding (UHSB)**—This program 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. Eligibility includes any nongovernmental entity with the technical, managerial, and financial expertise to design, build and operate a high-speed broadband service infrastructure within Pennsylvania.

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**Waterfront Development Tax Credit (WDTc)**—This program provides tax credits to business firms who provide contributions to waterfront development organizations who are undertaking a waterfront development project. The program encourages private investment in waterfront property that creates public access to the water, increases property values, restores ecology and catalyzes further financial investment and job creation. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 75% of the total contribution

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made by a business firm during a taxable year. **Eligibility:** Business Firms authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Mutual Thrift Tax, Surplus Lines Tax.

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

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**Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)**—This program increases energy efficiency in homes by reducing energy costs and increasing comfort while safeguarding health and safety. For Weatherization, an energy audit of the home is conducted which determines air flow and leakage. A priority list of measures is followed to determine what should be done in a home to reduce energy usage. Measures may include weather-stripping, insulation, and window or door repair. For a LIHEAP Crisis, furnaces may be repaired or replaced. LIHEAP funds, if available after the crisis season is over, are also used to weatherize homes. Eligible applicants include: Low-income individuals (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level), with priority given to higher risk residents such as the elderly, disabled individuals, families with children and high energy users.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR)

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

Please refer to the website at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/programs-and-services/grants.html> for grant specifics and up-to-date information on each grant program and our grant opportunities at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

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**Snow & ATV**—All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile projects include the planning, acquisition of land, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase of equipment for maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities. ONLY ATV or snowmobile projects should be submitted in this category. Funding comes from the ATV Management Restricted Account and the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account as authorized by Act 97 of 2016. There is no match requirement for this funding; however, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

More information can be obtained at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/programs-and-services/grants.html>

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

More information can be obtained at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/programs-and-services/grants.html>

**Community and Watershed Forestry Grants**—The DCNR Community and Watershed Forestry Program provides financial assistance to identify locations in need of riparian forest buffers, conversion of lawn to habitat, and community tree planting and to design, implement, and establish those practices. Eligible applicants requesting Urban and Community Forestry funding should apply here. Eligible Applicants: County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status. Eligible Activities: Landowner outreach, design, site preparation, and planting of buffers, meadows, upland forest, community tree planting; plant materials and tree shelters; and post-planting establishment on plantings installed within the past 5 years. Projects can propose conventional or multifunctional riparian forest buffers, conversion

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of lawn to meadow or forest project, or Urban and Community Forestry outreach and implementation

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

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**Land Acquisition and Conservation**—These projects involve the purchase and/or donation of land for park and recreation areas, greenways, critical habitat areas and/or open space. Eligible Applicants: County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Prequalified Land Trust with 501(c)3 IRS status, and registered with PA Bureau of Charitable Organization Status. Eligible Activities: Purchase of land for Critical habitat and open space, community recreation areas, trail corridors and greenways and purchase of conservation easements.

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**Motorized Trails**—Pennsylvania Recreational Trails (PRT) motorized projects. PRT motorized projects include the development, rehabilitation or maintenance of designated routes on land for all types of motorized recreation activities, as well as the purchase or lease of equipment to be used exclusively for the maintenance or construction of land and water trails and trail-related facilities. Funding for projects in this category comes from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and DCNR is the designated state agency to administer this federal program in Pennsylvania. ONLY motorized trail projects applying for PRT funding should be submitted in this category. Match requirements are established at a minimum of 20%.

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**Non-Motorized Trails**—Trail projects include the acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, or maintenance of designated routes on land or water for non-motorized recreation activities, as well as the purchase or lease of equipment to be used exclusively for the maintenance or construction of non-motorized land and water trails and non-motorized trail-related facilities. Eligible Applicants: Federal and state agencies, county and municipal governments, municipal agencies, non-profit and for-profit organizations. Eligible Activities: Acquisition, Planning, Development, Rehabilitation, or Maintenance and Educational Programs, Equipment Purchase or Lease.

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**Park Rehabilitation and Development**—These projects involve the rehabilitation and development of public parks, recreation facilities, greenways and river conservation projects. Eligible Applicants: County or Municipal Government, Higher Educational Institution, Other Educational Institution, Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status. Eligible Activities: Site development drawings, specifications, surveys, professional service fees, design work, construction contracts and materials to perform the approved scope of work. Project Types for Development: Park Rehabilitation and Development (PRD) - These projects involve the rehabilitation and development of public indoor and/or outdoor park, recreation and conservation areas and facilities. Example facilities: playgrounds, skateparks, ballfields, pools, splash pads, pavilions, indoor recreational facilities, and more. Small Community Development (SC) - Commonwealth municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less, as documented in the most recent U.S. Census, are eligible to receive grants funds with a lower match requirement under the Small Community Program. Example projects: playgrounds and pavilions with ADA access. Rivers Community Development (RCD) - These projects connect communities to their local waterways by developing public access to waterways for recreation; and/or restoring waterways and the condition of the local watershed.

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

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**State and Regional Partnerships**—Partnerships projects are collaborative statewide or regional initiatives that help build local, county, regional and statewide capacity to better develop and manage recreation and park facilities and to promote the conservation of natural and heritage resources through plan implementation, education and training. Eligible Applicants: Non-profit with 501(c)3 IRS Status and Non-profit with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Status, Regional municipal entities and State-designated Heritage Areas. Eligible Activities: Convening, education, training, Special purpose planning projects, Implementation of previously completed plan, Mini-grant programs and One application can support multiple items.

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### **VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

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

More information can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/programs-and-services/community-outreach-and-development/wildfire/volunteer-fire-department-resources.html>

### **WILD RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM (WRCP)**

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

More information can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/conservation/wildlife-biodiversity/wild-resources-conservation-program.html>

## DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

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The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) develops and implements a plan for the control, prevention, intervention, treatment, research, education, and training aspects of substance use disorder and problem gambling in Pennsylvania. The department works closely with other state agencies, counties, policy makers, treatment providers and other stakeholders to ensure that quality prevention, intervention, rehabilitation and treatment programs are available throughout Pennsylvania.

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**Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention**—Programs are implemented, and services are provided through grant agreements with the 47 Single County Authorities (SCAs) who, in turn, contract with service providers. SCAs provide administrative oversight to the local contracted programs funded with state and federal funds, including the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds.

Pennsylvania's Get Help Now Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP. The hotline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) that will connect individuals and/or family members directly to treatment or support services.

To search online visit [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) and click the "find treatment" icon

**Contact** – DDAP's Treatment Division at 717-783-8200

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**Federal Grants**—The department is responsible for distributing and managing the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant in Pennsylvania.

**Contact** – DDAP Specialty Grants Division at 717-783-8200 or email: RA-DAGRANTSMGMT@pa.gov

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**Prescription Drug Take-Back Program**—DDAP is focused on alleviating the health and safety concerns from the diversion and misuse of prescription drugs by helping our citizens properly dispose of unused prescription medications. Many young people who misuse prescription drugs take them from medicine cabinets. Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of misuse in a medicine cabinet is no longer safe or responsible.

To find a drug take-back location near you, visit [www.ddap.pa.gov/drugtakeback](http://www.ddap.pa.gov/drugtakeback)

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**Problem and Compulsive Gambling Treatment and Prevention**—DDAP develops programs related to public education, awareness, and training regarding compulsive and problem gambling, as well as the treatment and prevention of compulsive and problem gambling. Prevention programs are implemented, and services are provided through grant agreements with the 47 Single County Authorities (SCAs) who, in turn, contract with private service providers. Treatment is available through department-contracted treatment providers.

Pennsylvania's Problem Gambling Hotline: 1-800-GAMBLER.

**Contact** – DDAP Compulsive Program Gambling Section at 717-783-8200 or email: BA-DA GAMBLING@pa.gov

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**Training**—The department provides a variety of training programs for problem gambling providers, substance use disorder treatment providers and other human service professionals. These trainings cover a variety of topics related to prevention and treatment of problem gambling and substance use disorder.

**Contact** – DDAP Training Section at 717-736-7452 or email: RA-DATRaining@pa.gov

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### BUREAU OF SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Child Care for Migrant Children**—Supports childcare and early childhood education services for migrant students in Pennsylvania.

**Application Deadline**—Continuation Grants, non-competitive.

**Contact** – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

**Education of Migrant Laborers' Children**—Supports programming for services to highly mobile interstate migrant students in Pennsylvania. Fund summer programs for migrant students in coordination with school districts in program sites with highly mobile interstate migrant students.

**Application Deadline**—Continuation Grants, non-competitive.

**Contact** – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

**Education of Migrant Laborers' Children**—Supports programming through four local operating agencies for services to over 5,000

**Application Deadline**—Continuation Grants, non-competitive.

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migrant students in Pennsylvania. Year-round supplemental programs in coordination with school districts throughout Pennsylvania.

**Pregnant & Parenting Teens ELECT (Education Leading to Employment Career Training)**—Assists pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school until graduation. All participants must be receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) welfare benefits and/or food stamps.

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**Contact** – PA Migrant Education  
at 717-783-6466

**Application Deadline**—Continuation Grants, non-competitive.  
Funds may not be used for activities/services otherwise available to TANF or food stamp recipients on a non-reimbursable basis; regular high school services, which a Local Education Agency (LEA) is required by law, regulation or other rule to provide to all residents; equipment or renovations for day care facilities; child care and transportation.  
**Contact** – Bureau of School Support,  
Division of Student Services at 717-346-9399

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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018 (Perkins V)**—The states in developing and implementing their CTE programs to foster connections between programs and labor market demands and meet larger workforce education goals. Among the new provisions, the Act:

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

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

1. provide career exploration and career development activities;
2. provide professional development;
3. provide within career and technical education the skills necessary to pursue careers in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations;

**Application Deadline** – August 31

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

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4. support integration of academic skills into career and technical education programs and programs of study;
5. plan and carry out elements that support the implementation of career and technical education programs and programs of study and that result in increasing student achievement; and
6. develop and implement evaluations of the activities carried out with funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants**—The purpose of the Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that meets industry standards. Funds must be used to purchase equipment that: (a) supports student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs; (b) meets industry standards; (c) costs \$3,000 or more per unit; and (d) has been recommended by the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) with a recommendation date that is PRIOR to submission. If funds remain after purchases of instructional equipment and hand tools that costs \$3,000 or more, the remaining funds can be used to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that costs less than \$3,000, but otherwise meets the criteria for eligible expenditures. The occupational advisory committee shall mean an occupational committee established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational education).

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

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

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## COMMONWEALTH LIBRARIES

**Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Public Libraries)**—This is a competitive program providing matching grants to municipalities for the planning, acquisition, development, construction and rehabilitation of public library facilities.

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Library Development at RA-KEYSTONE@pa.gov or 717-787-8007

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Funds may not be used for routine maintenance, furniture or equipment.

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**Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)**—This is a multifaceted grant program that supports local and statewide library programs that are aligned with one or more of three goal areas: (1) Statewide infrastructure for libraries to ensure equity of access to library resources; (2) libraries as community catalyst to enable every library to understand and serve the needs of their community through engagement, partnerships, and resource sharing, and (3) libraries integral to the lifelong educational ecosystem leverages the responsibilities libraries share with educational partners to create a seamless and supportive fabric of learning. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, projects that have already started or operating expenses.

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Library Development at [RA-LSTA@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LSTA@pa.gov) or 717-787-8007

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## CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION

**Rural and Low-Income Schools**—100 percent federally funded program providing eligible rural districts with financial assistance for initiatives aimed at improving student achievement. Eligibility is determined by the Local Education Agency's (LEA) rural status and rural locale code from the National Center for Educational Statistics. Eligible districts will receive an award letter from PDE.

**Application Deadline** – Due 30 days after the award letter is sent to the eligible LEA.

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

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**Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs**—100 percent federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging academic standards. These allocations are based on a formula that are based primarily on census poverty estimates.

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

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

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**Title I, Part A - School Improvement 1003(a)**—100 percent federally funded supplementary education services to help provide education continuity for children and youth in state-run institutions for juveniles and in adult correctional institutions, so that these youth can make successful transitions to school or employment once they are released from state institutions.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

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

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**Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 - Delinquent Youth**—100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental educational services to children and youth in correctional institutions and community day programs.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

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

**Application Deadline** – July 1

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

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**Title III - Language Instruction for Immigrant Students**—100 percent federally funded program for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to concentrate and deliver language instruction education programs and services to immigrant children and youth whose primary language is not English.

**Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners**—100 percent federally funded program for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to concentrate and deliver language instruction education programs to students whose primary language is not English.

**Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants**—100 percent federally funded program that provides students with access to a well-rounded education, improves the school conditions for student learning, and improves the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

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**Application Deadline** - July 1

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

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program**—State investment to supplement federal Head Start funding so that the successful program can reach more families with children at least 3 years of age up to the entry age for kindergarten in their school district of residence. Education Agency (LEA) rural status.

**Application Deadline** - Annual renewals occur between April and June covering the following fiscal year, limited to Federal Head Start Programs. Should additional funding be appropriated in future years, those dollars will be distributed to existing grantees for expansion and/or will be provided for additional grant opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2027.

**Contact** - Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

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

**Application Deadline** - Annual renewals occur between April and June covering the following fiscal year, limited to child care programs participating in Keystone STARS at a STAR 3 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs and school districts. Should additional funding be appropriated in future years, those dollars will be distributed to existing grantees for expansion and/or will be provided for additional grant opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2028.

**Contact** - Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

**Preschool Early Intervention**—A program that provides developmental support and special education services to all eligible young children, ages 3 to 5 with disabilities

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



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or developmental delays.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619—**  
A program that provides developmental support and special education services to all eligible young children, ages 3 to 5 with disabilities or developmental delays. Supplemental program for students with disabilities and/or developmental delays ages 3 through 5 enrolled in programs of early intervention special education.

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## FOOD AND NUTRITION

**After School Snack Program—**This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursements for snacks served that meet meal pattern requirements. A National School Lunch Program participant must operate the program. Sponsor must provide care in an after- school setting that includes regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities in organized, structured and supervised environments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Application Deadline –** Grant application is announced January/February each year. Awards are announced in May. The number of grant awards are contingent upon amount of federal funding received each year. Schools which apply are selected with preference given to schools with the highest free and reduced eligibility rates. To be eligible to apply

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

for participation, the school must participate in the National School Lunch Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Summer Food Service Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for meals served by nonprofit, public and governmental agencies to children through age 18 attending activities at approved SFSP sites. The primary intent of the program is to improve the diets of children so that they may return to school in the fall ready to learn. Submitted and approved prior to start of applying agency's summer program, or June 15, whichever comes first.

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

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

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

**Application Deadline** – October  
**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

**Act 143 of 1986**—Provides funds for adult education programs that enable opportunity youth and adults 17 and older who are residents of the Commonwealth and need basic skills training in mathematics, reading, and English, including English as a second language, to function more effectively in their personal lives and as citizens, to earn a secondary credential if needed, and be prepared for workforce training and employment.

**Application Deadline** – Five-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2022; next competitive round will be in 2027 for next grant cycle.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at RA-ABLE@pa.gov.

**Act 143 of 1986 for a Family Literacy Program**—Provides funds for family literacy programs that integrate adult basic education, parent education, interactive literacy activities, and early childhood education services to assist parents in achieving the knowledge and basic skills necessary to effectively fulfill their role as their children's primary teacher and be full partners in the education of their children.

**Application Deadline** – Three-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2022; next competitive round will be 2025 for next grant cycle.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at RA-ABLE@pa.gov.

**Act 143 of 1986 for a Tutoring Program for Adults**—Provides funds for programs that recruit, train, and support volunteer tutors to provide one-on-one or small group instruction to adults who need basic skills training in mathematics, reading, and English, including English as a second language.

**Application Deadline** – Two-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2024; next competitive round will be 2026 for the next grant cycle.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at RA-ABLE@pa.gov.

**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 223, State Leadership**—Provides funds to support activities of statewide significance that promote the purpose of Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, including the alignment of adult education and literacy activities with other core programs and one-stop partners, establishment of professional development services, the provision of technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation of adult education programs, and dissemination of information about models and promising practices. (Not more than 12.5 percent of the state's allocation under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Title II shall be used for State Leadership Activities.)

**Application Deadline** – Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2021; next competitive round will be 2025.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at RA-ABLE@pa.gov.

**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 231, Adult Basic**—Provides funds for adult basic education programs that: assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the

**Application Deadline** – Five-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2022; next competitive round will be in 2027 for next grant cycle.

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education and skills that are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways; and assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in improving their reading, writing, speaking and comprehension skills in English and mathematic skills and acquiring an understanding of the American system of government, individual freedom and the responsibilities of citizenship. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide a 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind. Not more than 5 percent of a local applicant's grant may be used for administrative costs, unless a higher percent is approved in advance.

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**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 243: Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education in combination with Integrated Education and Training activities—** Provides funds for programs that help adults who are English language learners acquire English literacy skills, gain knowledge about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship while preparing those adults for, and placing them in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency (local match requirements and administrative costs limitations are the same as those for Section 231 Adult Basic Education).

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**PA Hunger-Free Campus Grants—**Provides funds to address food insecurity on Pennsylvania's colleges and private licensed schools. In addition, grant recipients may also utilize the funding to address basic needs and issues associated with the utilization of campus food pantries, like stigma. The goal of this program focuses on supporting initiatives that directly connect students to food and basic need items, interdepartmental collaboration and leadership, strategic and data driven decision making, and external community partnerships to remove barriers and support program and credential completion.

Grant applicant must have a PA Hunger-Free Campus or PA Hunger-Free Campus+ designation to be eligible to apply for this grant.

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**Parent Pathways Grant—**Provides funding for established or developing programs supporting the success of Pennsylvania parenting student population. Parenting students bear significant burdens and need additional support to navigate through their academic program successfully. This grant program acknowledges those burdens and provides funding directly to the postsecondary institution. Funding can be utilized to support scholarships, emergency funding, and/or wrap around programming for parenting students. Recommended preference to senior undergraduate Pennsylvania resident students. Only one

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**Application Deadline** – Three-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2023; next competitive round will be in 2026 for next grant cycle.

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**Application Deadline** –September  
Performance period: 12 months

**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-783-6786 or to apply for PA Hunger-Free Campus designation visit: [www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/PAHungerFreeCampus/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/PAHungerFreeCampus/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Application Deadline** – November  
Performance period: 12 months

**Contact** – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-783-6786

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application per institution and only the main campus can apply. Funds may be disseminated to branch campuses as determined by awardee.

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### READY TO LEARN BLOCK GRANT

**The Ready to Learn Block Grant (RTL)**—The Pennsylvania Ready to Learn (RTL) Block Grant follows the legislation found in Act 126 of 2014, section 1722-J(21) the Accountability Block Grant provisions found at 24 P.S. Section 25-2599.2 and Act 55 of 2024. Grants are for the benefit of students enrolled in the commonwealth's school districts and charter schools (eligible school entities) to attain or maintain academic performance targets. The financial assistance provides Pennsylvania LEAs to implement effective educational strategies, practices and initiatives to improve student achievement. Funds are allocated to LEAs by a formula that is set by the Fiscal Code.

**Contact** – Bureau of School Support, Division of Planning, 717-783-4307

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**School-Based ACCESS Program**—A streamlined process to gain Medical Access reimbursements for the cost of providing approved, medically related services to students. Funds may be used to enhance or enlarge special education and health services. Reimbursement funding is available to agencies who are providers of the allowable billable services. This is not a direct grant to the state.

**Application Deadline** – Ongoing  
Funding may not be used for programs or services outside the LEA special education program; to make capital improvements to property; or to supplant programs or personnel.

**Contact** – Bureau of Special Education at 717-346-0724

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**Special Education Contingency Funds**—Provides additional state funding for the implementation of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for a student with significant disabilities. A contingency fund application may be submitted by a school district, or charter school, to partially meet the extraordinary educational needs of an individual child with significant disabilities, who requires a highly specialized program, or related services, in order to receive an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment.

**Application Deadline** – January 31.  
One electronic application is needed for each student for whom contingency funds are requested.

**Contact** – Bureau of Special Education at 717-425-5442

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The Department of Education considers the following to constitute extraordinary expenses: Expenses that result from needs and circumstances of a student with significant disabilities, which are not ordinarily present in a typical special education service and program delivery system, and which expenses exceed the school district or charter school funding.

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

**Application Deadline** – July 1, prior to each school year.

Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds. Funds may be used only for approved, allowable expenditures.

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**Success for PA Early Learners (SPEL)**—PA was awarded funds from the federal State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) for intensive, ongoing professional development and coaching for early intervention providers, educators, and leaders to ensure that early learners are set up for success. The grant, Success for PA Early Learners (SPEL), provides professional development and coaching, using evidenced-based instructional and adult learning practices, to ensure that economically-disadvantaged early learners, who are at-risk for or identified with delays or disabilities, receive evidence-based practices to improve outcomes in literacy, transition, and learning and family engagement.

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**Application Deadline** – Ongoing

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**Nutrient and Manure Management Delegation Program**—Delegation Agreement for nutrient and manure management programs between County Conservation Districts, the State Conservation Commission, and DEP. Funding allocations are approved annually by the State Conservation Commission and subject to the state budget. Only authorized County Conservation Districts may apply.

**Mine Map Grant Program**—Provides funding to convert, improve, preserve, and further process into electronic form maps, data and images of mines in PA. The grant is open to learning institutions and incorporated PA nonprofits.

**Act 167 Program - Phase 1**—The Stormwater Management Act (Act of Oct. 4, 1978, P.L. 864, No. 167) ("Act 167") requires each county to prepare and adopt a watershed stormwater management plan ("Act 167 Plan") for each watershed located in the county, in consultation with the municipalities located within each watershed. Each county must periodically review and revise the plan at least every five years. Under Section 17 of Act 167, DEP is authorized to award grants to counties for reimbursement of costs in preparing and revising stormwater management plans when funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose. This grant program will provide funding to counties to prepare a Phase I scope of study under 25 Pa. Code §111.14. Upon approval of Phase I by DEP, Phase II (or components thereof) may be authorized for the county to prepare or revise its Act 167 Plan.

**Conservation District Watershed Specialist Grant**—This grant is to assist in funding County Conservation District Watershed Specialist positions. The purpose of the Watershed Specialist position is to restore and protect watersheds and foster environmental stewardship. Funds will provide a maximum of 80% for the cost associated with this position based on availability of funds.

**Chesapeake Bay Program Engineer Funding**—This program provides funding for Chesapeake Bay Program Engineer Specialist and Engineer Assistant positions and is available to county conservation districts within the Pennsylvania portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Funding can be used to employ Engineer personnel, to acquire technical equipment and supplies, or for travel for the purpose of implementing the program.

**Chesapeake Bay Program Technician Funding**—This program provides funding for Chesapeake Bay Program Technicians and is available to county conservation districts within the Pennsylvania portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Funding for the Technician position can be used to employ technical personnel, obtain technical services, or to acquire technical equipment and supplies for the purpose of implementing the program.

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**PA State Clean Diesel (DERA)**—This is a competitive grant program for a wide variety of diesel emission reduction projects funded in part through an allocation from the Diesel Emission Reduction Act distributed by the U.S. EPA. The grant program will be available to organizations that operate diesel-powered fleets throughout Pennsylvania. Matching is required.

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**Chesapeake Bay Countywide Action Plan Implementation Grant**—Funding for coordination and implementation of Countywide Action Plans developed at the county level to achieve specified nutrient and sediment reduction goals established as part of Pennsylvania's Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan.

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**Air Quality Small Business Tech Assistance Grant**—This program is intended to identify applicants that have a proven ability to provide technical and environmental compliance assistance focused on air quality regulations and requirements to Pennsylvania small businesses. Section 7.7 of Pennsylvania's Air Pollution Control Act and Section 507 of the Clean Air Act require Pennsylvania to provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to small business stationary sources. Matching is required.

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**Host Municipality Inspectors (HMIs)**—Reimbursement for Certified Host Municipality Inspectors. To get involved in the HMI Program, a host municipality must nominate an individual to participate in training sessions offered by DEP. Once a certified inspector is employed, the host municipality can apply for up to 50% reimbursement for eligible costs to employ the inspector in the previous calendar year. The inspector(s) must maintain active certification for the municipality to be eligible to apply for reimbursement. Awards can range from \$465 to \$61,120. Matching is required, and grants are awarded annually.

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**902 Recycling Program Development and Implementation**—Act 101, Section 902, Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grants reimburse counties and municipalities 90 percent of eligible recycling program development and implementation expenses. Pre-application conferences with Regional Recycling Program Contacts are required. Maximum grant is \$200,000 per recipient. Matching is required, and grants are awarded annually.

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**Growing Greener Plus Surface Mining Conservation & Reclamation Act Grant Bond Forfeiture**—Section 18(j) of the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act allows the Department of Environmental Protection to award grants to municipalities, municipal authorities and appropriate incorporated nonprofit organizations from the SMCRA Fund. This includes SMCRA bond forfeiture grants. Projects eligible for grants under this grant program are limited to the sites that

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fit the definition of "ABS Legacy Sites" in 25 Pa Code §86.1. Grants are awarded annually.

**319 Nonpoint Source Management Grants Program**—There are 52.6 percent of Pennsylvania's water-quality-impaired watersheds polluted from nonpoint source pollution, such as abandoned mine drainage, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems, earthmoving, stream hydromodification and timber harvesting. Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source Management Program established an overall strategy to implement watershed restoration and protection activities. The Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management grant funds are provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and authorized through Section 319(h) of the federal Water Pollution Control Act. The program's primary purpose is to implement Section 319 Program Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). Grants are awarded annually.

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**Growing Greener Plus**—There are 52.6 percent of Pennsylvania's water-quality-impaired watersheds polluted from nonpoint source pollution, such as abandoned mine drainage, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems, earthmoving, stream hydromodification and timber harvesting. Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source Management Program establishes the overall strategy Pennsylvania will use to implement watershed restoration and protection activities. The purpose of the Growing Greener Plus program is to address nonpoint source pollution through local, watershed-based planning, restoration and protection efforts for projects funded by Watershed Planning, Restoration and Protection; and Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act Bond Forfeiture Grants. Matching is required, and grants are awarded annually.

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**Act 167 Program - Phase 2**—The Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978, or Act 167, requires each county to prepare, adopt, and periodically update, a watershed stormwater management plan ("Act 167 Plan") for each watershed located in the county as designated by DEP, in consultation with the municipalities located within each watershed. Under Section 17 of Act 167, DEP is authorized to award grants to counties for reimbursement of costs in preparing and revising stormwater management plans when funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose. The development or update of an Act 167 Plan is a two phased process. This grant program will provide funding for Phase 2, the preparation or update of the detailed Act 167 Plan based on the level of effort approved in the Phase 1 scope of study. Matching is required.

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**Coastal Zone Management**—The Coastal Zone Management Grant Program provides funding to implement its policies and focus areas in the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zone, including hazards, wetlands, public access, intergovernmental coordination, ocean resources, and nonpoint pollution. Typical

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projects funded through grant awards range from studies, planning, design, and research to land acquisition and minor construction projects. Activities must take place within the Coastal Zone boundaries of Pennsylvania. To apply for a Coastal Zone grant, applicants must select either government, partnership or non-profit for your entity type on the application. All other entity types will not be accepted. Maximum award of \$75,000/recipient. Matching is required, and grants are awarded annually.

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**Abandoned Mine Lands and Abandoned Mine Drainage (AML/AMD) Grant Program**—Projects must reclaim or enhance abandoned mine lands (AML), as specified in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), which pose a threat to public health and safety and the environment. Sites must be determined to be eligible by the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation and entered into both PA's and the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's abandoned mine land inventory systems (eAMLIS).

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**Environmental Education Grants Program**—The Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Education Grants Program welcomes applications for the development of innovative formal and non-formal education projects that: 1) Address grant program priorities; 2) Provide opportunities to expand the public's understanding of Pennsylvania's environmental issues; and 3) Develop skills required to make informed decisions and take responsible action on behalf of the environment. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. Grants are \$5,000 - \$65,000, 20% matching is required for general grants and encouraged for mini-grants. Grants are awarded annually.

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**Mosquito-borne Disease Control Grant Program**—This program exclusively funds Pennsylvania counties for mosquito control activities to reduce the risk of transmission from mosquito-borne disease (West Nile Virus, Zika Virus, etc.). Applicants are required to execute a contract with DEP and comply with appropriate commonwealth requirements for the reimbursement funding. This includes appropriate surveillance and control activities as recommended by DEP, data reporting, submission of quarterly invoices and additional information as requested. Grants are awarded annually.

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**Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency (MORE) program**—The Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency (MORE) Program is a financing program that will support local governments who did not receive an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the Department of Energy to cost effectively deploy energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. The program consists of two financial incentive instruments working together, a MORE

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Grant and a MORE Loan. The MORE Program's primary goal is to improve energy efficiency for local government buildings and facilities by reducing the barriers to obtaining a low or even zero interest loan to accomplish larger, more effective energy efficiency projects. Maximum one-time grant award of \$50,000, and applications are closed but it is to be determined whether all \$1,816,054 has been utilized.

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**Methane Emissions Reduction Program Small Operator Assistance Grant**—The Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) General Assistance Grant's purpose is to mitigate methane emissions from Marginal Conventional Wells (MCW) by providing financial assistance to operators/well owners to voluntarily and permanently plug and abandon MCWs (including elements of environmental restoration required to comply with applicable State or Federal plugging and abandonment standards and regulations) on non-Federal lands as well as monitor methane emissions from MCWs to verify that plugged wells are no longer emitting methane. Maximum award is \$420,000.

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**Methane Emissions Reduction Program General Assistance Grant**—The Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) Small Operator Assistance Grant's purpose is to mitigate methane emissions from Marginal Conventional Wells (MCW) by providing financial assistance to operators/well owners to voluntarily and permanently plug and abandon MCWs (including elements of environmental restoration required to comply with applicable State or Federal plugging and abandonment standards and regulations) on non-Federal lands as well as monitor methane emissions from MCWs to verify that plugged wells are no longer emitting methane. Maximum award of \$420,000.

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**Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants**—The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is offering funding for clean, alternative fuel projects in Pennsylvania and investment in Pennsylvania's energy sector. DEP receives funding each year through the utilities gross receipts tax collected during each fiscal year to carry out the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act. The primary goals of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program (AFIG) are to improve Pennsylvania's air quality and reduce consumption of imported oil through the use of homegrown alternative fuels that will help the Commonwealth's economy and environment. Vehicle Retrofit and Purchase projects include the incremental cost of purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles (any type or size). The new vehicles must be manufactured by the original equipment manufacturer to operate dedicated on alternative fuel. Vehicle Retrofit and Purchase also includes the incremental cost of retrofit of new or existing vehicles to operate on alternative fuels (any type or size) and can be operated on alternative fuel as

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dedicated. Maximum award of \$500,000. Total funding is \$5,000,000, and grants are awarded annually.

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**904 Recycling Performance Grant**—Recycling Program Performance Grants are available to all Pennsylvania local governments with recycling programs. The grants awards are based on the total tons recycled and the applicant's recycling rate. Grants are awarded annually.

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**Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant Program**—The intent of this program is to reduce, to the greatest extent practicable, the amount of fresh and processed foodstuffs currently entering Pennsylvania's waste stream. Registered non-profit agencies operating programs in the Commonwealth that provide food to segments of the public will be supported in partnering with retailers/wholesalers of foodstuffs operating in the Commonwealth to capture apparently safe and wholesome foods before these items become waste, which can then be made available by these agencies to the public they serve.

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Phone: 717-787-0125; visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep29.html>

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**Small Business Advantage Grant**—This grant program provides assistance to small businesses (100 or fewer employees) to undertake energy efficiency, pollution prevention, or natural resource protection projects designed to enhance a small business's competitiveness while simultaneously improving the environment for Pennsylvania residents. The program offers small businesses a reimbursement grant ranging from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) for eligible project costs. Maximum grant awards vary based on the environmental impact of a project and if it is located in an environmental justice area. Reimbursement after project completion. Matching required. Grants are awarded annually with total funding of \$1,000,000.

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Phone: 717-783-9640 or  
Email: [RA-EPAdvantageGrant@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPAdvantageGrant@pa.gov); visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep40.html>

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**WIIN 2107: Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant**—This grant program provides reimbursement funding for public schools and regulated child care facilities located in Pennsylvania for lead reduction activities at water fixtures with appropriate sample results that exceed the remediation trigger level of 5 parts per billion (ppb), such as hydration stations or point-of-use (POU) device purchases and labor costs to install units.

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**Pollution Prevention Reimbursement Grant (Pump & Plug)**—Grants and funds are authorized under Section 711 of the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989 (as amended). Tanks must be underground tanks which have not been upgraded to comply with technical requirements of federal and state regulations, regulated, and which are registered with DEP prior to tank closure. The grant shall not exceed \$2,500 per tank and the grant application must be submitted after all work is finished. Maximum award of \$15,000, with \$350,000 total funding available.

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**Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program**—Through the AFV rebate program, the Department of Environmental Protection will offer an opportunity to Pennsylvania residents to apply for a rebate when they purchase a new alternative fuel vehicle. This Program was established under ACT 178 of 2004 to help reduce Pennsylvania's dependence on imported oil and to improve the environmental quality by using alternative fuels. The program will offer at least 500 rebates to Pennsylvania residents who meet the vehicle eligibility and applicant eligibility requirements as stated in the program guidelines starting September 1, 2024. Rebate request must be submitted no later than six months after the vehicle is purchased. The rebate will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available. The program can be reassessed or changed at any time. Awards range from \$500 - \$3,000, with \$1,500,000 total funding available.

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Phone: 717-705-0374; visit  
<https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep10.html>

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant**—Under the PA Household and Small Business Pollution Prevention Act, the Department of Environmental Protection offers 50 percent reimbursement collection program grants to municipalities and non-profits. Matching is required, and grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

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<https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep28.html>

**901 Municipal Waste HHW Grant**—The Section 901 HHW Education grants are available to all Pennsylvania counties for the cost of educational programs on household hazardous waste or pollution prevention and other technical assistance to small business for pollution prevention. The grant to a county cannot exceed 80% of the approved project costs. A county may request up to \$75,000 every two years for costs associated with HHW educational programs. HHW educational costs incurred on January 1, 2016 or beyond will be eligible for grant funding. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Prior to applying, the applicant must meet with the appropriate DEP Regional Planning and Recycling Coordinator to discuss the proposed project and the grant requirements. 20% matching is required, and grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

### Contact

Janet Heindel: [JAHEINDEL@pa.gov](mailto:JAHEINDEL@pa.gov); visit  
<https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep15.html>

**Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP)**—This program provides funding for Conservation District Managers and Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control staff. Funding allocations are approved annually by the State Conservation Commission and are subject to the final state budget. Only County Conservation Districts that have received authorizations may apply. Grants are awarded annually.

### Contact

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<https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep8.html>

**Underground Heating Oil Tank Cleanup Reimbursement Program**—This program provides reimbursement of environmental cleanup costs resulting from a release of heating oil from an underground tank system. Reimbursements are subject to a \$1,000 deductible, which is satisfied by the first \$1,000 of eligible costs paid by the applicant. Remaining eligible costs paid by the applicant may be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$4,000. You

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<https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep22.html>

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may be eligible for reimbursement if you are/were the tank owner; the heating oil tank is an underground (buried) tank; the tank capacity is 3,000 gallons or less; the tank stored fuel that was used for heating on the premises; there was a release of heating oil to the environment from the tank, the associated lines/pipes, or resulting from a spill or overfill due to a failure of the tank system that occurred or was discovered on or after January 30, 1998; and an environmental cleanup has been completed or is in progress. Maximum award of \$4,000, with \$750,000 total funding available. Grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

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**Driving PA Forward - Onroad Rebate Program**—This program provides rebates for Class 4-8 local freight trucks, drayage trucks, school buses, shuttle buses, and transit buses. Rebates vary based on vehicle type, fuel, type, and vehicle owner, though the final rebate amount is based upon actual project costs. Maximum rebates are determined by maximum dollar rebate per vehicle or engine, or percentage of total project costs, whichever is less. The application period is rolling and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful applicants are issued a one year (365-day) voucher, which can be redeemed for the approved rebate amount upon successful completion of the project and submittal of required documentation. This program is part of the Driving Pennsylvania Forward suite of financial incentive programs utilizing funds from the VW settlement to improve Pennsylvania's air quality. Total funding is \$6,100,000.

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Email: [RA-EPVWMITIGATION@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPVWMITIGATION@pa.gov); visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep34.html>

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**Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Grant**—Grants are available to host municipalities and counties for the independent review of permit applications by a professional engineer licensed in the Commonwealth for new or expanded commercial hazardous waste disposal facilities. The grants come as reimbursements of up to \$50,000 for qualifying reviews. Maximum award of \$50,000. Grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

### Contact

Email: [RA-HAZWASTE@pa.gov](mailto:RA-HAZWASTE@pa.gov); visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/grants/search/grant-details.dep36.html>

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**Independent Review of Municipal Waste Permit Grant**—Grants are available to municipalities for assistance with independent review of permit applications for new municipal waste landfills or resource recovery facility, or expansion of an existing facility. The grants come as reimbursements of up to \$10,000 for qualifying reviews. Maximum award of \$10,000. Grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

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**901 Municipal Waste Planning Grant**—The Section 901 Planning Grants are available to all Pennsylvania counties for the cost of preparing municipal waste management plans; the cost of carrying out related studies, surveys, investigations, inquiries, research and analyses, including those related to siting; Environmental mediation; and feasibility studies and project development for municipal waste processing, disposal or composting facilities, except for facilities for the combustion of municipal waste that are not proposed to be operated for the

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recovery of energy. A county may not request or receive more than \$75,000 per calendar year for planning nor exceed more than 80% of approved project costs. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Prior to applying, the applicant must meet with the appropriate DEP Regional Planning and Recycling Coordinator to discuss the proposed project and the grant requirements. Grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

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**Orphan Oil and Gas Well Plugging Grant Program**—Act 136 of 2022 (Act of November 3, 2022 (P.L. 87, No. 136) (58 Pa.C.S. §§ 2811-2826)) establishes the Orphan Oil and Gas Well Plugging Grant (Orphan Well Grant) Program and allocates federal funds to the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) for providing grants to help cover costs for orphan well plugging projects. Pennsylvania has hundreds of thousands of oil and gas wells drilled since 1859. This program provides a mechanism to clean out and plug orphaned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety or environmental concerns. Maximum award of \$350,000.

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**903 County Recycling Coordinator Grants**—The Department of Environmental Protection awards Section 903 grant funds to eligible counties of Pennsylvania for 50 percent reimbursement of the approved cost of their county recycling coordinator's salary and expenses. The grants are authorized under Section 903 of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101 of 1988, P.L. 556). Grants are awarded on a continuous basis.

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**PA Grid Resilience Grants**—The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is offering competitive grant funding to provide financial assistance to improve the all-hazards resilience of the electric grid and prevent disruptive events. The Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Grants Program is funded under Section 40101(d) Formula Grant Program of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. In order for applicants to be eligible to complete the Full Application, a Concept Paper must have been previously submitted for review and an access code provided to the applicant. Matching required. Total funding of \$16,000,000, and grants are awarded annually.

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**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.*

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**Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business**

**Opportunities**—The Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business opportunities is responsible for assisting Small, Diverse and Veteran business enterprises in identifying and competing for commonwealth contracting opportunities.

**Contact** – 717-783-3119,  
Email: [GS-BDISBO@pa.gov](mailto:GS-BDISBO@pa.gov)  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/Small%20Diverse%20Business%20Program/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Small%20Diverse%20Business%20Program/Pages/default.aspx)

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**COSTARS**—The commonwealth's cooperative purchasing program makes it easier and more cost-effective for local public entities and certain nonprofits registered within the DGS to purchase a broad selection of goods and services from COSTARS-designated contracts.

For more information, including a complete list of registered communities and organizations eligible to purchase (members), COSTARS-designated contracts and awarded suppliers, call 1-866-768-7827,  
Email: [GS-PACOSTARS@pa.gov](mailto:GS-PACOSTARS@pa.gov)  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages)

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

**Contact** – 1-800-235-1555,  
Email: [RA-GSPAFEDSURPLUS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GSPAFEDSURPLUS@pa.gov)  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal)

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**The 1033 Excess Property Program**—Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Clothing, office equipment, computers, rescue equipment, vehicles and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the federal government and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers (starting at \$400/year) enables agencies to acquire property all year without a charge.

**Contact** – 717-787-6197  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus)



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**Contact** – 717-787-6197  
or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus)

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

**Contact** – 717-525-5805  
or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus)

**The State Surplus Property Program**—Offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. All items are sold at various locations throughout the state or through an online auction. Online auctions are managed by [www.GovPlanet.com/PA](http://www.GovPlanet.com/PA) and [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). Additionally, semi-annual Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) heavy equipment sales of off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other road maintenance equipment are conducted. A private municipal sale is held first prior to the items being offered to the general public. To register for the private municipal heavy equipment sale, please register online at [www.GovPlanet.com/muni](http://www.GovPlanet.com/muni).

**Contact** – 717-772-2300  
or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State)

**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 online at Government Surplus Auctions - [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com)

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program at 717-772-1733,  
or Email: [RA-GOVDEALS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GOVDEALS@pa.gov)

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

**Contact** – 717-787-3162 for used vehicle auction inquires  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic)

**Pennsylvania GreenGov Council**—The GreenGov Council (Council) works with agencies of the commonwealth to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and improve the sustainability of its operations. We strive for continuous improvement in efficiency and performance to achieve these goals. The Council works to demonstrate leadership-by-example principles; sharing best practices, policies, tools, resources, and strategies which may transfer to local government and other private sector entities seeking similar outcomes.

**Contact** – 717-787-5412  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/greengov](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/greengov)

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**Guaranteed Energy Saving ACT (GESA)**—This program is a procurement method to acquire new and energy efficient equipment to improve the overall operation of Commonwealth facilities. It is administered by the DGS Energy and Resource Management Office and funded by a money lease.

**Commonwealth Solar Panel Program**—There are two solar panel programs available; the PULSE project and on-site solar for individual facilities. The PULSE project will provide solar electricity to a majority of the Commonwealth's facilities via a 191 MW Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Any facility that is not included in the PULSE project can explore onsite solar electricity generation through a PPA via the open bid process or an outright purchase.

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**Contact** – 717-787-5412  
or visit: [www.dgs.pa.gov/greengov/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/greengov/Pages/default.aspx)

For more information, visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Facilities/Energy-Savings-Program/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Facilities/Energy-Savings-Program/Pages/default.aspx)

**Contact** – 717-703-2935

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well-being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in programs range from individuals to health care practitioners and/or facilities. Web visitors can quickly and conveniently access current health statistics, request a copy of a birth certificate, browse through the departments catalog of publications, locate the nearest local health department and have the latest information on public health issues at their fingertips. The following is a summary of programs for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health care service.

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### PRIMARY CARE SITES

**Department of Veterans Affairs Facility Directory**—This site is a storehouse of facility information within 1,128 VA facilities, maintained on a regular basis by editors and administrators nationwide throughout the VA network.

For more information, visit  
[www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)

**Health Resources and Services Administration**—HRSA can help you find a health center in your community. These health centers serve all who walk through their doors, regardless of ability to pay.

For more information, visit  
[www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov)

**National Nurse-Led Care Consortium**—Nurse Managed Health Centers make health care in America work all across the country. There is a growing movement of committed nursing professionals who are bringing excellent health care to vulnerable communities.

For more information, visit  
[www.nncc.ushttps://nurseledcare.phmc.org](http://www.nncc.ushttps://nurseledcare.phmc.org)

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

For more information, visit  
[www.pachc.org](http://www.pachc.org)

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

For more information, visit  
[www.vimi.orghttps://volunteersinmedicine.org](http://www.vimi.orghttps://volunteersinmedicine.org)

### DENTAL SITES

**Pennsylvania Dental Association Dental Clinic Directory**—The PDA is frequently contacted by members, the public and elected officials for information on the availability of low-cost dental care for people of all ages.

For more information, visit  
[www.padental.org/Online/Directory/Clinic\\_Directory.aspx](http://www.padental.org/Online/Directory/Clinic_Directory.aspx)

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

For more information, visit  
[www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org)

### PA INSURANCE & WELFARE PROGRAMS

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

For more information, visit  
[www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)

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**Mental Health Services**—Do you have questions about how to get mental health or substance abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it the new manual which is an easy-to-use guide to Mental Health Services in Pennsylvania. The guide gives answers to questions often asked about finding and getting mental health and substance abuse services in the state. It also gives information on the services that are available, how to find those services, using medical assistance to get services and people and groups that can help you if you have trouble getting services (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

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For more information, visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)**—A wide variety of health-care programs for Pennsylvanians eligible to receive medical assistance (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

For more information, visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Medical-Assistance.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Medical-Assistance.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion & Risk Reduction at 717-787-5876 or visit [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx)

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**Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (PABCCEDP)**—This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre-cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women. Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program—Information, support and referrals are provided to pregnant women considering breastfeeding and to moms who are currently breastfeeding. This program also provides education for health care and related professionals.

**Contact** – Toll-free: 1-800-215-7494  
TTY: 1-800-332-8615  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/PABreastandCervicalCancerEarlyDetectionProgram.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/PABreastandCervicalCancerEarlyDetectionProgram.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health at 717-783-8143, Toll-free Healthy Baby Line at 1-800-986-BABY (2229) or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx)

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**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Lead Poisoning Program)**—This program provides comprehensive services to families with children under the age of 6 that includes lead screening, testing, follow-up and case management.

**Contact** – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2762, Toll-free Lead Information Line at 1-800-440-LEAD (5323) or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead%20poisoning.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead%20poisoning.aspx)

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**Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP)**—This program provides life-saving care and treatment for children and adults with end-stage renal disease. The program provides dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, home dialysis supplies and equipment, medications, and limited patient transportation.

**Contact** – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2762 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/ChronicRenalDisease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/ChronicRenalDisease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx)

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at 717-787-5876

**Epilepsy Support Services**—This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals and families with epilepsy and related disorders. The program also provides education for healthcare and related professionals.

**Contact** – Division of Community Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2763  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Epilepsy.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Epilepsy.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2762  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/FamilyPlanning-Program.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/FamilyPlanning-Program.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2763, Toll-free Brain Injury Help Line 1-866-412-4755  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Head-Injury.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Head-Injury.aspx)

**Hemophilia Program**—This program provides comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient followup and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.

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

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

Communicable Diseases—Call: 717-783-0572  
Bureau of Epidemiology—Call: 717-787-3350

- **Prevention Program**—This program is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides a statewide comprehensive HIV Prevention Program that includes the following:
  - 1 Core components and activities: HIV testing; comprehensive prevention with positives (including partner services); condom distribution; and policy initiatives.
  - 2 Required activities: jurisdictional HIV planning; capacity-building and technical assistance; program planning, monitoring, evaluation and quality assurance.

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS at 717-783-0572  
Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/HIV/Pennsylvania%20Integrated%20HIV%20Prevention%20and%20Care%20Plan\\_2017-2021.pdf](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/HIV/Pennsylvania%20Integrated%20HIV%20Prevention%20and%20Care%20Plan_2017-2021.pdf)

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3 Recommended program components: evidence-based HIV prevention interventions; and social marketing, media and mobilization.

4 Epidemiologic surveillance.

- **Care Program**—This program is funded through Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public law III-87) which provides IDV/AIDS health care and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Part B grants include a base grant and an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) award. Pennsylvania's ADAP is also known as the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP).
- **Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)**—This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program funds may also be used to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of drug treatments.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)**—This program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, resource identification, operating costs, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, permanent housing placement, and supportive services (case management).

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS at 717-783-0572  
Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/HIV/Pennsylvania%20Integrated%20HIV%20Prevention%20and%20Care%20Plan\\_2017-2021.pdf](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/HIV/Pennsylvania%20Integrated%20HIV%20Prevention%20and%20Care%20Plan_2017-2021.pdf)

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS at 717-703-9170,  
Toll-free at 1-800-922-9384  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Special-Pharmaceutical-Benefits.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Special-Pharmaceutical-Benefits.aspx)

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS at 717-783-0572  
Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021  
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### Technology Assistance Children's Home Program

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health  
at 717-346-3000

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

**Contact** – Vaccines for Children Program  
at 717-787-5681  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC-Overview.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC-Overview.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health  
at 717-772-2762  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/diseaseLead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead-Surveillance.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/diseaseLead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead-Surveillance.aspx)

**Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program**—The Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program (SHHP) seeks to provide education and interventions to promote healthy homes and prevent problems and injuries. When hazards are present in a home, they can have a profound effect upon the health of the

**Contact** – Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health  
at 717-772-2762  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Safe-and-Healthy-Homes.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Safe-and-Healthy-Homes.aspx)

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occupants, particularly those most vulnerable such as children. Some home conditions contribute to asthma development or exacerbation, including mold, mildew, dust mites, pests and pet dander. When these allergens are reduced or eliminated, thereby reducing asthma triggers, children have fewer and milder asthmatic episodes.

**Organ and Tissue Donation Program**—his program provides free organ and tissue donation education and awareness information to increase the number of Pennsylvanians designating themselves as organ donors. Individuals who wish to become organ donors can register online at [www.donatelifepa.org](http://www.donatelifepa.org) or check "yes" when you get and renew a Pennsylvania state driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID card. In Pennsylvania, there are over 8,100 people who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. By saying "yes" to organ donation, you can potentially save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.

**Contact** – Toll-free: 1-877-PA-Health  
TTY: 1-800 -332-8615  
or visit: [www.donatelifepa.org](http://www.donatelifepa.org)

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Public Health Preparedness at 717-346-0640  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx)

[www.Read.PA.org](http://www.Read.PA.org)

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

**Contact** – Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at 717-787-3981  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/STD/Pages/STD.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/STD/Pages/STD.aspx)

**Sickle Cell Disease Program**—This program provides comprehensive medical treatment and psychosocial services, care coordination and education to children and adults with sickle cell disease.

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

**Special Kids Network System of Care**—This is a statewide program that connects individuals and families of children with special health care needs with needed services, systems navigation, and local programs.

**Contact** – Toll-free helpline number 1-800-986-4550  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Special%20Kids%20Network/Pages/Special%20Kids%20Network.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Special%20Kids%20Network/Pages/Special%20Kids%20Network.aspx)

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

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health at 717-783-8143  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Newborn-Screening/Pages/Newborn%20Screening.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Newborn-Screening/Pages/Newborn%20Screening.aspx)

**Tobacco Prevention and Control**—This comprehensive program provides statewide, regional, community and school-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and the PA Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition,

**Contact** – Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control at 717-783-6600  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/tobacco/Pages/Tobacco.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/tobacco/Pages/Tobacco.aspx)

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free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 114-17 years) through the PA Free Quitline: 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669). This Quitline, along with a companion website [www.determinedtoquit.com](http://www.determinedtoquit.com), provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.

**Tourette Syndrome Support**—This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families. It also provides education for healthcare and related professionals.

**Contact** – Division of Bureau Operations, Bureau of Family Health at 717-346-3000 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Tourette-Syndrome.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Tourette-Syndrome.aspx)

**Tuberculosis (TB) Program**—The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting, and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all County and Municipal Health Departments.

**Contact** – Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at 717-787-6267 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Tuberculosis/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Tuberculosis/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx)

**Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)**—This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children under age 5. WIC provides nutrition counseling and a nutritional food package for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems.

**Contact** – Will Cramer or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health at 717-783-1289, 1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467) or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx)

**Health Assessment Program**—Since 1989, the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has funded the Health Assessment Program (HAP) to publish reports on toxic waste sites and other environmental health hazards in Pennsylvania under the Cooperative Agreement Program known as APPLETREE: ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure.

**Contact** – Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology at 717-787-3350 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Contact-Environmental-Health.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Contact-Environmental-Health.aspx)

**Healthy Literacy Program**—Health literacy is the ability to read, understand, remember and use information to make decisions about your health. Being health literate also means you can follow your health care provider's treatment instructions. People with low health literacy understand less about their medical conditions and treatments and report a lower health status overall. They also are less likely to use preventive care services and have higher rates of hospitalization.

**Contact** – Health Literacy Program, at 717-787-5900 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Health-Literacy.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Health-Literacy.aspx)

**Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship**—The Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship (HAIP/AS) Program was established to execute the Department of Health's responsibilities created by Act 52 of 2007. In 2017, this program became part of the Bureau of Epidemiology. The mission of the program is to protect patients, residents, visitors and healthcare personnel as well as promote safety, quality and value in the healthcare delivery system.

**Contact** – Bureau of Epidemiology, at 717-425-5422 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIPAS/Pages/HAIP-AS.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIPAS/Pages/HAIP-AS.aspx)



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**Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program**—This program is committed to implementing best practice initiatives to achieve the following: Reducing the risk of development of heart diseases and stroke, delaying the progression and reducing the occurrence of first and subsequent cardiovascular events in persons with known risks.

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at 717-787-5900  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HeartDisease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HeartDisease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx)

**PA Medical Home Initiative**—The Medical Home Initiative (MHI) is a project of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The MHI fosters a medical home approach to primary care.

**Contact** – NeuroResource Facilitation Program at 717-772-2763  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx)

**NeuroResource Facilitation Program for Brain Injury Services**—The NeuroResource Facilitation Program (NRFP) was created with funding from the Administration of Community Living's Traumatic Brain Injury State Implementation Partnership Grant. NRFP is a service that helps individuals 18 and older with traumatic brain injuries and their family members identify and navigate brain injury resources, services, and supports.

**Contact** – NeuroResource Facilitation Program at 717-772-2763  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx)

**Obesity Prevention and Wellness Program**—The purpose of this program is to increase health related physical activity through population-based approaches, improve those aspects of dietary quality most related to the population burden of chronic diseases and unhealth child development and decrease prevalence of obesity.

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at 717-787-5876  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Obesity.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Obesity.aspx)

**Oral Health Program**—The mission of the Oral Health Program is to promote good oral health as an integral part of the well-being of all Pennsylvania citizens, reinforcing the concept that you cannot be truly healthy without good oral health.

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at 717-787-5900  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Oral-Health.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Oral-Health.aspx)

**PA Child Death Review Program**—The mission of the Pennsylvania Child Death Review (CDR) program is to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and reduce preventable child fatalities. This is accomplished through timely reviews of child deaths. Information obtained from the reviews is used to determine how future deaths can be prevented.

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, at 717-346-3000  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Child-Death-Review-Team.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Child-Death-Review-Team.aspx)

**Violence and Injury Prevention Program**—The Violence and Injury Prevention Program (VIIPP) aims to prevent death and disability from intentional and unintentional injury by assessing the incidence of injury and developing programs that reduce risk of injury. Services are provided through a contracting process with various grantees from across Pennsylvania.

**Contact** – Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at 717-787-5900  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/violence-prevention/Pages/Violence-Injury%20Prevention.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/violence-prevention/Pages/Violence-Injury%20Prevention.aspx)

**Shaken Baby Syndrome Program**—Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is the term used to describe the signs and symptoms resulting from a child being shaken. SIDS and Infant Death Program—The Pennsylvania Infant Death Program seeks to minimize the devastating impact of an infant death on affected families and to reduce the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), suffocation and strangulation through a public education campaign.

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2763  
or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Shaken-Baby-Syndrome.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Shaken-Baby-Syndrome.aspx)

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**SIDS and Infant Death Program**—The Pennsylvania Infant Death Program seeks to minimize the devastating impact of an infant death on affected families and to reduce the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), suffocation and strangulation through a public education campaign.

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**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health at 717-772-2762 or visit: [www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/SIDS.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/SIDS.aspx)

*The following is a list of Department of Health programs where grant opportunities may be available. Information is readily available at the department's Website at [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov). Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the website or contact the appropriate person listed with each program.*

Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs .....	Amy Flaherty
Disease Control Immunization .....	Tom McCleaf
Nutrition and Physical Activity .....	Amy Flaherty
PHHSBG Block Program Services .....	Christopher Noble
PHHSBG - Block Program Services .....	Teresa Sanders
Preventive Health Special Projects .....	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment .....	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up - STD .....	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner .....	Edward Naugle
Primary Care Loan Repayment Program .....	Edward Naugle
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program .....	Brian Lentes
J-1 Visa Waiver Program .....	Edward Naugle
Community-Based HealthCare Program .....	Edward Naugle
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program .....	Edward Naugle
Health Care Work Force Reports .....	Edward Naugle
State Health Improvement Plan .....	Brian Lentes
Health Equity .....	David Saunders
Cancer Programs .....	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV/AIDS Programs .....	Marijane Salem-Noll
Maternal and Child Health .....	Tara Trego
Adolescent Health .....	Kathy Jo Stence
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants .....	Jennifer Bixler
Child Health .....	Kathy Jo Stence
Children with Special Health Care Needs .....	Cindy Dundas
Environmental Protection Program .....	Cindy Dundas
Health and Human Services Call Center .....	Peggy Forte
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement .....	Kathy Jo Stence
MCHSBG - Program Services .....	Tara Trego
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) .....	William Cramer
Family Health Special Projects .....	Erin McCarty
Newborn Screening and Follow-up .....	Jennifer Bixler
Newborn Hearing Screening .....	Jennifer Bixler
Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment .....	Beth Butler
Tuberculosis Control Program .....	Beth Butler
Renal Dialysis .....	Kathy Jo Stence
Services for Children with Special Needs .....	Cindy Dundas
Adult Cystic Fibrosis .....	Cindy Dundas
Cooley's Anemia .....	Cindy Dundas
Asthma Program .....	Cindy Dundas
Hemophilia .....	Cindy Dundas
Lupus ..	Cindy Dundas
Sickle Cell .....	Cindy Dundas
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation .....	Barbara Fickel
Health Research .....	Will Cramer
Traumatic Brain Injury .....	Nicole Adams
Public Health Preparedness .....	Andrew Pickett

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**Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)**—The Adult Community Autism Program, also known as ACAP, is one of two programs in Pennsylvania specifically designed to help adults with autism spectrum disorder participate in their communities in the way that they want to, based upon their identified needs.

**Employment and Job Training for Public Assistance Recipients**—This program oversees employment programs throughout Pennsylvania for cash and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such services.

**Family Support Programs Grants**—Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations who will provide home visiting and/or family support services to pregnant women and vulnerable young children and promote economic self-sufficiency for families; the healthy development of children; positive child development through effective parenting, early intervention, outreach activities; and preservation of the family unit as the foundation for success for children. These grants are available through a combination of state and federal funds. DHS issues requests for applications for five-year grant funding periods.

**HealthChoices**—The name of Pennsylvania's managed care programs for Medical Assistance recipients. Through physical health Managed Care Organizations, recipients receive quality medical care and timely access to all appropriate physical health services, whether the services are delivered on an inpatient or outpatient basis. The Department of Human Services' Office of Medical Assistance Programs oversees the Physical Health component of the HealthChoices Program. Through the behavioral health Managed Care Organizations, recipients receive quality and timely access to appropriate mental health and drug and alcohol services. This component is overseen by the Department of Human Services' Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. If you are 21 or older and have both Medicare and Medicaid, or receive long-term supports through Medicaid because you need help with everyday personal tasks, you'll be covered by Community HealthChoices This component is overseen by the Department of Human Services' Office of Long-Term Living.

**Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs**—Sometimes referred to as "waiver" programs. These programs provide funding for supports and services to help people live in their home and community. HCBS programs offer an array of services and benefits such as qualified providers, due process, and health and safety assurances. The name waiver comes from the fact that the federal government "waives" Medical Assistance/Medicaid rules for institutional care in order for a Pennsylvanian to use the same funds to provide support and services for people closer to home or in their own communities. In Pennsylvania, the DHS administers 7 Medical Assistance/Medicaid waivers, the Adult

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To apply for ACAP, call Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP), call 1-866-539-7689 (choose Option 2). Please note, you cannot apply for ACAP through Keystone Autism Services.

**Contact** – The Bureau of Employment Programs at 717-787-1980

**Contact** – The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098 or Email: RA-PWPAHOMEVISITING@pa.gov

**Contact** – Physical HealthChoices Office of Medical Assistance Programs at 1-800-537-8862  
Behavioral HealthChoices Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse at 717-787-6443  
Community HealthChoices Office of Long-Term Living at 1-800-753-8827

**Contact** – The Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or if you live in Philadelphia 215-560-7226. A complete listing of all the county assistance offices is available at: [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CAO-Contact.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CAO-Contact.aspx)

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Community Autism Program, the Act 150 Program and the Living Independence for the Elderly Program. Each HCBS program has its own unique set of eligibility requirements and services.

- **Act 150**—Provides services to mentally alert Pennsylvanians, aged 18-59 with physical disabilities.
- **Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver**—Provides long-term services and supports to individuals age 21 and older with physical disabling conditions that are expected to last indefinitely, including individuals with acquired brain injuries, and who require a nursing facility level of care. CHC Waiver services are provided through the CHC managed care organizations.
- **Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**—Provides services to eligible persons with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or autism to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver**—Provides home and community-based services, specifically special instruction, to infants and toddlers, birth to age three, who are experiencing developmental delay(s) as evidenced by a minimum of a 50 percent delay in one or a 33 percent delay in two developmental areas, and who need Early Intervention services.
- **LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)**—Managed care program for frail, elderly recipients who have been determined to need “nursing facility level of care” but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible. LIFE is not available in all areas throughout the commonwealth.
- **OBRA Waiver**—Provides services to persons with severe developmental physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or similar conditions.
- **PA Adult Autism Waiver**—Provides services to adults with autism including those who also have intellectual disabilities to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)**— Provides physical, behavioral and community services to adults with an autism spectrum disorder to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Person/Family Directed Support Waiver**—Provides services to eligible persons with an intellectual disability, developmental disability or autism up to \$41,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Community Living Waiver**—Provides services to eligible persons with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or autism up to \$85,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

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**Homeless Assistance Program**—HAP is a county-directed program that offers a variety of supportive services to individuals and families experiencing or at risk for homelessness and who can demonstrate that, with HAP intervention, they will be able to meet their basic housing needs in the near future. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania funds HAP through an annually state-funded block grant. The DHS Office of Income Maintenance (OIM) administers HAP and allocates a portion of the block grant funds to each county with the expectation that counties will design homeless assistance programs that meet HAP goals within the parameters outlined in the HAP I & R.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)**—Assistance to help individuals and families pay for winter heating bills. Two types of statewide grants are offered: cash and crisis. Cash grants are issued once per LIHEAP season to help pay heating bills and are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating region. Crisis grants are awarded to households with heating emergencies, such as a shut off notice, an empty fuel tank or less than two weeks' worth of fuel, or mechanical breakdowns of heating equipment. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of households obtaining the grants.

**Pennsylvania Children's Trust Fund**—Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to develop new and innovative prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust Fund board issues annual requests for proposals for grant applications.

**Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC)**—PADDC is a group made up of people with disabilities, family members, advocates and state department representatives who work to create favorable conditions for people with developmental disabilities and their families in the commonwealth. Created under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and Governor's Executive Order, the council is both a planning group and a funding body. PADDC envisions a commonwealth comprised of inclusive communities where all people with disabilities are valued and thrive. The council's work is broad, and its activities are many. The council engages in advocacy, systems change and capacity building with people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Support communities so that all people belong
- Empower people with all disabilities
- Promote the understanding of the life experiences of people with disabilities
- Pursue equity for all people

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**Contact** – The Office of Income Maintenance, Bureau of Policy at 717-772-7829

The program opens in November and closes in early April or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.

**Contact** – The Office of Income Maintenance at 1-866-857-7095

**Contact** – The Children's Trust Fund at 717-763-1661

**Contact** – PA Developmental Disabilities Council at 1-877-685-4452

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**Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program**—PA eHealth coordinates public-private efforts to securely share clinical information among healthcare providers and between healthcare providers and state government agencies. Clinical information sharing supports improved patient and population health, reduced healthcare costs, and compliance with state and federal regulations. PA eHealth offers grants to help healthcare providers connect to the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network (P3N) via certified private sector health information organizations.

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**Contact** – 717-214-2490  
or visit: <http://dhs.pa.gov/ehealth>

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**PA Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant**—PATH links a vulnerable population who experience persistent and pervasive health disparities to mainstream and other supportive services. Collectively, these efforts help individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness who also have a serious mental illness secure safe and stable housing, improve their health, and live a self-directed, purposeful life. OMHSAS distributes funds to 24 county/jointer MH/ID program offices covering 36 of PA's 67 counties to provide PATH services. PATH grants are authorized under Section 521 et seq. of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

**Contact** – The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Policy and Program Development at 717-346-0752

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**Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN)**—SWAN is a partnership among public and private agencies, judges and the legal community, foster and adoptive parents to build a better collaborative adoption process in Pennsylvania. SWAN serves children in the custody of county Children and Youth agencies who have a goal of adoption. These are children with special needs and finding an adoptive family may be a bigger challenge.

**Contact** – The Office of Children, Youth and Families, Bureau of Policy Programs and Operations' Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) at P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675 or call: 1-800-585-SWAN (Toll-Free)

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**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**—SNAP is a federal nutrition program that provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency. Parties that are eligible for SNAP can purchase food using benefits that are issued to them monthly. The DHS Office of Income Maintenance (OIM) determines eligibility for SNAP benefits and issues those benefits through the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) system.

For more information, visit [SNAP \(pa.gov\)](http://SNAP(pa.gov))

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**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**—TANF is a time limited program that assists families with children when the parents or other responsible relatives cannot provide for the family's basic needs. The Federal government provides grants to States to run the TANF program. States use TANF funds to issue monthly cash assistance payments to eligible, low-income families with children. The Federal government gives states broad flexibility to carry out their programs regarding design, the type and amount of assistance payments, and the range of other services to be provided.

For more information, visit [TANF \(pa.gov\)](http://TANF(pa.gov))

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**Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (AUTO CAT FUND)**—The Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (Auto CAT Fund) continues benefits for medical treatment and rehabilitative services, previously provided by the Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund, for injuries arising out of the maintenance or use of a motor vehicle between October 1, 1984 and December 31, 1989. In addition to other eligibility criteria and before being eligible for benefits, the claimant must incur \$100,000 in medically necessary and reasonable medical and/or rehabilitative expenses. Benefits are capped at \$50,000 per year with a \$1,000,000 lifetime maximum. Except for workers' compensation the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor for eligible claimants and coordinates benefits with health and other insurance carriers. Insurers may confirm whether the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor on a particular claim by contacting the current third party administrator.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website at [www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov) or calling the Auto CAT Fund at 717-787-4919

**Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund**—The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989 created the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) to assist owners and operators in meeting insurance requirements. The USTIF makes claim payments, presently up to \$1,500,000 per tank per occurrence, to eligible underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators for damages caused by a release from their UST. To be eligible, the release must have occurred on or after February 1, 1994 and meet other eligibility requirements set forth in the Act. The USTIF also indemnifies tank owners for third party liability that may occur when the release from a UST has injured another person or that person's property.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website at [www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov), or by calling the USTIF at 1-800-595-9887 (PA) or 717-787-0763 or visiting the USTIF website at [www.ustif.pa.gov](http://www.ustif.pa.gov)

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**Business Education Partnership Grants**—These grants fund programs that allow school districts to collaborate with local business through local workforce development boards to educate students, parents, and guardians regarding high-priority occupations and career pathways. The programs create partnerships with educators, employers, parents/guardians, and students to provide career-related experiences, exposure to different workplace opportunities and knowledge regarding opportunities in the Commonwealth. Local Workforce Development Boards throughout Pennsylvania are encouraged to apply.

Email: RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov

**Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grants**—Digital Literacy and Workforce Development grants provide funds to support effective programs that prepare individuals for improved job search capabilities and greater access to employment postings, to gain access to employment with family-sustaining wages, and to increase communities' infrastructures for providing foundational digital literacy skills. Acquiring these skills will prepare Pennsylvania job seekers and employees for success in the 21st Century labor market.

Email: RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov  
or visit: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/grant-opportunities.html>

**Industry Partnership Grants**—PA Industry Partnerships are partnerships of businesses, from the same industry and in a shared labor market region, who work with education, workforce development, economic development and community organizations to address competitiveness needs of the targeted industry. These grants provide funds to support the development, launch, implementation, and technical assistance of Industry Partnerships that are demand-driven in addressing the workforce, economic development, and educational needs of Pennsylvania industries.

Email: RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov  
or visit: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/grant-opportunities/industry-partnerships.html>

**Teacher Apprenticeship Grants**—These grants will provide money for schools and districts to build an apprenticeship program to address teacher shortages. Grantees will be able to build off a Pennsylvania specific teacher apprenticeship framework.

Email: RA-LI-PAWDB-IP@pa.gov  
or visit: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/grant-opportunities.html>

**PA CareerLink Resources**—PA CareerLink is a one-stop shop for individuals seeking employment or training, as well as employers looking for new talent. It's all part of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's initiative to transform the landscape of how jobseekers find family sustaining jobs and how employers find the skilled candidates that they need. Through this initiative, a user-friendly, premiere job-matching system has been created to help bridge the gap that currently exists between jobseekers and employers. Jobseekers have the ability to search and apply for job openings across the Commonwealth or narrow it down to their own town. Jobseekers can create and upload a resume and make themselves available to thousands of employers.

Visit the PA CareerLink website at [www.pacareerlink.pa.gov](http://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov) to learn more about all of the resources available and to find local offices

**PennSERVE Grant Opportunities**—Each year, PennSERVE awards approximately \$17 million in federal funding from the AmeriCorps agency to AmeriCorps programs in Pennsylvania. PennSERVE provides funding to organizations across Pennsylvania to utilize

Visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/ameri-corps-in-pennsylvania.html> or call 1-866-6-SERVE-U for more information.



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AmeriCorps as a tool to address local issues in key focus areas, including economic opportunity, education, disaster preparedness, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. Organizations with AmeriCorps funding develop multi-year AmeriCorps programs and recruit, place, and supervise AmeriCorps members to carry out specific and impactful service activities.

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**Schools-to-Work Program Grants**—Working in partnership with schools, this competitive grant program aims to support the establishment or enhancement of a workforce development partnership between schools, employers, organizations, or associations to create employment and training pathways. The project proposal must create learning opportunities for participating students, including classroom training, workplace visits, internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, employment opportunities, special education transition, Capstone Cooperative Education, job shadowing or externships.

Email: [RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov)  
or visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/grant-opportunities.html>  
or  
Email: [RA-IUCGRANTSUBMIS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-IUCGRANTSUBMIS@pa.gov)  
or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/Grant-Programs-at-LI.aspx](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/Grant-Programs-at-LI.aspx)

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**Veterans Employment Program Grants**—This program supports initiatives across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PA) that innovatively and creatively address barriers to employment facing veterans. Eligible applicants include Local Workforce Development Boards, non-profits and non-governmental entities community-based organizations, education and post-secondary organizations, labor organizations, business associations, and economic development entities.

Email: [RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov)  
or <https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dli/apply-for-a-veterans-employment-program-grant.html>

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**Vocational Rehabilitation Services**—The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. Services are very individualized and are provided both directly and indirectly through a network of approved vendors. The OVR counselor, during face-to-face interviews, assists customers in selecting their choice of vocational goals, services and service providers.

### **Types of Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

*OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants.*

*OVR services include:*

- **Diagnostic Services:** Medical, psychological, and audiological examinations and tests used to better understand your disability and your needs for specific types of services.
- **Vocational Evaluation:** Aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance, and “hands-on” job experience used to understand your vocational potential.
- **Counseling:** Vocational counseling will help you to better understand your potential, to rely on your abilities, to set realistic vocational goals, to change them when necessary, to develop successful work habits, and to begin a satisfying career. Counseling is available throughout your rehabilitation program.
- **Training:** Education to prepare you for a job including, but not limited to, basic academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training.

There are more than 20 OVR offices located throughout Pennsylvania. Email [ADMIN@equalemployment.org](mailto:ADMIN@equalemployment.org), or call 215-557-7112 for more information, or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr)

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- **Restoration Services:** Medical services and equipment such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs, and automobile hand controls can be provided to enable you to pursue and achieve employment.
- **Placement Assistance:** Counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs, and job development are used to increase your ability to get a job. You will receive ideas, practice, and advice on finding job leads, filling out applications, getting interviews for a job, and how to interview. Your counselor may also give you job leads or contact employers about available tax credits and hiring incentives. The more contacts with employers you make, the better your chances are of finding a job.
- **Assistive Technology:** Assistive technology includes a wide range of devices and services that can empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, independence and integration into society. OVR also operates and maintains the Center for Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology (CART) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center.
- **Support Services:** Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary to start and maintain employment. Such services may include room, board, and transportation costs during an evaluation or while completing a rehabilitation program; occupational tools, licenses, or equipment; home modifications; personal care assistance; and more.

**Workers' Compensation Services**—The Pennsylvania workers' compensation program was established to reduce injuries and provide lost wages and medical benefits to Pennsylvania employees who become ill or injured through the course of their employment so they can heal and return to the workforce. The workers' compensation system protects employees and employers. Employees receive medical treatment and are compensated for lost wages associated with work-related injuries and disease, and employers provide for the cost of such coverage while being protected from direct lawsuits by employees. Workers' compensation coverage is mandatory for most employers under Pennsylvania law. Period: Resources available year-round.

Learn more about Pennsylvania's Workers' Comp Services and requirements by visiting [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Compensation](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Compensation).

**Workforce Development & Local Workforce Development Boards**—Pennsylvania's workforce development system enables businesses and workers to compete in the worldwide, knowledge-based economy. The workforce system enhances employer competitiveness and innovation while preparing Pennsylvanians for jobs that pay in an economy that grows, supports families and businesses. Pennsylvania's Local Workforce Development Boards, or LWDBs, are part of our public workforce system – a network of state and local providers and programs that support local and regional economic development, and the education and training of Pennsylvania's workforce. The LWDBs work closely with L&I's workforce development program, the PA Workforce Development Board and regional stakeholders to ensure Pennsylvania workforce

Learn more about the Commonwealth's workforce development initiatives and activities by visiting <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/resources/forms-and-documents/workforce-development.html>  
To find your region's Local Workforce Development Board visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/local-workforce-development-boards-lwdb.html>

**Grant Period(s):** Details on open grant

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and employer – locally, regionally and statewide – are met. There are 22 LWDBs in Pennsylvania. The Department of L&I offers various grant opportunities to LWDBs as federal or state funds become available.

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applications are available on the Department of Labor & Industry website Grants | Department of Labor and Industry | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dli/programs-services/workforce-development-home/grant-opportunities.html>). Anticipated posting timelines for upcoming grants are available on this same webpage and this information is updated quarterly.

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**Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension**—This program provides pensions of \$150 per month to Pennsylvania veterans who are rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to have a service-connected loss or loss-of-use of two or more extremities with a minimum rating of 40% in each extremity.

**Contact** – 717-861-8910  
or Email: [RA-PVP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PVP@pa.gov)  
for more information

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**Blind Veterans Pension**—This program provides pensions of \$150 per month to Pennsylvania veterans who incurred functional blindness while performing active military service and are rated as blinded through service connection by the VA.

**Contact** – 717-861-8910  
or Email: [RA-BVP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BVP@pa.gov)  
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**Disabled American Veterans Transportation**—This program provides Pennsylvania veterans who have no other means of transportation with access to VA medical facilities. This funding supports replacement vehicles through the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans Volunteer Transportation Network.

The program manager can be reached at 717-861-8910  
or by Email: [RA-MVDMVAGRANTS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-MVDMVAGRANTS@pa.gov)

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**Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program**—This program provides a real estate tax exemption for any honorably discharged veteran who is determined by the VA to be totally or 100 percent permanently disabled. The veteran must be a Pennsylvania resident with a financial need who served during established war or armed conflict service dates and who resides in the property subject to the exemption as his or her principal dwelling. This exemption is extended to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran, provided that the State Veterans Commission determines financial need for the exemption.

**Contact** – 717-861-8910  
or Email: [RA-RETX@pa.gov](mailto:RA-RETX@pa.gov)  
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**Educational Gratuity Program** —Educational grants of up to \$500 per term or semester (for a maximum of eight semesters or terms) are provided for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified as having war-time service-connected disabilities rated as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled or children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict or hostile fire in peacetime as certified by the VA. Children must be 16-23 years of age and living in Pennsylvania for five years before the application. They must also attend a school in Pennsylvania and show financial need.

**Contact** – 717-861-8910  
or Email: [RA-EG@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EG@pa.gov)  
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**Educational Assistance Program**—The Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides tuition grants to eligible members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) who enroll in a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency. This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate flat tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$239.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for members who may or may

For additional information,  
call the DMVA Education Center  
at 1-866-920-7902

Applications can be submitted  
at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

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not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. EAP recipients can receive funding up to 10 full-time semesters (120 credits) or the equivalent. Eligible EAP members can continue to use EAP benefits if the eligible member continues service in the PNG beyond their initial six-year service agreement until the EAP benefits are exhausted. Members deployed to a combat zone have EAP time eligibility extended for a period of one year, or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members ordered to active federal service or active state duty have EAP time eligibility extended for one additional month for each month of service after being discharged or released under honorable conditions from the PNG. Eligible members discharged because of a line of duty injury will have an extended EAP deadline for six years from the date of the medical discharge.

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To qualify, applicants must be Pennsylvania residents with 30 or more consecutive days of service on active duty with the Guard or Reserve. Former members may also qualify if medically discharged.

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**Honor Guard Burial Detail Program**—This program authorizes the Department to pay up to a maximum of \$250.00 per cemetery, per day, to veterans' groups providing honor guard burial details for eligible veterans being interred at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. To be eligible for payment, at least three members must be present, and they must sound Taps.

**Contact** – Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or Email: RA-MVDMVAGRANTS@pa.gov

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**Medical and Health Officer Incentive Program**—This public service stipend provides assistance to eligible Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) members who agree to serve as a medical officer or health officer in the PNG after completion of residency or initial service obligation for a period of one month for each monthly stipend received, up to a period of 36 months of service. A resident physician, physician or physician assistant may receive a stipend of \$1,000 per month for up to 48 months of medical residency or 36 months of service to the PNG. A behavioral health officer, public health officer or environmental science officer may receive a stipend of \$500 per month for up to 36 months of service to the PNG.

**Contact** – Program office at 1-866-920-7902 for more information.

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**Military Family Education Program**—An educational assistance grant for dependents (spouse or children), earned by Army and Air National Guard members for their commitment to and service in the Pennsylvania National Guard. The MFEP grant can be used for a degree granting curriculum or certificate granting curriculum, course of study or training programs required for entrance into a specific career as determined by PHEAA at an approved PHEAA institution of higher learning, including technology fee, for up to five academic years. The member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or a portion of the benefit to more than one dependent.

This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate flat tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$239.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for members who may or may not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. MFEP recipients can receive funding up to 10 full-time semesters (120 credits) or the equivalent.

A spouse can use the assigned MFEP benefit up to 6 years after the member's separation from PA Guard. Children can use the assigned MFEP benefit before reaching 26 years of age.

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**Military Family Relief Assistance Program**—provides grants to servicemembers and their families who due to unforeseen circumstances are facing financial challenges. The amount of a grant is based on documented financial need up to a maximum of \$5,000 for needs, including childcare, housing, food, or disaster relief. Turnaround times may take as little as 48 hours.

To qualify, applicants must be Pennsylvania residents with 30 or more consecutive days of service on active duty with the Guard or Reserve. Former members may also qualify if medically discharged.

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**Pennsylvania Veterans Registry**—free, electronic Registry where family members of veterans and people who work with veterans by signing up can connect with the DMVA. By connecting with DMVA through the Registry, registrants can also opt-in to receive ongoing communications such as the weekly DMVA Digest breaking news and other updates. You do not need to be a veteran to register.

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**VETConnect**—provides veterans and veteran advocates access to the commonwealth's premier information and referral database, compiled specifically to improve the lives of service members, veterans, and their families. The free database is populated with valuable information and resources that will help County Directors of Veterans Affairs and other veteran advocates facilitate delivery of the best possible services to veterans, their

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**Contact** – Call: 717-865-4529, Email: [NG.PA.PAARNG.LIST.JFHQ1-G1-MFEP@army.mil](mailto:NG.PA.PAARNG.LIST.JFHQ1-G1-MFEP@army.mil) or visit [Pa.ng.mil/education](http://Pa.ng.mil/education)

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**Contact** – Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Bldg. 9-26, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003  
Call: 717-861-8910 or toll-free at 1-866-292-7201  
Fax: 717-861-9084 or **Email:** [RA-PA-MFRAP@pa.go](mailto:RA-PA-MFRAP@pa.go)

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For assistance, contact your County Director of Veterans Affairs Office or another accredited Veteran Services Officer.

Contact the program office at 1-866-920-7902 for more information.

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**Contact** – DMVA at [RA-VTA@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VTA@pa.gov)

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families, and their beneficiaries. Resource areas include benefits, employment, financial assistance, mental wellness and substance use, post-traumatic stress, and more.

**Veterans' Temporary Assistance (VTA)**—Veterans' Temporary program provides temporary financial assistance of up to \$1,600 in a 12-month period to veterans and their beneficiaries who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, shelter, fuel, and clothing). In general, assistance is provided to replace, or supplement, income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living.

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**Contact** – Office of Veterans Affairs  
at RA-MVVETTRUSTFUND@pa.gov

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**Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF)**—The Veterans' Trust Fund provides direct assistance to veterans in need and awards competitive grants to veterans' service organizations, non-profits with a mission of serving Pennsylvania veterans, and Pennsylvania county directors of veterans' affairs locally or statewide.

**Who Can Apply:** Non-profit organizations, veteran service organizations and county directors of veteran affairs across the state.

**Use:** Programs and services benefiting Pennsylvania veterans. The VTF grant funding is for programs that address: Social Determinants of Health; Transportation; and employment. The maximum grant request for VSOs and non-profit organizations is \$40,000.

Also provides Grants in support of veterans' outreach to Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs or grants to counties, either individually or jointly for multiple counties working together, for programs operated by their County Directors of Veterans Affairs. The maximum grant request for County applicants is \$15,000 per county.

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**Incentives, Credits, and Programs**—Pennsylvania offers a variety of tax incentives, credits and programs to eligible Pennsylvania residents and businesses. These tax credits, economic development programs refund/rebate opportunities and incentive programs provide economic assistance and tax reductions to individual and business taxpayers.

**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**—The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$45,000 a year for homeowners and \$45,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. About 525,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from the program this year.

HOMEOWNERS CAN RECEIVE:		RENTERS CAN RECEIVE:	
Income	Standard Rebate	Income	Standard Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$1,000	\$0 to \$8,000	\$1,000
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$770	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$770
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$460	\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$460
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$380	\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$380

The maximum standard rebate is \$1,000, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$1,500. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$8 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

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**Contact** – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. (For more on tax credit and incentive programs) at 717-772-3896 or Email: RA-RVTAXCREDITS@pa.gov

For more information or to see if you qualify: [www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms)

**Contact** – Property Tax/Rent Rebate information at 1-888-222-9190 and applications are available by visiting [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov)



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**Cosmetology and Barber Licensure Through Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pilot Program**—This program provides additional opportunities for students in cosmetology and barber Career and Technical Center (CTC) programs to earn educational hours and practical experience. The pilot consists of three major components by which cosmetology and barber CTC students may earn educational credit toward their respective 1,250-hour instruction requirements: (1) up to 650 hours of distance education, including practical skills review; (2) up to 350 hours of internships and job shadowing; and (3) the remainder to come from traditional in-person instruction. The pilot program will remain available to cosmetology and barber CTC students through the 2024-25 school year, subject to further extension by the General Assembly.

**Governor's Civic Engagement Award**—The Governor's Civic Engagement Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Departments of State and Education. The award celebrates the efforts of Pennsylvania high school students to educate, engage and inform their fellow students about how to get involved in the voting process. There are three award distinctions: Gold (presented to schools where 85% of eligible students are registered to vote), Silver (presented to schools where 65% of eligible students are registered to vote), and Student Poll Worker Award (presented to students who participate in a voter registration at their school and serve as a poll worker).

**PA Online Voter Registration and Mail-in and Absentee Ballot Application**—Registering to vote in Pennsylvania is easy and convenient. There are 4 convenient ways to register to vote: online, by mail, in person at your county office, or at PennDOT and some other government agencies. Online registration is convenient, secure and accurate. You must register to vote at the address where you actually live - your residence address. Owning property or a business in a county does not make you a resident of that county. Any registered voter may request a mail-in ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested by voters with disabilities or an illness that prevents them from going to their polling place on election day, or those who will be absent from their municipality on Election Day.

**Professional Licensing Guides**—The Department of State is responsible for licensing and regulating hundreds of different professions as part of its mission to protect, preserve and improve the health and safety of Pennsylvania's citizens through the licensing and regulation of occupational and health professionals. To provide the greatest clarity on the licensing process from start to finish, and recommendations for how to reduce processing times.

**A Guide to Business Registration**—Associations and individuals desiring to do business in Pennsylvania may have to apply to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for authority to conduct business, incorporate, organize, or file an assumed or fictitious name. Through the Bureau, the Secretary of the Commonwealth files documents evidencing various kinds of business transactions. The Bureau may assist in registration of businesses or in obtaining information on existing businesses.

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Full details regarding the pilot program may be found at: [www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2021&sind=0&body=h&type=b&bn=1642](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2021&sind=0&body=h&type=b&bn=1642)

or  
[www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/department-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/cosmetology/cte-cosmetology-barber.html](http://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/department-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/cosmetology/cte-cosmetology-barber.html)

**Contact** – 717-787-5280,  
Email [RA-VOTERREG@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VOTERREG@pa.gov),  
or visit [www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote/programs/civic-engagement-award.html](http://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote/programs/civic-engagement-award.html)

To register to vote or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot online, visit [www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote.html](http://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote.html)  
For questions please call 1-877-868-3772

For guides, timelines and tips on a smooth licensure application process visit [www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/resources/professional-licensing-resources/licensure-processing-guides-and-timelines.html](http://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/resources/professional-licensing-resources/licensure-processing-guides-and-timelines.html)

A guide to registering a business can be found here  
English: [www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dos/programs/business/guides/Business-Guide.pdf](http://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dos/programs/business/guides/Business-Guide.pdf)

Spanish: [www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dos/programs/business/guides/Business-Guide-Spanish.pdf](http://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dos/programs/business/guides/Business-Guide-Spanish.pdf)

Documents can be filed online at [file.dos.pa.gov/](http://file.dos.pa.gov/)

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**Aviation Development Program**—This state-funded program provides funds for airport development. The program is funded out of the Aviation Restricted Account which is comprised of a state tax on jet fuel sold in Pennsylvania. Eligible projects are funded up to 75 percent state and 25 percent local funds. Available only to public use airports.

**Contact** – Anthony McCloskey  
at 717-705-1200  
or Email: [AMCCLOSKEY@pa.gov](mailto:AMCCLOSKEY@pa.gov)

**Capital Budget/Aviation Transportation Assistance Program**—This state-funded program provides funds for improvement projects to airports with public sponsors. Federally eligible projects can be funded up to 75 percent and non-federal are eligible for 50 percent. The remaining share is paid by the local sponsor/owner. Letters are sent to eligible sponsors prior to release. Available only to airports with public sponsors. Projects must be in an active capital budget bill.

**Contact** – Anthony McCloskey  
at 717-705-1200  
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**Federal Airport Improvement Program**—This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. It provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are typically funded with 90 percent federal, 5 percent state and 5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers. Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

**Contact** – Anthony McCloskey  
at 717-705-1200  
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**Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank-Aviation (PIB)**—This revolving loan fund is administered by PennDOT for eligible airport development at public use airports. The interest rate is one-half the prime lending rate. Maximum loan term of 10 years.

**Contact** – Hugh McGowan  
at 717-787-5798  
or Email: [HMCGOWAN@pa.gov](mailto:HMCGOWAN@pa.gov)

**Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates**—This program is funded through tax on aviation gas (for propeller-driven piston aircraft) and limited to taxes collected in the previous year. It provides reimbursement equal to the amount of local real estate taxes paid for aviation-related areas (non-revenue producing). Eligible grant requests exceeding funds available are prorated.

Application Deadline—February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year.

**Contact** – Anthony McCloskey  
at 717-705-1200  
or Email: [AMCCLOSKEY@pa.gov](mailto:AMCCLOSKEY@pa.gov)

### BUREAU OF DRIVER LICENSING

**Free Photo ID when driver surrenders driver license**—Drivers who wish to surrender their license for medical reasons will be given a free photo identification card, valid for four years. Drivers whose licenses are recalled for medical reasons may also request an initial free, four-year ID. Complete form DL-54B.

**Contact** – PennDOT Bureau of Driver Licensing,  
Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street,  
Harrisburg, PA 17104 or call 717-412-5300

Website: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

**Free Photo ID for Homeless**—Pennsylvanians experiencing homelessness may be eligible to be issued a free initial photo ID or photo ID renewal. Individuals who qualify for initial issuance or renewals of Photo IDs at no cost will be required to apply in person at a PennDOT Driver License Center and must meet identification and other requirements.

**Contact** – PennDOT Bureau of Driver Licensing,  
Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street,  
Harrisburg, PA 17104 or call 717-412-5300

Website: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

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### BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

**Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancements Grant 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)], a Transportation Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. In 2021, funds from Automated Speed Enforcement Systems under 75 Pa.C.S. §3370(m)(2) were added to the 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) and the Program Guidelines on the PennDOT Traffic Signal Portal (<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals>). The ARLE Funding program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program focused on low-cost safety and mobility improvements in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the department. PennDOT accepts applications for the ARLE Funding Program annually between June 1 and June 30. The application period is announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin each May. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

**Who May Apply:** Local authorities (counties, municipalities, and other local/ boards or bodies having authority to enact laws relating traffic); Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs); County planning organizations; Commonwealth agencies  
**Use:** The ARLE Funding Program prioritizes safety enhancements considering both PennDOT's Safety Network Screening methods for the project location and Crash Modification Factors associated with proposed improvements.

**Funds:** Funding for the program is generated from the net revenue of fines collected through Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems. Grant applications are accepted annually during the month of June.

**Application Deadline:** June 1 through June 30  
 More Information: Go to PennDOT's website PennDOT|Traffic Signal Portal ([www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us))  
 Program Email Address: [ARLE@pa.gov](mailto:ARLE@pa.gov)

**Contact** – Stephen Gault at 717-787-6988  
 or Email: [SGAULT@pa.gov](mailto:SGAULT@pa.gov)

**Green Light-Go (GLG) Funding Program**—Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program (Green Light-Go Program) is designed to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and improving efficiency of existing traffic signals on highways. The program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the department. Applications by municipalities, counties or planning organizations for the GLG Funding Program requiring a 20 percent match using regional, state, federal, municipal or private funds. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds cannot be used as the required match. Annual program announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the PennDOT Traffic Signal Portal specifying the acceptance of applications.

Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.  
 Additional GLG Funding  
 Program information can be found at:  
[www.dot.state.pa.us/signals](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals)  
 Program Email Address: [GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov)

**Contact** – Stephen Gault at 717-787-6988  
 or Email: [SGAULT@pa.gov](mailto:SGAULT@pa.gov)

**Highway Safety Grant Program**—This federally funded program provides funds for educational and enforcement initiatives designed to reduce road traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units unless otherwise identified. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA. Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSP. Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to

**Application deadline:** Grant opportunities are identified by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) for the pending federal fiscal year beginning October 1st. Non-state governmental units are required to utilize the dotGrants online grant management system  
[www.dotgrants.penndot.gov/dotGrants](http://www.dotgrants.penndot.gov/dotGrants)

**Contact** – Thomas R. Glass at 717-783-2113  
 or Email: [THGLASS@pa.gov](mailto:THGLASS@pa.gov)

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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. Additional Highway Safety Grant Program information can be found at: [www.penndot.pa.gov/safety](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/safety).

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## 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 Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 or call 717-412-5300

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**Motor Vehicle Titling and Registration for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Associations**—Vehicles registered by volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance associations licensed by the Department of Health are eligible to have their title and registration fees waived.

**Contact** – PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 or call 717-412-5300

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**Reduced Motor Vehicle Registration**—Processing fee instead of the usual registration fee. Those eligible must be a retired PA 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 authorized a campaign medal; or any person who has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Contact** – PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 or call 717-412-5300

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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. Local match

**Application Deadline:** Deadlines vary and are available on the PennDOT website

**Contact** – David J. Bratina at 717-705-1230 or Email: [DJBRATINA@pa.gov](mailto:DJBRATINA@pa.gov)

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from eligible sources in the amount of 30 percent of the grant award must be provided in order to receive funding. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants will not exceed \$3 million.

**Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside)**—The Pennsylvania TA Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to schools, and trail projects that serve a transportation purpose such as trails that connect to schools, parks or other public areas. Applicants pay for any pre-construction costs (roughly 20 percent of the estimated construction cost of the project) but these upfront costs may be eligible for Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) funding. Competitively selected projects are awarded at 100 percent of the estimated construction cost. PennDOT's website provides program guidance, the eligibility determination form and an application.

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[www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside-Surface Trans.Block Grant Program.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/TransportationAlternativesSet-Aside-SurfaceTrans.BlockGrantProgram.aspx)

**Contact** – Justin Cambric at 717-705-1532  
or Email: JCAMBRIC@pa.gov

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## 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.

**Contact** – Bob Snyder at 717-783-9661  
or Email: ROLSNYDE@pa.gov

**Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program**—The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 32 of 1983, authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is paid to municipalities on March 1 of each year. The objective of this program is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads and bridges 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 a satisfactory condition. Local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Each PennDOT district office has a turnback coordinator who can provide more information and assist local governments interested in participating in the program.

**Contact** – Zachery Kopinetz at 717-705-0687  
or Email: ZKOPINETZ@pa.gov

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### BUREAU OF RAIL FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

**Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for Rail Freight Projects**—This is a PennDOT-operated revolving loan fund that offers flexible financing opportunities for eligible transportation improvement projects throughout the commonwealth. Rail Infrastructure Construction and Rehabilitation projects are the types of projects financed. The interest rate on PIB loans is fixed at one-half the prime lending rate with terms up to 10 years.

**Application Deadline:** 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.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx)

**Contact** – Hugh McGowan at 717-787-5798  
or Email: [HMCOWAN@pa.gov](mailto:HMCOWAN@pa.gov)

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**Pennsylvania Intermodal Cargo Growth Incentive Program (PICGIP)**—PICGIP provides an economic incentive to ocean carriers to move their preordained and discretionary cargo through a commonwealth port instead of other United States ports. The incentive, which is \$25 per verified container “lift” applies to containerized cargo loaded or discharged from vessels moving through the commonwealth’s ports. The incentive is offered to eligible ocean carriers starting a new service to a commonwealth port as well as to ocean carriers currently calling a commonwealth port and increasing containerized cargo volumes based on benchmarks established by PennDOT. All ocean carriers that move containerized cargo through commonwealth ports and agree to follow the PICGIP Guidelines are eligible to participate in the incentive program and be considered for an incentive payment.

**Application Deadline:** Applications periods are available two times per year: January 1 – April 30 and July 1 – October 31.

The PICGIP Program Guidelines and application instructions can be found at:  
[www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/default.aspx)

**Contact** – Denise Soisson at 717-705-1223  
or Email: [DSOISSON@pa.gov](mailto:DSOISSON@pa.gov)

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**Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)**—This program provides state-funded financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve rail freight service and stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service. RFAP is a grant program with an annual funding stream of \$10 million. In addition, RFAP Marcellus Shale-related grant projects are eligible for the Marcellus Shale fee funding of \$1 million annually. The maximum state funding for any project is \$700,000, or no greater than 70 percent of the actual total project cost, whichever is less. The funding for the new construction portion of any project cannot exceed \$250,000. Types of projects eligible for funding: Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts and other track materials. Construction – consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail, ballast and other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail-associated facility.

**Application Deadline:** The application periods are posted on PennDOT’s website at  
[www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx)

Applications must be submitted electronically via eGrants Public Portal Interface:  
[www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/login.aspx](http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/login.aspx)  
Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.

**Contact** – Steve Panko at 717-787-1202  
or Email: [STEPANKO@pa.gov](mailto:STEPANKO@pa.gov)

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**Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)**—This state-funded program provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects. The annual grant program has a current funding allocation of \$30 million. Only entities that have an authorization in a current Capital Budget Act are eligible to apply. Eligible types of projects include rail maintenance and

**Application Deadline:** The open application periods are posted on PennDOT’s website at:  
[www.penndot.gov/DoingBusiness/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx](http://www.penndot.gov/DoingBusiness/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx)

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construction. Maximum state funding is 70 percent of the total project cost, but shall not exceed the line item amount authorized by the specific capital budget bill containing the budget authorization.

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Applications must be submitted electronically via eGrants Public Portal Interface:  
[www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/login.aspx](http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/login.aspx)

**Contact** – Steve Panko at 717-787-1202  
or Email: STEPANKO@pa.gov

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## 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.

Additional information can be found at:  
[www.gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/default.aspx](http://www.gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/default.aspx)

**Contact** – Michael Dudrich at 717-425-5672  
and 1-800-FOR-LTAP  
or Email: MIDUDRICH@pa.gov

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## BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**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 populations 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 1

**Contact** – Anthony Stever at 717-783-9559  
or Email: ASTEVER@pa.gov

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**Public Transportation Operating Assistance**—State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 35 transit systems offering fixed-route public transportation in the commonwealth. Routine maintenance of facilities and vehicles is also eligible under this program. Funding is distributed based on a legislative formula. Local matching funds must be provided in order to receive funding.

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact** – Anthony Stever at 717-783-9559  
or Email: ASTEVER@pa.gov

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## 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:

**Application Deadline:** Annually in the spring/summer. Exact date to be determined.

**Contact** – John Levitsky at 717-787-1206  
or Email: JLEVITSKY@pa.gov

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Asset Improvement Program – Funds are distributed based on need as determined by the department. This program requires a local match.

**Capital Improvement Program**—Funding distributed by formula to transit agencies based on ridership. This program requires no local match. Act 89 of 2013 terminated new funding for this program as of December 31, 2013. Only funds deposited in the account as of December 31, 2013 are available.

**Application Deadline:** Annually in the spring/summer. Exact date to be determined.

**Contact** – John Levitsky at 717-787-1206 or Email: JLEVITSKY@pa.gov

**Community Transportation Capital Equipment**—State and federal funds are available annually for the purpose of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide community transportation/shared ride services.

**Eligibility:** The following may apply for these funds: The governing body of a county, other than a county of the first or second class; a transportation company designated by the governing body of the county as the coordinator of the community transportation service; an agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth.  
**Application Deadline:** Annually in the spring/summer. Exact date to be determined.

**Contact** – John Levitsky at 717-787-1206 or Email: JLEVITSKY@pa.gov

**Federal 5311 Rural Transit Capital Assistance**—This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides for public transportation capital projects serving rural communities with populations less than 50,000. State and federal funds are available annually for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide Rural 5311 operating services. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities ACT of 1945. This program does require a local match.

**Application Deadline:** Annually in the spring/summer. Exact date to be determined.

**Contact** – John Levitsky at 717-787-1206 or Email: JLEVITSKY@pa.gov

**Intercity Bus Assistance Program**—PennDOT issues a multi-year grant to the Susquehanna Regional Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (d.b.a. rabbittransit) to manage and operate the Intercity Bus Assistance Program. Rabbittransit contracts with private carriers to operate scheduled, intercity service along routes which are essential links in the regional/statewide network of intercity bus services, but which cannot be financially supported solely from user fares. This program is funded by federal dollars, which are leveraged by the use of in-kind state investment in the Commonwealth's multimodal transportation system.

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

**Contact** – Danielle Spila at 717-787-1208 or Email: DSPILA@pa.gov

**Intercity Rail Passenger Program**—PennDOT contracts with AMTRAK for rail passenger service in the Philadelphia-to-Harrisburg (Keystone) and Philadelphia-to-Pittsburgh (The Pennsylvanian) corridors to complement services provided within the commonwealth by AMTRAK as part of their national rail passenger service network. Capital improvements and operating costs may be supported under this program.

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

**Contact** – Steven Panko at 717-787-1202 or Email: STEPANKO@pa.gov



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

[www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov)

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**New Initiatives**—Funds may be available for capital funding for new or expanded fixed-guideway systems that use and occupy a separate right of way or rail used exclusively for public transportation or high occupancy vehicles. This program will require local matching funds.

**Rural Persons with Disabilities Program**—This program provides reduced fares on shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb transportation services for persons with disabilities in all counties except Philadelphia. The program pays up to 85 percent of the trip fare if the trip is not eligible under any other funding program. To qualify for the reduced fare, persons with disabilities must present proof of disability to the local shared-ride provider in their county. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay 15 percent of the full shared-ride fare.

**Section 5310 Private Nonprofit (PNP) Vehicle Grant Program** — 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. Additional information can be found at: [5310 PNP Applicant Instructions.pdf](#)

**Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens**—This program enables senior citizens 65 and older to use shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of the regular shared-ride fare and State Lottery proceeds administered by the department are used to reimburse the participating service provider up to 85 percent of the fare. There are no restrictions on the hours of use other than the service hours of the transportation providers. A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for reduced-fare transportation on a participating transit system. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay any fare remaining after the lottery and sponsor contributions.

**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.

**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.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

**Application Deadline:** To be determined

**Contact** – Danielle Spila at 717-787-1208  
or Email: [DSPILA@pa.gov](mailto:DSPILA@pa.gov)

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact** – Anthony Stever at 717-783-9559  
or Email: [ASTEVER@pa.gov](mailto:ASTEVER@pa.gov)

**Application Deadline:** Annually, usually early summer. Announcement provided on PennDOT website and in PA Bulletin.

**Contact** – John Levitsky at 717-787-1206  
or Email: [JLEVITSKY@pa.gov](mailto:JLEVITSKY@pa.gov)

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact** – Anthony Stever at 717-783-9559  
or Email: [ASTEVER@pa.gov](mailto:ASTEVER@pa.gov)

**Application Deadline:** N/A

**Contact** – Danielle Spila at 717-787-1208  
or Email: [DSPILA@pa.gov](mailto:DSPILA@pa.gov)

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### CENTER FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

**PennDOT's Twelve Year Program**—The Twelve Year Program (TYP), which is the commonwealth's official transportation program, is a multimodal, fiscally constrained program of transportation improvements spanning a 12-year period. Multimodal means that the TYP includes all travel modes including highways, bridges, public transit, aviation, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian. PA State Law, Act 120 of 1970, as amended, requires PennDOT to prepare, update and submit Pennsylvania's TYP every two years to the State Transportation Commission for their review and approval. The first four-year period of the Twelve-Year Program also serves as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration for approval following STC's approval of the TYP. The development of the program is coordinated with PennDOT's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

**Contact** – Larry Shifflet at 717-787-3154  
or Email: [LASHIFFLET@pa.gov](mailto:LASHIFFLET@pa.gov)  
or [RA-PENNDOTSTC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PENNDOTSTC@pa.gov)

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## PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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**Keystone Scholars**—Keystone Scholars jumpstarts educational savings by automatically providing a \$100 investment for children born in 2019 and after to Pennsylvania residents, including children who are adopted. Families are mailed instructions on how to claim the child's account approximately five months after birth. The program uses no taxpayer money, and the funds are invested by Treasury to grow as the child grows. Keystone Scholars accounts can be used to help pay for a wide variety of qualifying technical, collegiate, and apprenticeship educational expenses once a child turns 18. Families who decide to save additional money for future educational expenses can consider a PA 529 College and Career Savings Program account and watch both accounts grow side-by-side.

For more information call 1-800-440-4000,  
email: [keystone@pa529.com](mailto:keystone@pa529.com)  
or visit [www.pa529.com/keystone](http://www.pa529.com/keystone)

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**Unclaimed Property and Military Decorations**—The Pennsylvania Treasury is working to return more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property in its care to the rightful owners. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a "holder," such as a bank, insurance company or other business or organization, without activity or contact for multiple years. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury after a certain number of years (three years, in most cases). The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, and contents of safe deposit boxes. More than one in ten Pennsylvanians has unclaimed

Individuals can search for unclaimed property or check the status of a claim at [www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property](http://www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property)

Claimants seeking assistance can  
Email: [TUPMail@patreasury.gov](mailto:TUPMail@patreasury.gov).

Holders needing information about the unclaimed property program can visit [www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/holder](http://www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/holder) or email: [HolderReporting@patreasury.gov](mailto:HolderReporting@patreasury.gov)

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property, and the average claim is worth about \$1,600. In addition to financial assets, Treasury is also holding physical items including military decorations and memorabilia ranging from Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts to badges and dog tags. Returning military decorations is a top priority for Treasurer Stacy Garrity, herself a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve.

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## **CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA**

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**The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy research within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The Center's mission is to promote and sustain the vitality of the state's rural and small communities by: Administering grants to conduct research on matters relating to rural conditions; maintaining and disseminating a broad base of information on rural trends and conditions; publishing research and project results; and sponsoring regional and statewide forums on rural issues. Visit the Center's website to read the reports and view upcoming forums.**

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**Research Grants**—As part of the Center's yearly Research Grant Program, the Board of Directors approves topics for research projects. All projects must show a clear relationship to one or more of the Center's mandated research areas, which are: rural people and communities; economic development; local government finance and administration; community services; natural resources and the environment; rural values and social change; educational outreach; agriculture; and health and welfare concerns. In addition to research grants, mini grants are also awarded.

**Eligibility:** Grants are awarded to qualified faculty members of Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities, and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. Partnerships with other academic institutions, community organizations, and public and private agencies are encouraged.

**Research Grant Program:** One-year grants are awarded to conduct applied policy research or to identify local strategies that can result in legislative or program policy considerations or recommendations. The maximum allowable grant award is \$50,000 per project.

**Mini Grant Program:** Mini Grants are awarded to projects that focus on basic data collection and analysis, time-sensitive issues, and/or the preparation of reference materials. Projects supported as Mini Grants are a maximum of nine months in duration and are eligible for a maximum of \$15,000 in Center support.

For more information, visit  
[www.rural.palegislature.us/grants\\_program.html](http://www.rural.palegislature.us/grants_program.html)  
or contact  
The Center for Rural Pennsylvania  
625 Forster Street, Room 902  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Call 717-787-9555  
or Email: [INFO@rural.palegislature.us](mailto:INFO@rural.palegislature.us)

Website  
[www.rural.palegislature.us](http://www.rural.palegislature.us)

## OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

[www.pa.gov/agencies/budget.html](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/budget.html)

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**Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)**—The state's RACP program is designed to aid community and economic development projects throughout the commonwealth that demonstrate significant economic impacts to local and regional economies. The RACP program operates as a reimbursement program for eligible project costs including, but not limited to, construction, land acquisition, permitting, and any interest costs paid during construction. A RACP scope of work must include a construction component and cannot be 100% land reimbursement. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required minimum of 50 percent participation in non-state match.

The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line item authorization for a specific project in the state's Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project. Act 77 of 2013, Act 45 of 2017, and Act 25 of 2020 amended the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, decreasing the commonwealth's debt ceiling by a combined \$700 million with an additional \$50 million annual reduction starting in 2018 until \$3.1 billion of outstanding obligations is reached.

Applicants who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-Application through the DCED Electronic Single Application website during an open funding round window. All submissions that pass an initial review of eligibility and completeness will be sent to the Administration. Once a project is selected, based on final approval of the Governor, an award letter will be sent detailing the amount of the RACP award and instructions to submit a formal Application and Business Plan for the RACP grant to the Office of the Budget for further processing. Successful applicants are required to notify the Office of the Budget within 30 days of receipt of an Award Letter as to whether or not they are accepting the grant award.

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Detailed information is available at the RACP website at [www.racp.pa.gov](http://www.racp.pa.gov), or Email [RA-OB-RACP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-OB-RACP@pa.gov)

## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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**The Governor's Office of Homeland Security helps to administer two federal grant programs for law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations within the Commonwealth. The Homeland Security staff can assist with the application process and recipient project planning.**

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**Cybersecurity Grant Program**—federal grant to provide funding to help state and local governments:

- Address cybersecurity risks.
- Strengthen cybersecurity of critical infrastructure; and
- Ensure resilience against persistent cyber threats to services governments provide their communities.

For award years 2023-25 Local governments will be able to apply to the Commonwealth to participate in cybersecurity projects identified by the committee. More information on how to apply will be supplied later. Local governments cannot apply directly to the federal government for funding.

Contact Deputy Director Kristin Daniels to discuss the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program at [KRIDANIELS@pa.gov](mailto:KRIDANIELS@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717-346-4460.

**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**—Grants from OPSG enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the borders of the U.S. Grant awards are intended to promote cooperation and coordination between local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Eligible Recipients: Erie County is the only PA jurisdiction eligible to receive OPSG funds.

Details about Operation Stonegarden are available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website or by calling GOHS at 717-346-4460.

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### Urban Area Security Initiative - Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

—UASI-NSGP grants help nonprofit organizations, which are at a high risk of terrorist attack, with security and preparedness activities. A goal of the program is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with the broader state and local preparedness efforts and to promote communication between public and private organizations. Eligible Recipients: Nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and are located within a specific UASI-eligible urban areas. In Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are the only designated UASI areas. The Philadelphia UASI includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. The Pittsburgh UASI includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland and Washington counties.

**Funding:** The total amount distributed throughout the U.S. for fiscal year 2013 was \$9 million. The maximum award is \$75,000.

**Application Process:** Nonprofit organizations email applications to the PA Homeland Security office. Applications are checked for completeness, format and content. The applications are then sent to the Philadelphia UASI Executive Committee for scoring according to criteria set by the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The UASI scores the applications and returns them to the PA Homeland Security office, who prioritizes all submissions, and submits them to DHS/FEMA. PA Homeland Security receives notification from DHS as to which applicants received an award.

**Timeline:** Application and guidance kits are released by DHS in December. Homeland Security immediately sends the kits the UASI areas, and all the nonprofits we have contact with. Application submissions from nonprofit organizations are due back to the Homeland Security office by early April. The commonwealth sends the applications to the associated UASI for scoring after the scoring sheets are returned to the office for submission to DHS by late April

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or early May. Awards are announced 90 days later. Recipients have 36 months to complete the projects identified in their applications.

**More Information:** Details about the Urban Areas Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program are available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website or by calling PA Homeland Security at 717-346-4460.

## OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

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

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**Emergency Training Center Capital Grant**—program provides funding for emergency service training providers. Eligible expense categories include:

- Establish/modernize facilities that house: 1.) Firefighting equipment, 2.) Ambulances and 3.) Rescue Vehicles.
- Acquire/renovate structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles, or construct/modernize facilities.
- Repair/purchase firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment to provide proper and adequate training.

Those who are eligible include emergency services training centers, community colleges, county-owned facilities, municipal or fire department-owned facilities nonprofit, and countywide associations.

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**Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**—the primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

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**Federal Grant Funds to Help Staff Your Fire Department**—provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, frontline firefighters available in their communities. This grant program operates under the acronym SAFER.

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**Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant**—grant program available for volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services, and rescue squads. Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire or rescue company applicant, and no more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two or more groups that had previously merged.

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**Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan**—program provides loans at a fixed 2% interest rate to fire and Emergency Medical Services companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or improvement of apparatus, facilities, and equipment. Any career or volunteer fire company or EMS in Pennsylvania is eligible.

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**Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant**—Eligible departments can apply for \$25,000 to \$100,000 in grants. Municipal fire departments recognized by local ordinance and budgeted by the local government where the department geographically resides are eligible. Eligible expense categories include:

- Establish/modernize facilities that house: 1.) Firefighting equipment, 2.) Ambulances and 3.) Rescue Vehicles.
- Acquire/renovate structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles, or construct/modernize facilities.

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**Contact** – RA- EMOSFCTRNFACGRANT@pa.gov

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For additional information, go to the U.S. Fire Administration website [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)

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**Contact** – FEMAGO@fema.dhs.gov or call FEMA GO technical support: 1-877-585-3242.

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Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary. For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov). Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at RA-VFCVASGP@pa.gov.

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**Contact** – RA-VLAP@pa.gov

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**Contact** – RA-EMOSFCMUNIGRANT@pa.gov

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- Repair/purchase firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment to provide proper and adequate training.

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**Unconventional Gas Well Fund Grant**—program provides funding for volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services, and rescue companies: 1.) in counties where unconventional gas well drilling has been permitted and 2.) In counties that directly border permitted counties and respond to related emergencies. Eligible projects include the following.

- **Certification:** Obtaining professional national certification for members.
- **Equipment:** Purchase of firefighting, emergency medical, rescue, or air monitoring equipment used on, or related to, an unconventional gas well pad emergency response. All equipment purchased through the grant program will include training on the equipment provided at no additional costs to recipients.
- **Training:** Training classes and required educational materials paid for with grant funds must be State Fire Academy-approved curriculum and must meet a predetermined minimum class size.

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**Contact** – Pennsylvania State Fire Academy  
1150 Riverside Drive  
Lewistown, PA 17044  
Call: 717-257-6288  
or Email: [RA-EMACT13GRANT@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EMACT13GRANT@pa.gov)

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**PENNFIRS Reporting**—Fire departments in Pennsylvania must use National Fire Incident Reporting System 5.0-compliant software to report incidents in order to be eligible to receive any state grant funding.

**Contact** – [MAILTO:RA-PENNFIRS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PENNFIRS@pa.gov)



## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

[www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-african-american-affairs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-african-american-affairs)

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The Governor's Commission on African American Affairs (GACAAA) serves as the commonwealth's advocate agency for the African American community in Pennsylvania. Its mission is to ensure that state government is accessible and accountable by advising the governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations. GACAAA also works to expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural, and economic status of the African American Community.

The commission is composed of twenty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

For more information regarding the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs please contact:

Annette Nance, Executive Director

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## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS**

[www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-asian-pacific-american-affairs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-asian-pacific-american-affairs)

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The purpose of the Commission is to gather information regarding AAPI Pennsylvanians' experiences and needs; review, evaluate, and assess programs affecting them; provide the Governor with information and recommendations regarding how best to meet their needs; and provide information about programs and services that may be relevant to AAPI Pennsylvanians' needs. The Commission and its Executive Director also serve as an extension of the Governor's office in their respective communities and are responsible for communicating the priorities and accomplishments of the Governor and his Administration. This effort seeks to spread awareness and increase access to programs and services provided by the Commonwealth that benefit every-day Pennsylvanians.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

For more information regarding the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs please contact:

Razin Karu, Executive Director  
508E, 5th Floor, Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Call 717-439-1675  
or Email: [AAPI@pa.gov](mailto:AAPI@pa.gov)

## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)**

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

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*The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) awards grants from federal and state funds to help local governments and nonprofit organizations throughout the commonwealth to prevent and reduce crime, improve the justice systems and help victims of crime. PCCD publicly announces funding availability on its website. Funding announcement guidelines are provided and describe eligibility requirements. Interested parties can be notified of new funding announcement opportunities by signing up for Egrant notices at <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/public/Subscribe.aspx>.*

*\*\*Useful resource\*\* The Office of Victims Services (OVS) creates a bi-weekly newsletter, which contains training/conference announcements, notable news, funding information, fundraising events, and much more. If you would like any training events, fundraisers or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Leandria Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov). Visit [www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/OVS-Newsletter.aspx](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/OVS-Newsletter.aspx) for more information.*

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**Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program**—Provides seed money to assist nonprofit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice and criminal justice system improvement projects throughout the commonwealth; provides technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; and coordinates regional and statewide training events.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs)/Act 28 of 2014**—Provides funding for National Children’s Alliance-member CACs and developing CACs and multidisciplinary investigative teams.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**County Intermediate Punishment Program**—Provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in treatment and supervision programs in lieu of incarceration.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Criminal Indigent Defense**—Provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in treatment and supervision programs in lieu of incarceration.

**Contact** – Jordan Lewis at [JORLEWIS@pa.gov](mailto:JORLEWIS@pa.gov).

**Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)**—Provides funds for programs assisting child victims and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, prevention, multidisciplinary investigative teams, child advocacy centers, victim service providers serving child victims of sexual abuse, and training for mandated reporters and persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**First Chance Trust Fund**—Provides scholarships and funding for programs for students residing in those regions of this Commonwealth which have statistically higher high school dropout rates, incarceration rates or high crime rates as determined by the Commission.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**Forensic Science Improvement Program**—Provides funds to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. This funding supports the development of strategies/protocols for the accreditation of forensic laboratories and/or the certification of forensic science specialists in an acceptable forensic science discipline.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

## PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

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**Improvement of Adult Probation Services**—Previously called County Grant-in-Aid funding, this grant program supports county adult probation and parole personnel costs.

**Contact** – Sally Barry at [SMCQUINNBA@pa.gov](mailto:SMCQUINNBA@pa.gov)

**Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program**—Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private nonprofits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and Federal JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Greg Young at 717-265-8495

**Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program**—Established by Act 83 of 2019, funds are distributed as grants to nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the FBI’s Hate Crime Statistics report. Funding can be used for physical security enhancements.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program**—The overall program purpose is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Matching fund requirements: Requires a 25 percent match.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**School Safety and Security Grant Program (including Targeted School Safety Grant Program for Nonpublic Schools)**—This funding supports both physical security enhancements and behavioral health improvements for Pennsylvania schools to improve the overall safety of schools.

**Contact** – Kirsten Kenyon at [KKENYON@pa.gov](mailto:KKENYON@pa.gov)

**Sexual Assault Services Program**—Funding may be used to establish and maintain rape crisis centers for direct services to victims of sexual assault and allow for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of culturally specific programs to assist and advocate for victims of sexual assault in racial and ethnic communities.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS), Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**State Rights and Services Act (RASA) & Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)**—Provides funds for system-based services for victims consistent with the Crime Victim’s Act, the Juvenile Act, the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure and PCCD Standards (i.e., orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, sentences, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation). Funds are made available through a \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS), Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**STOP Violence Against Women Program**—Provides funds to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems’ response to violence against women and to enhance prosecution, advocacy and services available to women who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS), Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

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**Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)**—Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program will be made available according to Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

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**Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program**—Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS), Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

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**Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs**—Supports PA Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices. Provides training and technical assistance for programs and for communities to implement and sustain the Communities That Care community assessment and planning process. Funding also supports evidence-based delinquency and violence prevention programs.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Geoff Kolchin at 717-265-8483

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**Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants (including Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (or BOOST) Grant Program)**—This funding supports programs that reduce community violence, and support after-school programming for at-risk youth.

**Contact** – Zoe Miner at ZOMINER@pa.gov.

## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS**

[www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-latino-american-affairs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-latino-american-affairs)

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### RESOURCE / GRANT

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA) is dedicated to advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact Latino American communities. GACLA and its commissioners have proficiently served Pennsylvania's growing Latino community since 1971. Its aim is to contribute to the governor's goal of government that works, schools that teach, and jobs that pay.

The commission is composed of twenty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

For more information about the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs

**Contact**

Olga Negrón, Executive Director  
308 Main Capitol, Suite 508E  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-346-5301

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## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS**

[www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-lgbtq-affairs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-lgbtq-affairs)

The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs is the first of its kind in the nation. It was established by an Executive Order from Governor Tom Wolf in August 2018. Its goal is to advise the Governor and state agencies regarding policies, programs, and legislation that impact LGBTQ communities and to serve as a resourceful intermediary between LGBTQ communities and state government. It is composed of appointed commissioners from across the Commonwealth, each acting as a representative and advocate for LGBTQ communities.

For more information on the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs

**Contact**

Ashleigh Strange (they/them), Executive Director  
Office of the Governor  
Room 508-E Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-831-3230

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## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

[www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-for-women/](http://www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-for-women/)

The Commission for Women, which was created by Executive Order and consists of volunteer members, is responsible for advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact women; supporting economic and civic opportunities for women; encouraging mentoring programs for girls and young women; identifying programs and opportunities for the benefit and advancement of women; and serving as a resource center for Pennsylvania women. The commission also acts as an advocate for policies and legislation it feels serves the best interest of women and girls in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Commission for Women

**Contact**

Megan Healey, Executive Director  
at 717-831-3224  
or WOMEN@pa.gov

## **PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)**

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

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### RESOURCE / GRANT

**Arts In Education (AIE) Division**—The Arts in Education Division of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts provides funding through 14 regional partners for arts in education programs and projects. Regional partners train, place, and evaluate artists for residencies in schools and educational settings. To determine the appropriate regional partner, please go to [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov). **Who Can Apply**—Funding is available to Pennsylvania schools, institutions, arts organizations, government agencies, local arts agencies, institutions of higher education and other not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for AIE funding. Organizations receiving support through other funding areas of the PCA also are eligible to apply for AIE funding. For information and application assistance, contact your local AIE Partner organization. Regional Partners have rolling deadlines. Early school year application is encouraged as funding is limited.

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**Creative Sector Flex Fund**—This new grant program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is designed to address the changing needs of dynamic PA arts organizations with average annual revenue between \$10,000 - \$200,000. This grant program incorporates the current needs of the field by offering grantees the flexibility to use \$5,000 grants in ways that ensure the most significant impact for their organizations and communities. Eligible uses of grant funds include but are not limited to operating or programming expenditures. **Who can apply** – Funding is available to a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, or a unit of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, and municipal authorities). Pre-K -12 public, private and parochial schools including all charter schools are NOT eligible. (K-12 schools should contact the Arts in Education Program of the PCA for other opportunities).

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**Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program**—This program is designed to pair access to existing small business consulting services with financial resources up to \$2,000 for creative entrepreneurs who aspire to start their own for-profit business or who operate an existing for-profit micro business.

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**Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants**—This funding opportunity is designed to encourage and support projects and events that have the potential for statewide impact on the arts and creative sector. Statewide Creative Catalyst grants are not designed to provide ongoing support or to fund projects that occur on an annual or regular basis, but rather to help support special events or unique, strategic opportunities. Applications will be reviewed quarterly by PCA staff; funding recommendations will be presented and voted on at the PCA's quarterly Council meetings. **Eligibility**—Organizations must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government; college or university; school district or non-arts nonprofit providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

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**Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) AOAP Track**—Support for eligible organizations and programs with a consistent PCA funding history. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements and be notified by the PCA in order to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 300 organizations with an average fiscal size over \$200,000.

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**Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division**—Supports the creation, development and stabilization of organizations, programs and projects whose mission and artistic work are deeply rooted in and reflective of the perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Additionally, the applicant's programs and staff are representative of BIPOC communities.

**Contact** – Dana Payne at 717-525-5544  
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**Creative Communities Initiative**—Provides multi-year funding to community-driven, arts-based projects that serve as catalysts for livability, economic development, and community connectedness. Also called creative placemaking, projects funded through this initiative will have a demonstrated, positive impact on their respective communities.

**Contact** – Sarah Merritt at 717-787-1521  
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**Creative Business Loan Fund**—This fund provides \$2.2 million in the form of affordable, flexible financing to small, creative businesses across the commonwealth. Inspiration for creation of this fund stemmed from the PCA's awareness of a growing need for financial support for creative small businesses, which are important drivers of employment and economic vibrancy. Creative, for-profit businesses add to the state's economic activity and, if supported, will be positioned to play a critical role in helping Pennsylvania's cities and towns recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic.

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**Folk & Traditional Arts**—The Pennsylvania Council for the Arts supports folk and traditional arts through the creation and documentation of folk art of the highest artistic excellence and engages the public in understanding the quality, breadth and diversity of folk and traditional arts across the state. PCA funding for apprenticeships, partnerships between master traditional artist and a qualified apprentice, enables them to work together to share and develop advanced techniques or repertoire. A limited number of apprenticeships are funded each year in living artistic traditions (both performing and craft traditions). The art form must be part of the contemporary life of citizens residing in Pennsylvania.

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**Entry Track**—This track serves as a point of entry for arts organizations and arts programs that are new or relatively new to the PCA. Eligible arts organizations and arts programs generally have a history of at least two years of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track applicants for consultation and assistance. Who Can Apply—In general: Must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district, providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania; Must have at least two years of consistent arts programming; and Must have an average annual arts revenue of more than \$200,000.

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## **PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

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### RESOURCE / GRANT

**The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC)—** PADDC is a group made up of people with disabilities, family members, advocates and state department representatives who work to create favorable conditions for people with developmental disabilities and their families in the commonwealth. Created under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and Governor's Executive Order, the council is both a planning group and a funding body. PADDC envisions a commonwealth comprised of inclusive communities where all people with disabilities are valued and thrive. The council's work is broad, and its activities are many. The council engages in advocacy, systems change and capacity building with people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Support communities so that all people belong
- Empower people with all disabilities
- Promote the understanding of the life experiences of people with disabilities
- Pursue equity for all people

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council concerns itself with trends at the local and national levels that may have an influence in the lives of people with disabilities and/or their families. By carefully watching and examining trends and new developments, the council is up-to-date on ways to support people with disabilities and families right here in Pennsylvania. The council is always seeking thoughts and ideas from concerned citizens regarding issues that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities and creative ideas for tackling these issues in Pennsylvania. For more information contact the council.

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### INFORMATION / CONTACT

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council  
2330 Vartan Way, Suite 130  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
717-787-6057  
Toll-free: 1-877-685-4452  
Email: [RA-PWPADDC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWPADDC@pa.gov)

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### **HOW DO ORGANIZATIONS GET GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL?**

The council funds proposals from groups and organizations through a competitive bid process. All grant activities of the council are governed by the council's federally approved state plan and by the procurement requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and are generally for specified activities. The council periodically announces Requests for Applications (RFAs) and issues notices of funding for smaller grants through its Community Small Grants. It does not have discretionary funds beyond those publications. The council only accepts proposals for the projects described in the RFA booklet and in response to notices of funding for the Community Small Grants. The RFA booklet contains descriptions of projects that the council will be funding and instructions on how grant proposals must be written to meet the council's requirements. People on the council's mailing list receive the booklet and/or notice of an RFA in the mail. Other copies of the booklet are distributed by hand or accessed on the council's website.

To receive an announcement notice that an RFA booklet or a notice of funding has been issued, and to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change, please subscribe to our email list on our website at: [www.paddc.org](http://www.paddc.org)

## PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)

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**Border Protection Grant**—Provides funding to secure U.S. borders and can be used in Erie County. The Operation Stonegarden Grant Program supports joint efforts to secure U.S. borders in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

**Contact** – Email: [RA-GRANTPROGRAM@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GRANTPROGRAM@pa.gov)

**Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant (BRIC)**—The BRIC program is an annually funded nationwide competitive grant program from FEMA. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes. Only the commonwealth may apply.

**Contact** – Email: [RA-GRANTPROGRAM@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GRANTPROGRAM@pa.gov)

**Cybersecurity Grant**—This grant helps state and local governments address online risks and strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure. Through this grant, the commonwealth offers the following services:

**Contact** – Email: [SLCGP-PA@pa.gov](mailto:SLCGP-PA@pa.gov)

- **Asset intelligence:** Unified protection for connected devices in an organization through asset visibility and data-driven risk prioritization.
- **Intrusion detection:** Monitors systems placed on government networks 24/7 to identify attacks, alert key personnel, and report nationally on coordinated attacks.
- **Security Awareness Services:** Employee training on security best practices, identifying potential threats like phishing attacks, simulation phishing emails for training purposes, and penetration testing services.
- **Security Incident and Event Management:** Software to help identify, monitor, record, and analyze security events and incidents within a real-time IT environment.

**Disaster Assistance Grant Programs**—PEMA is the point of contact for required forms when a state and federal disaster has been declared. Individuals can readily obtain the following forms: Individual Assistance Forms, Public Assistance Forms, Federal Public Assistance References and Forms, and Hazard Mitigation Forms.

Eligible communities can contact their county emergency manager([opens in a new tab](#)) or email us at [RA-EMPUBLICASSISTANCE@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EMPUBLICASSISTANCE@pa.gov) ([opens in a new tab](#)) to begin the application process.

**Emergency Management Performance Grant**—This grant provides the necessary direction, coordination and guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. This program provides up to 50 percent of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50 percent county match.

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator at 717-651-2035

**Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant**—Municipalities in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program are eligible for mitigation projects in this program. Applications must come from local governments or other eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program.

**Contact** – Email: [RA-SHAZMITOFF@pa.gov](mailto:RA-SHAZMITOFF@pa.gov)

Funds can be used for the following:

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**Advance Assistance:** Develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. This design work will facilitate viable projects for future grant applications.

**Community Flood Mitigation Projects:** Projects that integrate cost-effective, natural floodplain restoration solutions and improvements to National Flood Insurance Program-insured properties.

**Flood Mitigation Planning Grants:** Funds not exceeding \$25,000 that can only be used for the flood hazard component of hazard mitigation (meeting planning critical outlined in 44 CFR, Part 201).

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**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants**—The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis.

**Contact** – Email: RA-DGMHMGRANTS@pa.gov

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**Hazardous Materials Response Fund**—The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator at 717-651-2014 or Email- RA-DGMHMGRANTS@pa.gov

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**High Hazard Potential Dams Grant**—This grant aims to eliminate the risk of potentially high-hazard dams in Pennsylvania. The National Dam Safety Program, run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides funds for the rehabilitation of eligible, high-hazard potential dams that don't meet minimum state dam safety standards and pose an unacceptable risk to life and property. Financial assistance is made available for repair, removal, or rehabilitation of eligible, high hazard potential dams. The state applies for the grant and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection designates subrecipients who then receive funding. The grant has a duration of 36 months.

**Contact** – Email: KENNROBERT@pa.gov

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**Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**—PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency with the responsibility to allocate funding for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). PEMA is authorized to provide HSGP funds to support the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, maintenance, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

**Contact** – PEMA Grant Coordinator at 717-651-7075  
For additional information go to the State Homeland Security Grant Program website at [www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/HSGP/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/HSGP/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**—PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency in collaboration with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security with the administration of this grant to eligible non-profit organizations. The NSGP provides support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the urban areas.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant**—This grant program makes federal funds available to plan for and implement sustainable cost-effective measures. The funding is designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing the reliance on federal funding from future disasters. It’s offered in addition to funds provided through other federal grant programs for projects that support growing mitigation needs. Local governments including municipalities and special districts that have approached their Congressional Representative and meet the criteria of the Notice of Funding Opportunity may apply.

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### INFORMATION / CONTACT

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator  
at 717-651-7075

For additional information go to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program website at [www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/NSGP/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/NSGP/Pages/default.aspx)

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## PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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*The Commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. Major grant program information can be found at [www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx).*

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**Boating Facility Grant Program**—Provides grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities. Boating Facility Grants are available to public entities, including townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments as well as to nonprofit groups.

**Contact** – Scott Bollinger at 717-346-8196  
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Additional information can be found at:  
[www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingFacilityGrantProgram.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingFacilityGrantProgram.aspx)

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**Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**—Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Transient means staying 10 days or less. 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. There are two tiers of grant support. Tier 1 provides funding for small-scale projects. Up to \$200,000 is available annually to each state. Tier 2 is for projects that request more than \$200,000. Tier 2 projects compete nationally in a process managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Project sponsors must provide at least 25 percent of the resources needed to complete the project.

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Additional information can be found at:  
[www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingInfrastructureGrantProgram.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingInfrastructureGrantProgram.aspx)

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**Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program)**—Helps fund the construction, renovation and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats. 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.

**Contact** – Scott Bollinger at 717-346-8196  
or Email: SCBOLLINGE@pa.gov

**Coldwater Heritage Partnership**—Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

**Contact** – Rachel Kester at 814-359-5233  
or Email: C-RKESTER@pa.gov

[www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org)

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**Cooperative Nursery Grants**—Provides monies for new construction, additions and improvements to existing nurseries within the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery Program. The Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) staff reviews grant applications each year. To be considered for funding, a completed application must be in the Cooperative Nursery Unit office by the date specified in the application memo from the unit.

**Contact** – Brian McHail at 814-353-2225  
or Email: BMCHAIL@pa.gov

**Erie Access Improvement Grant**—Provides funding to assist nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following areas: Acquisition of lands, easements, and/or other property rights; development, improvement, or rehabilitation of public access sites; or, any other projects that benefit public fishing within the Lake Erie Watershed.

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Additional information can be found at:  
[www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/ErieAccessImprovementGrantProgram.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/ErieAccessImprovementGrantProgram.aspx)

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**Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund**—The Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarship in 1991. Each year the fund awards 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.

**Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program**—Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating, and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

**State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program**—Provides federal monies for high- priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania. The 2015-2025 Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan serves as the blueprint for guiding decisions on where to direct funds for conservation actions in Pennsylvania. Priority topics can change yearly. A media release will announce when there is a call-for-projects; check the PFBC website for information.

**Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program**—Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

**Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program**—Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

**York and Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement Grant Program**—Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in these counties.

**R3 Education Grant Program**—Recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) of anglers and boaters is important to the Commission. The PFBC welcomes applications for the development and delivery of education programs that contribute to the Commission's efforts to: retain current anglers and reactivate former anglers; and increase the diversity of Pennsylvania's angler population. The R3 Grant will reimburse qualifying organizations up to \$25,000 for eligible program expenses. The grants require a minimum of 25% cash or in-kind match of staff time and/or other project expenses. Requests for amounts greater than \$25,000 may be considered. School districts, universities and colleges, community and civic groups, sportsmen's and conservation organizations, and local recreation departments may apply.

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**Contact** – Jeffrey Schmid at 814-359-5242 or Email: [JSCHMID@pa.gov](mailto:JSCHMID@pa.gov)

**Contact** – 717-705-7912 or Email: [RA-FBSWAP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-FBSWAP@pa.gov)

Additional information can be found at: [www.fishandboat.com/Resource/StateWildlifeGrantProgram/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/StateWildlifeGrantProgram/Pages/default.aspx)

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Additional information can be found at: [www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/R3GrantProgram.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/R3GrantProgram.aspx)

## **PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**

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**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**—The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal/state partnership with a goal of enrolling 265,000 acres of highly erodible cropland and marginal pastureland in conservation cover plantings. The program is entirely voluntary and its goals are to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat and increase farm income on marginal farmland. The 265,000 acres is less than three percent of the farmland in the 66 eligible counties.

**Hunter Access Program**—In addition to the millions of public land acres available to hunters statewide, the Pennsylvania Game Commission partners with private landowners to provide public hunting opportunities through its Hunter Access Program. For more than 80 years, the program continues to provide hunting and trapping opportunities to the Commonwealth's sportsmen on millions of acres of private lands. The Hunter Access Program, which is governed by a term-lease agreement, creates a partnership between the Game Commission and landowner whereby they work in concert to improve public hunting and trapping opportunities and wildlife habitat on the property enrolled. Hunters and trappers help to manage game and furbearer populations through lawful hunting and trapping. In exchange for this access, the Game Commission provides a variety of benefits and incentives to the cooperating landowner.

**Private Landowner Assistance Program**—A team of Pennsylvania Game Commission biologists is ready to assist landowners in making their properties more attractive for wildlife, particularly species of greatest conservation need. This program aids interested landowners in developing habitat management plans in each of the state's six geographic regions. This program is custom-made for landowners who are interested in creating, preserving, or enhancing wildlife habitat. Although the plans focus on species of concern, a wide variety of species often benefit from these habitat plans once they are implemented. There is no charge for participating in the program, nor is there a public access requirement. Biologists will follow-up their planning effort by checking with participating landowners to see if they have questions or need additional direction.

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More information can be obtained at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pgc/habitat-management/landowner-assistance/crep.html>

More information obtained at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pgc/habitat-management/landowner-assistance/hunter-access-program.html>

If you're interested in participating in the Private Landowner Assistance Program, visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pgc/habitat-management/landowner-assistance/private-landowner-assistance-program.html> to determine what region your property is found in and where to call/write for assistance.

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**Local Law Enforcement Grant Program**—Pursuant to 4 Pa.C.S. §1408(c), the Board receives a sum of \$2,000,000 annually to award grants to Local Law Enforcement Agencies\* for the purpose of investigating violations of, and to enforce laws relating to, unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth. The program will receive its annual funding in February of 2025 and accepts grant applications on a rolling basis.

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Questions regarding this can be sent to Denise Miller-Tshudy at 717-703-2562 or Email: [DMILLERTSH@pa.gov](mailto:DMILLERTSH@pa.gov).

Additional information, and program guidelines, can be found at: <https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/gaming/local-law-enforcement-grants>

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## LOCAL SHARE DISTRIBUTION

In addition to the tax rate on gross gaming revenue owed to the Commonwealth as a result of casino gaming, the Gaming Act provides for a local share distribution from various forms of legalized gaming to enhance the community by sending additional monies to municipal, county, and state governments. This is expressed as a percentage of gross gaming revenues as defined in the pertinent sections of the Act. How much money – and where that money goes – is highlighted below:

**Slot Machine Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility**—The Local Share distribution is generally 4% (2% to host county and 2% to host municipality) of a Licensed Facility's Gross Terminal Revenue[i] subject to noted exceptions below and is distributed as follows:

**Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 2% to Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Chester City (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii)).

**Hollywood Casino at the Meadows (Cat 1):** The 2% is distributed to each municipality in the county (except host municipality: North Strabane Township). The distribution breaks down to \$25,000 plus \$10/resident but is capped at 50% of either the municipality's 2009 or 2013 budget (whichever is greater). If monies are left over, it goes to the Washington County DCED for grants within the county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(e)); \$10,000,000 annually to North Strabane Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

**Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (Cat 1):** \$220,000 goes to Lebanon County CFA, \$50,000 goes to Schuylkill County, \$30,000 goes to Londonderry Township, and \$30,000 goes to Annville Township, the remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d.3-d.7)); \$160,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Lebanon County and \$9,840,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Dauphin County – the remainder of the municipal 2% is remitted to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

**Mohegan Pennsylvania (Cat 1):** 2% to Luzerne County Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(d)); \$10,000,000 annually to Plains Township (subject to



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budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iv)).

**Parx (Cat 1):** 1% goes to Bucks County, 1% goes to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Bensalem Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

**Presque Isle Downs and Casino (Cat 1):** \$1,000,000 goes to Erie County Land Bank Jurisdiction and remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d)); \$10,000,000 goes to Summit Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

**Live! Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$7,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia and \$3,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(ii)).

**Mount Airy (Cat 2):** \$2,400,000 to Monroe County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA, \$250,000 to Northampton County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(f)); \$10,000,000 annually to Paradise Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

**Rivers Casino Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(i)).

**Rivers Casino Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 2% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(b)); \$10,000,000 annually to the City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(i)).

**Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 1.2% of the County 2% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA] and the remaining 0.8% being distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, and 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(d.1)); the municipal share is \$10,000,000 annually and is distributed as follows: 80% to City of Bethlehem and 20% to City of Allentown (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii.1)).

**The Casino at Nemacolin (Cat 3):** 2% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(a)); 2% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).

**Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 2% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(b)); 2% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).

### Table Games Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility—

The Local Share distribution is 2% of a Licensed Facilities Gross Table Game Revenue[iii] and is distributed as follows:

**Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 1% to Delaware County; 1% to Chester City (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(ii)).

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**Hollywood Casino at the Meadows (Cat 1):** 1% to Washington County (up to budgetary limit) with remaining going to DCED; 1% to North Strabane Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(iii)).

**Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (Cat 1):** 1% to Dauphin County; 1% to East Hanover Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(2) (ii)).

**Mohegan Pennsylvania (Cat 1):** 1% to Luzerne County CFA; 1% to Plains Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(I)).

**Parx (Cat 1):** 1% to Bucks County; 1% to Bensalem Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(2)(i)).

**Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1):** 2% to Erie County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(2)(iii)).

**Live! Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(i)).

**Mount Airy (Cat 2):** 1% is distributed as follows: 50% to Monroe County CFA and 50% to PHEAA; 1% to Paradise Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(iv)).

**Rivers Casino Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(i)).

**Rivers Casino Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 1% distributed as follows: 85% to Dept. of Education for school library grants in Allegheny County; 15% to the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville; 1% to City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(ii)).

**Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 1% is distributed as follows: [60% to Northampton City, 20% to Easton, 10% to Lehigh City, 10% to Lehigh City CFA]; 1% to City of Bethlehem (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(III)).

**The Casino at Nemaquin (Cat 3):** 1% to Fayette County DCED; 1% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(4)(ii)).

**Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 1% to Montgomery County; 1% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(4)(i)).

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**Category 4 Slot Machine Local Share**—The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 slot machine Gross Terminal Revenue is 4%, with 2% going to the host county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(i)) and 2% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1) (2)(ii)). Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

**Hollywood Casino Morgantown:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County

**Hollywood Casino York:** Springettsbury Township, York County

**Live! Pittsburgh:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County

**Parx Casino Shippensburg:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County

**SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County

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**Category 4 Table Games Local Share**—The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 facility table games Gross Table Game Revenue is 2%, with 1% going to the host county and 1% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(a.1)). Current

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- Hollywood Casino Morgantown:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County
  - Hollywood Casino York:** Springettsbury Township, York County
  - Live! Pittsburgh:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County
  - Parx Casino Shippensburg:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County
  - SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County
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**Interactive Gaming Local Share**—If a Licensed Facility is awarded one or more Interactive Gaming Certificates, the Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue. 1% of each will be deposited into a restricted receipt account in the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be distributed quarterly for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth. The other 1% will be distributed as follows:

- Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 1% to an authority created by Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iii)).
- Hollywood Casino at the Meadows (Cat 1):** 1% to Washington County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (Cat 1):** 1% to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Mohegan Pennsylvania (Cat 1):** 1% to Luzerne County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Parx (Cat 1):** 0.5% to Bucks County; 0.5% to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1):** 1% to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Live! Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).
- Mount Airy (Cat 2):** 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Rivers Casino Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).
- Rivers Casino Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 1% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 0.6% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA]; 0.4% is distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- The Casino at Nemaquin (Cat 3):** 1% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 1% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

*\*\*If an Interactive Gaming Certificate Holder does not have a Licensed Facility in the Commonwealth, the remaining 1% is added to the Commonwealth Financing Authority deposit and*

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*distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iv)). There are currently two Qualified Gaming Entities licensed in Pennsylvania: Bally's and Golden Nugget.*

*\*\*\*A list of currently operating interactive gaming certificates can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>).*

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**Sports Wagering Local Share**—The Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Sports Wagering Revenue and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13C63(b)). A list of currently operating sports books can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

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**Video Gaming Terminal Local Share**—The Local Share distribution is 10% of Gross Terminal Revenue and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §4103(a)(2)). A list of currently operating video gaming terminal establishments can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

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### **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Blind or Deaf Beneficiary Grant Program**—Grants to blind or deaf students attending a postsecondary institution. The maximum award cannot exceed \$500 within an academic year.

**Military Family Education Program (MFEP)**—This tuition assistance program benefits the families of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard who have completed an initial service obligation and enter into an additional six-year service obligation with the Pennsylvania National Guard. MFEP awards full-time or part-time students a grant which is the lesser between the in-state tuition rate plus technology fee charged by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution. The PA Guard Member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or divide it among multiple dependents.

**PA State Grant Program (Full-Time)**—PA State Grant Program (Full-Time)—Need-based grants awarded to eligible PA residents attending a PHEAA-approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student, based on tiered college costs with in-state maximums up to \$5,750 and maximum out-of-state awards up to \$600 for nonveterans and \$800 for veterans. Students must be enrolled in an eligible program of study and an approved institution for a minimum of 12 semester credits per term (or the equivalent). All awards subject to an award adjustment based on available funding.

**PA State Grant Program (Half-Time)**—Need-based grants awarded to eligible PA residents attending a PHEAA-approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student, based on tiered college costs with in-state maximums up to \$2,875 per part-time student at a PA school and up to \$500 at out-of-state schools; veterans are eligible for up to \$500 at an out-of-state school. Students must be enrolled for 6-11 semester credits (or the equivalent) in an eligible program of study. Award amounts vary based on school location as well as cost of attendance at that institution. All awards subject to an award adjustment based on available funding.

**Partnership for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Grants**—There are approximately 43 participating PATH partners across the Commonwealth. Through the Matching Funds appropriation, PHEAA may match the scholarships, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000. Students must be PA State Grant eligible.

**Pennsylvania National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)**—Provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a

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*PHEAA staff is available to answer your questions at 1 (800) 692-7392.*

Contact – PHEAA State Grants and Special programs at 1-800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Contact** – Army National Guard at (800) GO GUARD or visit [www.pa.ng.mil](http://www.pa.ng.mil)

Information is also available at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Deadline: May 1.**  
Immediately preceding academic year for all renewal applicants and for new applicants who plan to enroll in an undergraduate baccalaureate degree program and those in college transfer programs at 2-year private or junior colleges (excludes community colleges and designated Pennsylvania Open-Admission institutions).

**Deadline: August 1.**  
For first-time applicants who plan to enroll in business, trade, or technical schools, hospital schools of nursing, community colleges, designated Pennsylvania open-admission institutions or 2-year programs that are not transferable to another institution. Students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and PA State Grant Form.

**Contact** – PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 1-800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Contact** – PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 1-800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) for participating organizations

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service commitment with PA National Guard, typically for a period of six years. Recipients must attend a Pennsylvania school, enroll in an approved program of study, and maintain at least part-time enrollment. The maximum award for a full-time student is equivalent to the lesser of the tuition plus technology fee charged at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution.

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**Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)**—Need-based grants awarded to students pursuing courses of study that are at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length in the energy, health, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, and agriculture and food production fields. The amount of the PA-TIP award is up to the maximum PA-TIP award of \$6,000 or the student's actual unmet need, whichever is less. Awards can cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and specific living expenses.

**Contact** – PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 1-800-692-7392  
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**Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program**—This grant program provides a waiver of tuition, fees, room, and board at specified institutions to children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue or ambulance squad members, corrections facility employees, or National Guard members who died in the line of duty after January 1, 1976 as well as sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, National Guard members, and certain other individuals who were on federal or state active military duty, were Pennsylvania residents and who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001.

**Contact** – PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 1-800-692-7392  
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**Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program**—Scholarship awards to students from middle income families. In combination with the Pennsylvania State Grant Program, a total award can be up to \$2,500 for full-time students and \$1,250 for part-time students. Awards can be used to cover tuition, books, fees, supplies, and living expenses. Applicants must meet all other PA State Grant eligibility requirements, with exception of financial need, have completed at least one academic year, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50, and a family income that does not exceed \$175,000.

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**State Grants for Veterans**—Funds to assist qualified veterans who need financial assistance to complete approved programs of postsecondary education. Deadline: May 1. Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

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## **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**State Work-Study Program (SWSP)**—Undergraduate students who are PA State Grant eligible or graduate students who demonstrate financial need can work for SWSP-approved employers to gain valuable experience while earning funds for educational costs. Award amounts can be up to \$10,000

**Deadlines:**  
November 1: Academic year or fall term only  
March 1: Spring term only  
June 30: Summer

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during the academic year and up to an additional \$7,500 during the summer term.

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## **PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

**Chafee Education and Training Grant Program (CHAFEE)**—Offers grant assistance to undergrads aging out of foster care that are attending a postsecondary school. The amount of the Chafee ETG award is the lesser of unmet costs or \$5,000 per academic year.

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**Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program (FosterEd)**—Provides a waiver for tuition and mandatory fees charged by most postsecondary institutions located in the Commonwealth for youth who are or were in foster care. This waiver applies only to charges that remain after all other gift aid (federal, state, and other scholarships or grants) have been applied to the student's account.

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## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**Federal Direct Loan**—Long-term, low-cost education loans to students from the U.S. Department of Education for your program of study.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) or School's financial aid office

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**Federal Direct PLUS Loan**—Loans for parent borrowers that provide funds for the difference between the educational costs and other financial aid for dependent undergraduates.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) or School's financial aid office

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**Federal Pell Grant**—Federal (non-repayable) grant funds available, depending upon financial need. Awards determined annually.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Contact** – Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

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**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)**—Grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,000 annually for first-time undergraduate students. Priority given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

**Contact** – School's Financial Aid Office

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**Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)**—Provides job opportunities for financially need students, usually corresponding to student's academic or career interests. Amount awarded is dependent upon the funds available at the school and the school's policy for awarding aid.

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### **FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant**—Provides grant funding to a student whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and died as a result of service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001.

Visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

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**VA Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)**—Provides funds to students who have a parent who has a permanent disability or died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Contact** – Local Veterans Administration Office

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**Vocational Rehabilitation Program**—Provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight and other disabilities.

**Contact** – Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office



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**Certified Local Government Grant Program**—This program provides funding for: Planning, Design Guidelines/ Design Assistance, National Register Nominations/ Multiple Property Documentation, Cultural Resource Survey, Revitalization/ Reuse Studies, Public Education, Training and Municipal Program Administration.

**Cultural and Historic Support Grant Program**—This program provides general operating support funding to museums and county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs. Funds can be used for a wide range of general operating support activities. Eligibility requirements for organizations and funding activities are detailed in grant guidelines at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding).

**Historical and Archival Records Care Grant Program**—This program provides funding for the preservation and accessibility of historically valuable records held at repositories including historical societies, libraries, and local government offices. Grants up to \$5,000 are available for individually eligible organizations. Collaborative projects are eligible for \$5,000 per institution for a maximum of \$15,000. No match required. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and funding for the awards is for two years. Grants will be awarded based on review of the application by a sub-committee of the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

**Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant Program**—This program provides funding in the categories of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation to nonprofit organizations and local governments for capital improvements on historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. Additional

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Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Applicants must consult with their Community Preservation Coordinator prior to making an application to ensure that projects fall within one or more of the above eligible activities.

**Contact** – Elizabeth Rairigh at 717-705-4035  
or Email: ERAIRIGH@pa.gov

Additional information and the grant guidelines can be found at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/CLG-Program](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/CLG-Program)

**Eligibility** – Applicants are limited to two categories of organizations. First, museums located in Pennsylvania with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services) and at least one full-time professional staff person (or approved equivalent) and meet additional requirements. Second, official county historical societies must be designated as the official county historical society for the county and meet additional requirements.

**Contact** – Rusty Baker at 717-909-4951  
or Email: C-RUBAKER@pa.gov  
and RUSTY.BAKER@pamuseums.org

**Eligibility** – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments.

**Contact** – Natasha Margulis at 717-705-1676  
or Email: NMARGULIS@pa.gov

Additional information and the grant guidelines can be found at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Records-Care-Grants.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Records-Care-Grants.aspx)

**Eligibility** – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

**Contact** – Karen Arnold at 717-783-9927  
or Email: KAARNOLD@pa.gov  
Additional information and the grant guidelines

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**Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Project Grants—**  
This program provides funding to support projects in the categories of Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Planning and Development Assistance, and Archaeology. Projects are limited to historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

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can be found at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/GrantsFunding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/GrantsFunding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx)

**Eligibility** – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

**Contact** – Karen Arnold at 717-783-9927  
or Email: KAARNOLD@pa.gov

Additional information and the grant guidelines can be found at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/GrantsFunding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/GrantsFunding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx)

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### **PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEBUYERS**

**HFA Preferred™ Loan Program**—The HFA Preferred™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with private mortgage insurance provided by a Fannie Mae-approved mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer makes a downpayment of 20 percent or more, then mortgage insurance is not required. Private mortgage insurance payments on the loan will also end as soon as the homeowner pays off 20 percent of their home loan.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx)

**HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan Program**—The HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate first mortgage loan with no mortgage insurance. Typical conventional loans will add a premium to the monthly mortgage payment to cover the cost of this insurance. Since this additional payment is not required with HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, the total monthly mortgage payment is typically lower than a loan with mortgage insurance included, even though the interest rate may be slightly higher.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx)

**Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov)**—The Keystone Government Loan Program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), guaranteed by Rural Development (RD), or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA). Homebuyer eligibility is determined by using the guidelines of the respective federal agency insuring or guaranteeing the loan. There are no income or purchase price limits specific to PHFA and there are no first-time homebuyer requirements.

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**Keystone Home Loan (KHL)**—The Keystone Home Loan provides a 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loan to eligible homebuyers. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Veterans’ Administration (VA), Rural Development (RD), and conventional loan types are available. The program has a first-time homebuyer requirement in much of the state, although there are 39 targeted counties and 13 counties with targeted census tracts where the first-time homebuyer requirement is waived. The first-time homebuyer requirement is also waived for eligible veterans. Homebuyers may also qualify for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx)

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### **PHFA PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS**

**Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance**—Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive downpayment/closing cost assistance through the Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance Loan Program. Eligible homebuyers may receive between \$1,000 and \$15,000 in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan with no monthly payments. These assistance funds become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or if the homebuyer fails to

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occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at 80 percent of the statewide median income.

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**Access Home Modification Program**—The Access Home Modification Program provides a non-interest bearing second mortgage loan to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities and are purchasing a home. The program offers between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to modify the home for disability needs and must be used in conjunction with a PHFA first mortgage product. Repayment on the assistance funds is not required as long as the buyer occupies the home as their primary residence.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx)

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**HOMEstead Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Loan**—First-time homebuyers applying for a Keystone Home Loan and who also meet the income and purchase price limits of the HOMEstead program may qualify for \$1,000 to \$10,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead assistance funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMEstead program are at or below 80 percent of the county's median income.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/consumers/homebuyers/homestead.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/consumers/homebuyers/homestead.aspx)

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**Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program (KAAL)**—The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to 4 percent of the purchase price or market value of the home, up to a maximum of \$6,000. The assistance loan is interest free and is repaid monthly over a 10-year term. The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan can be used to cover the downpayment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan (FHA, VA or RD loan types only), or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate ("MCC") program.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx)

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**Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)**—A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from 20 to 50 percent of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner's federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for downpayment/closing cost assistance. Due to the source of funds, an MCC cannot be used in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan program. The tax credit is available for the 30-year life of the loan and only expires if the home is sold or the homeowner fails to occupy the home as their principal residence.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx)

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### **PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS**

**Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)**—This program was created to prevent widespread mortgage foreclosures and distress sales of homes which result from default caused by circumstances beyond a homeowner's control. The program provides temporary loan assistance to help bring delinquent mortgage payments current and may provide continuing assistance for a maximum of 24 or 36 months.

**Contact** – PHFA's HEMAP hotline at 1-800-342-2397 or visit [www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx)

**Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP)**—This PHFA product permits specific energy-related home improvements (roof replacement; caulking, sealing and insulation; heating/cooling systems repair/replacement; window and door replacements; and limited other repairs that permit federal weatherization assistance or replicate its assistance for non-eligible households). Loans are up to \$10,000 for a term of 10 years.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx)

**PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Loan, previously known as PENNVEST Individual On-Lot Sewage System Repair Program**—This loan is available to eligible homeowners who need to repair or upgrade their individual on-lot sewage disposal system OR make a first-time connection to public sewer. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20-year low-interest loan. As of 1/1/2016 there is no household income limit.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx)

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**FHA Streamline Refinance Loan Program**—The FHA Streamline Refinance loan product allows eligible homeowners to refinance their existing FHA loan to reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the outstanding principal balance minus any applicable refund of the Up Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP) plus the new UFMIP, up to a maximum amount of 97.75 percent of the original appraised value. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan. A copy of the homebuyer's repayment history verifying timely mortgage payments will be required.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx)

**HFA Refinance Options**—Either HFA program (HFA Preferred Risk Sharing or HFA Preferred) provides a refinance option for homeowners seeking to lower their current monthly mortgage payment on their primary residence. Cash back is limited to \$2,000 or 2 percent of the balance of the new PHFA loan, whichever is less. Borrowers may be eligible for a PHFA Advantage Assistance Loan in conjunction with a refinance, but only if they still need help with their closing costs after using any available "cash back" to cover those costs.

**Contact** – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center at 1-855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org/programs/hfa.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/hfa.aspx)

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**VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL)**—The VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL) allows eligible veteran homeowners to refinance their existing VA-guaranteed loan to a lower interest rate and reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the existing VA loan balance, allowable fees and charges, up to two discount points, and the VA funding fee. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan.

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## **PHFA MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**—This program provides owners of and investors in affordable rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability (the credit may be taken for up to 10 years). The program also provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multi-family housing for families of lower income, senior citizens, handicapped individuals and homeless persons.

**Contact** – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3876 or Tax Credit Program Department at 717-780-3948

**MAP Lending**—Funding for the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing is available through HUD-FHA mortgage insurance products utilizing HUD's Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP). The most commonly used MAP programs are Section 223(f) and Section 221(d)(4). FHA's commitment of mortgage insurance allows the agency to access mortgage backed security ("MBS") guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"). Interest rates for a Ginnie Mae guaranteed MBS are extremely competitive.

**Contact** – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3876

**PennHOMES Program**—This program offers interest-free, deferred payment loans to support the development of rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. The loans can be structured as primary or secondary mortgage loans. The sources of the funds for the program include agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a sub-recipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

**Contact** – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3876

**Taxable and Tax Exempt Bond Financing**—This program provides financing at competitive rates to developers building, rehabilitating, or preserving multifamily rental housing developments. Funding is made available through the sale of agency tax-exempt and taxable bonds. Bond financing may be coupled with the Tax Credit and PennHOMES programs.

**Contact** – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3876

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**Housing Counseling**—This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget counseling and education generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling). Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA approved and trained agencies.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Office of Strategic Planning and Policy at 1-800-635-4747 or visit [www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx)

**Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)**—As part of the Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget, language was included establishing the MUDTC program for which it will receive a tax credit allocation of \$2 Million beginning in FY 2017/2018. PHFA will use proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to fund mixed use projects in communities as part of a comprehensive revitalization plan. Program guidelines are currently being developed and will be made available for public comment in preparation for the FY 2017/2018 credit allocation.

**Contact** – Email: [MUDTAXCREDIT1@phfa.org](mailto:MUDTAXCREDIT1@phfa.org)

**PAHousingSearch.com**—A resource to link consumers to affordable housing options throughout the commonwealth, this website offers information about apartment locations, rental prices and subsidies, accessibility features, development amenities, current vacancies, contact information, and the status of a property’s waiting list. PHFA can assist you in finding alternative rentals by viewing [www.pahousingsearch.com](http://www.pahousingsearch.com).

**Contact** – Gelene Nason at 717-780-3874 or Email: [INFO@myhousingsearch.com](mailto:INFO@myhousingsearch.com)

**PHARE—Pennsylvania housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement fund/Marcellus Shale—Act 105 of 2010 provided the mechanism by which certain allocated state or federal funds would be used to assist with the creation, rehabilitations and support of affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth. The PHARE Act did not specifically allocate funding but did specify the process to be used when funds became available. Since enactment, the following sources of funds have become available for utilization under the PHARE Program:**

**PHARE/Marcellus Shale**—Act 13 of 2012 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee) provided a source of funds to be administered through the PHARE Program. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to mitigating the impacts of the Marcellus Shale’s Development on housing. Funding is made available to counties that have unconventional gas wells in the Marcellus Shale region, through an annual RFP process.

**PHARE/National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**—The federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established the NHTF to provide resources for the development, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing for very and extremely low households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the Commonwealth. The initial round of funds are anticipated to be made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws as well as the PHARE Act.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3867

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**PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax (RTT)**—Act 58 of 2015 provided a process whereby RTT funds may become available to be administered through the PHARE Program. PHARE will receive an allocation of funds equal to forty percent (40%) of the increase in RTT collections for the prior fiscal year, in any year where RTT collections surpass \$447.5 Million (the certified estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014). Funds made available to the PHARE Program are capped at \$25 Million annually. Funding will be made available statewide through an annual RFP process.

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**Contact** – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924

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## **OTHER RESOURCES**

*PHFA receives numerous requests for home modifications and improvements assistance for persons with disabilities. The following outlines alternative options for modifications and assistive technology. (Some of these programs overlap with other state and federal programs.)*

**KeystoneHELP**—Pennsylvania, in partnership with Renew Financial, offers home energy loans with fixed rates to help homeowners complete energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

**Contact** – [www.renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp](http://www.renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp)

**Local Government**—Start with your county unless you live in a larger city. Some townships and boroughs also have funds available. Phone numbers can be found in the blue, government pages of your phone book. Often the right office is a “Redevelopment Authority,” a “Housing and Redevelopment Authority or Agency,” “Weatherization Program” or a “Planning Office.” If you do not find a listing similar to this for your local government, try the general information number and explain that you need assistance with home repairs, accessibility modifications, or your specific housing issue. Funds may be available and may include: HOME, CDBG, Act 137 Funds and PA Accessible Housing Program.

**Contact** – Local Housing Office

**Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS)**—A certified Community Development Financial Institution serving low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Philadelphia with loans and financial products for home improvement mortgages. The Philadelphia Home Improvement Loan (PHIL) provides interest rates of 3 percent and 5 percent based on income and terms up to 20 years. The Mini-PHIL Loan provides low-interest rates as well with terms up to 10 years.

**Contact** – Denise Jefferson, Loan Officer at 215-476-4205 for more information and up-to-date interest rates and terms or view PNHS website: [www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm](http://www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm)

**Quick Start Housing Resource**—PHFA and the Self-Determination Housing Project’s Regional Housing Coordinators have compiled information about specific social service and housing resource agencies across the commonwealth.

**Contact** – [www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider) and scroll down to Quick Start Housing Resources to begin your search by county



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**U.S. Rural Development Agency (USRDA)**—This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500.

**Weatherization**—This county or regional program provides grants for specific energy efficiency and heat-related repairs.

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**Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**—Each agency offers a wide array of programs to help disabled Pennsylvanians age 60 and older and their families to get the help and information they need.

**Centers for Independent Living (CILs)**—Nonprofit organizations that serve throughout Pennsylvania, each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provides four core services including information and referral, advocacy, peer mentoring and independent living skills training. CILs can offer home evaluations and help you find resources to pay for home modifications and assistive technology.

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**—This organization assists/supports veterans and service members. The VA has three types of grants available: The Specially Adapted Housing grant (SAH), currently limited to \$117,014, is generally used to create a wheelchair-accessible home. The Special Housing Adaptations (SHA) grant, currently limited to \$12,992, is generally used to assist veterans with mobility through-out their homes due to blindness in both eyes, or the anatomical loss or loss of use of both, hands or extremities below the elbow.

**The Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA)**—Is a grant available to eligible veterans and seriously injured active duty service members who are temporarily living or intend to temporarily live in a home owned by a family member. For more information on the TRA grant go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

**PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)**—The foundation is committed to providing borrowers with low-interest loans so they can afford home modifications and devices that make their lives easier, more productive and more independent. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for loans of at least \$1,500 and up to \$60,000. Loans of \$1,500 or less are interest free.

**Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP)**—This nonprofit organization works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. SDHP promotes

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If you live in a rural area, contact the state office at 1-800-670-6553 and ask for help in determining which regional office you should contact or use the web and go to the regional [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Use the search function at [www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx](http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx)

**Contact** – Use the search function on the PA Department of Aging website [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or find the local number by using the blue pages of your phone book.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Council on Independent Living at 717-713-3910 or visit [www.pcil.net](http://www.pcil.net)

**Contact** – Your local VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. Additional program information and grant applications (VAF-26-4555) can be found at [www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm](http://www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm)

For more information on the TRA grant, visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

Additional information regarding PATF's services can be found at [www.patf.us](http://www.patf.us)

**Contact** – 1-888-744-1938 or visit [www.patf.us](http://www.patf.us)

**Contact** – 1-866-246-4547 or visit [www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org)

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self-determination and control for people with disabilities and operates the PA Accessible Housing Program in many counties of the state.

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### **FOR PROGRAMS AND/OR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND/OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:**

**Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program (811 Program)**—The 811 Program provides rental assistance to persons aged 18-61 with disabilities, at selected developments throughout the Commonwealth. Funding for this program is made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PHFA and the Department of Human Resources (DHS) jointly administer these funds in an effort to encourage supportive independent living.

Additional information is available at [www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra)

**Department of human Services and The Department of Aging's Office of Long Term Living)**—These organizations have programs available to help with home modifications for accessibility and daily activities such as home maker services, attendant care and food security.

**Contact** – Visit DHS's website at [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov) or call 1-800-692-7462

Visit the Office of Long Term Living's website at [www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/index.htm) or call 1-800-753-8827.

**Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)**—This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash.

**Contact** – HECM counselor at 1-800-569-4287 For an approved FHA lender, visit [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov). To receive additional info on Reverse Mortgages, contact the National Council on Aging at 1-800-510-0301 or visit [www.aarp.org/revmort](http://www.aarp.org/revmort)

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**—This organization offers grants to individuals diagnosed with MS. The grant amount depends on circumstances. There are no income or age guidelines. Examples of funding: Assistive technology, home/vehicle modification, or paying for services such as physical therapy/occupation; speech therapy.

**Contact** – Call 1-800-344-4867, option 1, for MS Navigator or visit [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) to find a chapter

### **FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:**

**Community Action (CA)**—These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

**Contact** – To locate your local agency, call 855-720-2227 or visit [www.thecaap.org/localagencies.html](http://www.thecaap.org/localagencies.html)

**Federal Tax Credits**—These credits may be available for energy efficiency work, depending on the type of work and the year completed. PHFA does not provide tax guidance, however we encourage you to determine if your home qualifies for these credits by viewing [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

**Contact** – You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return. Learn more at [www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en\\_US\\_publink100014798](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798)

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#### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)—**

The program assists individuals with low income in paying their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or Community Action Agencies.

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**Contact** – Call the LIHEAP Hotline at 1-866-857-7095. Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants are available at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

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**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)—**This state agency is responsible for helping persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and keep employment. Services may include diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, guidance and counseling, restoration, rehabilitation technology, training and placement. OVR helps individuals develop job-seeking skills and locate employment opportunities. OVR may pay for home modifications and assistive technology that are directly supporting an individual's return to paid employment.

**Contact** – For further information, call 1-888-745-2357 or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx)

## **PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

*www.pahumanities.org*

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**Humanities Grants**—The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) is an independent nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and part of a network of 56 state humanities councils that spans the nation and U.S. jurisdictions. In 2013 the organization decided to re-envision its future by focusing strategically on areas of need in Pennsylvania where the humanities can have the greatest impact: community building and education. Our mission is to champion the humanities as a means to spark civic engagement, build community, educate, inspire, and make long-lasting change. Since the shift in strategy in 2021, the organization decided to rebrand as PA Humanities to better reflect the work they do.

Pennsylvania Humanities' core programs include:

- Rain Poetry (which provides children across Pennsylvania with a hands-on community poetry activity facilitated by local poets and teaching artists)
- Voices of History (effort to collect and celebrate the stories, family histories, struggles, and triumphs of Black Pennsylvanians in the 20th and 21st centuries)
- PA Heart & Soul (an approach to community planning using resident stories and conversations to spark collective decision-making and action),
- Youth-Led Humanities (an initiative that expands our network and supports sites doing impactful humanities-based and/or youth-led programming)
- Wingspan (new grant program supporting BIPOC and rural organizations doing community-based humanities work) and
- Chester Made (a humanities-based initiative celebrating arts and culture in Chester).

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For more information on PHC, visit [\*\*www.PAHumanities.org\*\*](http://www.PAHumanities.org)  
Inquiries can be directed to [hello@pahumanities.org](mailto:hello@pahumanities.org)

To stay up to date on grant opportunities, sign up for the newsletter at [\*\*www.pahumanities.org/newsletter\*\*](http://www.pahumanities.org/newsletter)

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**Brownfield Redevelopment Funding**—Low-interest loans for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to water sources.

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund**—The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects. The PENNVEST Clean Water State Revolving Fund (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).

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program**—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 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.

**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

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**Contact** – PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

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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.

**Commonwealth Funding**—In addition to Federal EPA CWSRF and DWSRF funding, PENNVEST uses Commonwealth funding sources that are also invested into the program for funding clean water and drinking water projects. A major component to PENNVEST funding is realized through public approval of referendums that propose expenditures from state revenues to be specifically used to assist Commonwealth communities with the funding of water infrastructure projects through loans. Revenues from the Commonwealth General Obligation bonds were approved by public vote from the 1981 Referendum for \$225.4 million, the 1988 Referendum for \$300 million, the 1992 Referendum for \$350 million, and most recently, the 2008 Referendum for \$400 million. State Regulations for PENNVEST Funded Projects and special legislative acts have been issued for the purposes of providing additional funding to the PENNVEST program. Act 218 was enacted in 2004 and, among other things, provided PENNVEST with \$50 million to be used as grants for improvements to water and wastewater systems with an emphasis on nutrient reduction facilities and combined sewer overflows within. Act 68 was approved in 1999, resulting in \$171 million in PENNVEST grants issued through the Growing Greener Program. In the past, other state funds have also been invested into PENNVEST through both the initial capital budget for program start up and allocations of Commonwealth general funds.

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**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.

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**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 own Growing Greener grant funding and

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refers 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.

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### **PENNVEST Military Installation Remediation/Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation Program Guidance—**

The Pennsylvania General Assembly in its 1988 session passed the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act (March 1, 1988, P.L. 82, No. 16), which was subsequently amended in 1992 (December 18, 2992, P.L. 1137, No. 149), 2005 (July 14, P.L. 299, No. 51) and 2013 (June 19 P.L.51, No. 16) all of which is codified at 35 P.S. Section 751.1 et. seq. (the "Act"). The Act, among other things, created the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PENNVEST") and authorized PENNVEST to establish revolving funds and accounts to administer its programs. Consequently, PENNVEST created the Clean Water State Revolving Fund ("CWSRF") to administer the federal program and funds received under capitalization grants pursuant to Section 601 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1381 to fund wastewater projects and to fund projects that control nonpoint source pollution pursuant to Section 319 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1329 and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") to administer the federal program and funds received to under capitalization grants pursuant to Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (August 6, 1996, P.L. 104-182) to fund drinking water projects through public drinking water supply systems. PENNVEST also created a Commonwealth/PENNVEST funded revolving loan program pursuant to 35 P.S. Section 751.5(c)(2) to fund water, wastewater, stormwater and nonpoint source projects using the seed money appropriated to PENNVEST for such purposes by the Commonwealth, investment earnings, bond proceeds and proceeds of proceeds. Further, the Pennsylvania General Assembly declared in its 2019 session that there is a lack of funding and knowledge related to remediation needed at military installations to address per and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") contamination, and that there is a need to provide proper infrastructure in the water systems serving military installations and surrounding parcels. Two programs were created, one for qualified Military Installations, and the other for PFAS remediation for public drinking water supply systems serving parcels surrounding nonqualified military installations. The latter is administered by PENNVEST, the former is administered through the Department of Revenue.

### **PROGRAM LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS—**

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

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may be privately or publically owned or operated.

**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:** This section is reserved for any future federal or state PFAS regulatory requirements.

**FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** No special appropriation has been budgeted for this initiative. PENNVEST is directed in addition to any other program of PENNVEST, from funds available to PENNVEST, to provide grants under the PFAS remediation program. PENNVEST receives grant funds under various sources including but not limited to the Environmental Stewardship Fund, Growing Greener Plus Grants, investments, and proceeds of proceeds. PENNVEST also uses certain federal program funds for principal forgiveness. Principal forgiveness, like a grant, requires no repayment. Should PENNVEST have sufficient non-repayment capacity (combining grant and principal forgiveness funds) to satisfy all affordability based needs of funding awards in the competitive funding round, PENNVEST is directed to make available the balance of that non-repayment capacity for the award of PFAS grants to eligible applicants in that particular funding award round.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Public drinking water supply system owners or operators serving parcels surrounding nonqualified military installations where the water supply has PFAS contamination. If the operator of the system makes an application, they must be joined in the application by the system owner.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Drinking water projects, as defined by the PENNVEST Act, which serve a parcel or parcels surrounding a nonqualified military installation that has PFAS contamination exceeding regulatory thresholds are eligible for this program. Such projects are also eligible for consideration for financial assistance under the traditional PENNVEST drinking water program.

**FINANCING TERMS:** Eligible applicants may apply for funding consideration under the traditional PENNVEST program and, if there is remaining non-repayment capacity in that funding round, it may be awarded as PFAS non-repayment.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** All applications will be received electronically through the PENNVEST portal and processed through traditional workflows. Additionally, the following shall apply:

Applicant shall provide evidence that the drinking water system serves parcels which surround a nonqualified military installation;

Applicant shall provide evidence of PFAS contamination beyond a regulatory threshold determined to be safe for the public by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection;

Applicant shall provide evidence that the proposed solution is the most cost effective approach to the PFAS remediation; and,

Applicant shall submit the application through the traditional PENNVEST application process and mark the application as eligible for the PFAS program.



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**PENNVEST Small Projects Guidance**—While PENNVEST's traditional assistance programs meet the needs of most potential funding applicants, many lower cost projects in small communities are presently not accessing the PENNVEST program for funding, in part due to the expense in complying with additional terms tied to the funds and the time delay between application and funding offer. To address these issues, staff proposed to the Board that we provide up to \$500,000 toward costs, per project, and that the Board allocate \$15,000,000 toward the Small Project Initiative ("SPI") program in general, authorizing staff to conduct an expedited review on the applications and make the funding awards. The SPI funding awards would be in the form of low interest loans only, no extended term bond purchases, grants or principal forgiveness loan awards. The reviews and approvals would be expedited at the staff level reducing the time it takes to receive an award.

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**PENNVEST Homeowner On-Lot Sewage Disposal and 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. Eligibility: All homeowners of the Commonwealth who meet the program criteria. Detailed eligibility requirements can be obtained by contacting the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency or one of the participating program lenders. All privately-owned primary residences are eligible unless a community waste water collection and treatment system is either currently in place, or planned for construction within the next five years.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority at 1-855-827-3466

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**Sublevel Revolving Loan Program**—In an effort to expand access to funding for clean water projects across the Commonwealth, PENNVEST staff has been working with interested funding recipients to develop a sublevel revolving loan program (SLRLP) using the Federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to directly address smaller projects focused on local water quality priorities. Under the SLRLP, funding recipients will be able to enter into loan agreements with sub recipients to fund eligible water quality related projects and use loan repayments, plus additional interest charges and fees assessed by the funding recipient, to fund additional water quality projects, as set forth herein. The SLRLP recipient may combine the PENNVEST funding with other sources of funds to complete larger capital improvement projects, or use the PENNVEST funding as matching funds for programs where it is required. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allows the States to utilize this tool as an option to implement the CWSRF.

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## **PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**

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**Since inception of the grants program in 1999, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (“PLCB”) has awarded more than \$21.1 million in alcohol education grants to 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.**

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The PLCB, Bureau of Alcohol Education's Reducing Underage Drinking and Dangerous Drinking Grant (“Grant”) offers additional resources and funding to eligible community partners to develop and enhance the PLCB's mission to reduce underage drinking, reduce dangerous drinking by those who are of legal drinking age, and promote responsible alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age.

Grant projects and activities should focus on the development of innovative and comprehensive programs to address underage drinking, dangerous drinking by those who are of legal drinking age, and/or to promote responsible alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age. If the program is not innovative, then it must be evidence-based, or evidence informed. Eligible applicants are required to include an assessment to measure the program's effectiveness and are encouraged to establish partnerships with other organizations to promote such programs.

In addition to the provision of millions of dollars in alcohol education grants to communities, educational institutions, and law enforcement agencies, the PLCB works to educate the public about the dangers of underage and dangerous drinking through a variety of other avenues, including a free annual alcohol educational conference, an award-winning prevention campaign – Know When. Know How.SM – targeted to underage drinking, the creation and distribution of a wide range of educational materials, Responsible Alcohol Management Program training and resources for licensees, Alcohol Awareness for Student Leaders and Influencers Training for all college/university student leaders, Understanding the Liquor Laws and Alcohol Related Offenses in Pennsylvania for law enforcement agencies and technical assistance for organizations working to address the issues related to irresponsible consumption

Grant information is posted on the PLCB's website, [lcb.pa.gov](http://lcb.pa.gov). Applications for a two-year grant will be available on a biennial basis in even-numbered years (i.e., 2022-2024; 2024-2026; etc.).

Applications from eligible applicants will be reviewed and evaluated by the PLCB. Priority will be given to those applications proposing novel, high-impact projects, especially those utilizing social media and/or other technology-driven concepts.

The Grant application shall describe a scope of work that does not exceed the two-year grant cycle. Grant programs and activities may carry over from year-one to year-two; however, approved funds from year-one are not transferable to year-two.

The Grants are awarded to eligible applicants on a competitive basis and are capped at \$20,000.00 per fiscal year, totaling a maximum award of \$40,000 per grant cycle, per eligible entity. The grant period runs from the effective date through June 30, of the second year. All submitted receipts/invoices requesting reimbursement for each reporting period must be related to a completed activity to be considered.

For more information, please contact the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's Bureau of Alcohol Education at 800-453-7522 or [RA-LBEDUCATION@ pa.gov](mailto:RA-LBEDUCATION@pa.gov).

## **PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**Penn State Cooperative Extension**—Educational network that gives people in Pennsylvania's 67 counties access to Penn State's resources and expertise. Courses, workshops and other programming are made available to individuals and communities requesting assistance and are tailored for local needs.

**Contact** – Penn State Cooperative Extension at 1-877-345-0691 or visit [\*\*www.extension.psu.edu\*\*](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

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**Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)**—Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness with technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University at 1-814-865-0427 or visit [\*\*www.penntap.psu.edu\*\*](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

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**Plastics Training Academy**—Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University at 1-814-898-6103 or visit **Plastics Training Academy Penn State Behrend** ([\*\*www.psu.edu\*\*](http://www.psu.edu))

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)**

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*The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities to ensure safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; furthers economic development; and fosters new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.*

*The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Office of Communications offers an online Electric and Gas Supply Shopping tool for consumers through [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com) and [www.PAGasSwitch.com](http://www.PAGasSwitch.com). Both websites allow consumers to enter their zip code to see the competitive offers and prices available in their area. Other website features include: a Spanish language companion site; consumer alerts emails; weekly updates on suppliers and prices available; a printable version of the zip code-searchable supplier list; and brochures and ways to save energy. This information can be mailed upon request.*

*PAPowerSwitch and PAGasSwitch are just some of the many educational tools the PUC offers. PUC fact sheets, brochures, speaking engagements, roundtable discussions and conferences are other successful ways to help consumers shop wisely for utility services or learn about energy assistance programs. Public outreach events are conducted by our Senior Communications Specialists, Shari A. Williams at 215-560-6901 or email: [SHARIWILLI@pa.gov](mailto:SHARIWILLI@pa.gov) and Christina Chase-Pettis at 717-772-8884 or email: [CCHASEPETT@pa.gov](mailto:CCHASEPETT@pa.gov).*

*For more information or to schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training, consumer education event, presentation or speaking engagement, please contact our specialists directly or email [consumered@pa.gov](mailto:consumered@pa.gov).*

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To find more information on upcoming events, check out the Consumer Education Events Schedule on the web at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/about-the-puc/events/>.

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For informal complaints or termination issues, please contact the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) toll-free hotline at 1-800-692-7380.

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## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**Budget Billing**—All residential customers may contact their electric or natural gas company and request budget billing at any time. Each monthly bill will be the same amount. The company may adjust the bill four times a year, up or down, depending on the customer's usage.

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**Customer Assistance Program (CAP)**—CAPs can lower your monthly utility bill. CAPs may also remove the amount you already owe. Each company has a CAP and works with the customer to determine what the customer can pay versus the cost of energy used.

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**Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Program (CARES)**—The CARES program helps customers with special needs. CARES may help you find ways to pay your utility bill. For example, special needs are customers who are experiencing family emergencies, divorce, unemployment or medical emergencies. The goal is to provide support and direction to help customers pay their utility bills.

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**Hardship Funds**—Utility companies have hardship funds that provide cash assistance to utility customers to help them pay their utility bills. Hardship funds provide assistance grants to customers who "fall through the cracks" of other financial assistance programs, or to those who still have a critical need for assistance after the other resources have been exhausted. The funds make payments directly to companies on behalf of eligible customers.

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### Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)—LIURP

helps low-income residential customers lower the amount of electricity or natural gas used each month. Typically, the company may install energy saving features in your home to help reduce bills. For example, a smaller bill means your payment covers a greater portion of the bill or perhaps covers the whole bill.

*Assistance Qualifications—Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows 150% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, which most utilities use as the income limit to qualify for CAP with the exception of Peoples Natural Gas Company, which has a limit of 200%. The income limits are slightly higher for LIURP (can range from 150%-200%), CARES and Hardship Funds (can range from 150%-250%). Customers who meet these limits should call their local electric or natural gas company for details to see if they qualify for these programs. Each electric or natural gas company's toll-free number is listed below.*

#### 2025 Household Size Monthly Income:

▪ 1 person	\$1,956	6 persons	\$5,393
▪ 2 persons	\$2,643	7 persons	\$6,081
▪ 3 persons	\$3,331	8 persons	\$6,768
▪ 4 persons	\$4,018	For each additional person, add \$687	
▪ 5 persons	\$4,706		

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** LIHEAP is a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to pay energy bills. In Pennsylvania, LIHEAP is administered by the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) and consists of three components:

- **Cash Benefits:** Helps low-income customers pay their home energy bill.
- **Crisis:** Helps low-income customers meet home emergency situations and restore services if service has been shut off.
- **Weatherization:** Helps qualified low-income customers reduce their energy consumption through home improvements.

NOTE: Low-income customers who qualify for Cash and Crisis can receive both. Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on the DHS website at [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov). If you have more questions about LIHEAP, you may call your local county assistance office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 (individuals with hearing loss may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886).

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Utility (Electric and Gas)	Utility Assistance Programs	LIHEAP Referral
Duquesne (CAP)	888-393-7600	866-857-7095
Met-Ed (PCAP)	888-282-6816 Option 3	866-857-7095
PECO (CAP Rate)	800-744-7040	800-344-3574
Penelec (PCAP)	888-282-6816 Option 3	866-857-7095
Penn Power (PCAP)	888-282-6816 Option 3	866-857-7095
PPL (OnTrack)	800-342-5775	866-857-7095
UGI-Electric (CAP)	800-276-2722	866-857-7095
Columbia (CAP)	800-537-7431	800-272-2714
Peoples Natural Gas (CAP)	888-282-6816	866-857-7095
NFG (CAP)	800-365-3234	866-857-7095
PGW (CRP)	215-235-1000	866-857-7095
UGI – Gas (CAP)	800-276-2722	866-857-7095
West Penn Power (PCAP)	888-282-6816 Option 3	866-857-7095

Utility (Water)	Utility Assistance Programs
Aqua (CAP)	888-282-6816
Pennsylvania American Water (H2O-Help to Others)	888-282-6816
Pittsburgh Water and Sewer (Bill Discount)	888-282-6816
Veolia (Veolia Cares)	888-942-8080
York Water (CAP)	800-750-5561 or 717-845-3601

To view each utility's Universal Service Plan in detail please go to:  
<https://www.puc.pa.gov/electricity/universal-service/> and select the appropriate utility company.

For further information, contact the Public Utility Commission:  
 Call: 1-800-692-7380; For people with speech or hearing loss, dial 7-1-1 (Telecommunications Relay Service)  
 Write: PA Public Utility Commission Bureau of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

## UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

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**The University City Science Center**—The University City Science Center accelerates technology commercialization, regional economic development, and the market availability of life enhancing scientific breakthroughs by bringing together scientists, entrepreneurs, funding, and business services. Established in 1963 and headquartered in Philadelphia, the Science Center offers a menu of commercialization programs that support innovative companies and science research projects across Pennsylvania.

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**Life Sciences Founders Fellowship Program**—Since 2022, this program has offered academic researchers the mentoring, business advice, and technical assistance they need to commercialize their early-stage life science and healthcare technologies. The Founders Fellowship provides business development support and a one-year stipend for academic researchers at institutions in Pennsylvania focused on bio-technology use-inspired research with life science and healthcare technologies with high commercial potential. The structure of the program begins with a six-month immersive experience (Phases I and II) followed by six months of the Fellows applying lessons learned to their bio-tech ventures and building their companies with the support of the UCSC Commercialization team (Phase III). The experiences will address the two topics most commonly missing from existing entrepreneurial training programs for academics: 1) company building and 2) private capital and investment. Each participant will be expected to commit at least 20 hours per week to the program over the 12-month project period. Fellowship participants will be housed within the UCSC startup incubator known as ic@3401 in Philadelphia. Support includes business mentorship to help researchers develop a business plan and investor pitch, tailored advice from legal and regulatory specialists, and access to industry experts and investors. Up to five researchers a year are competitively selected for the Founders Fellowship, which includes a one-year stipend and business development support. The Science Center selects researchers developing technologies that have clear product potential in the life science and healthcare markets. The program is open to bio-technology researchers from academic institutions in Pennsylvania as well as program graduates with a master's level degree or higher in a STEM field who are living in Pennsylvania.

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\*Note – Last year this section just included **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)**

The catalog was a comprehensive resource detailing nearly 2,300 federal programs, projects, services and activities set up to provide assistance and benefits. This resource is available to help individuals, organizations, institutions and municipalities identify and obtain federal grants.

Today, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) content is listed through the [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov) website.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): What It Was ([www.investopedia.com](http://www.investopedia.com))







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