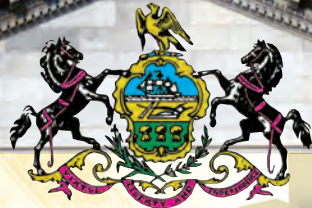




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Dear Community Leader:

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, appearing to read 'Marty Flynn', written in a cursive style.

**Marty Flynn**  
State Senator – 22nd 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).**

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**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.

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

The toll-free APPRISE Helpline is 1-800-783-7067. All services are free and confidential. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550.

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

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belonging and independence in their own home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Older Adult Protective Services**—The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA) for adults 60 years of age and over. OAPSA provides services necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of older adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves and who are at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment. This law also safeguards the rights of older adults while providing for the detection, reduction, correction or elimination of abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment. The department works closely with the 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), which administer the older adults’ protective services program at the local level. The local AAAs are responsible for intake of reports, investigation into allegations of all types of abuse and providing protective services to older adults. Within the department, the Protective Services Office is responsible for conducting quality assurance reviews and providing technical assistance to local protective services programs across the commonwealth. Reports may be made on behalf of an older adult, whether the individual lives in the community or in a care facility. Any person who

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

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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.

**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.

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

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

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

Benefits: Services available under the OPTIONS Program may include:

- Adult Daily Living Services
- Assistive/Adaptive Devices
- Care Management
- Emergent Services
- Home Health Services
- Home Modifications
- Home Support
- In-Home Meal Services
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Personal Care Services
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Pest Control/Fumigation
- 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 re-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: 1-800-753-8827.

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

The following individuals may qualify for benefits:

- A caregiver age 18 and older who is the primary caregiver for a functionally dependent individual age 60 and older or an individual of any age who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.
- A caregiver age 55 and older caring for an individual age 18-59 who is related by blood, marriage or adoption, with a non-dementia disability.
- A caregiver age 55 and older who is not the biological parent but is



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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**— The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for and empowers individuals receiving long-term care services in both community- and facility-based settings. An ombudsman visits individuals who reside in long-term care facilities to advocate for those who cannot do so on their own. The ombudsman’s mission includes providing residents with information on their rights as consumers and helping them exercise those rights, pursuing remedies to their concerns, and advocating for the strict enforcement of long-term care standards.

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

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

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

Additional department resources for assistance with prescriptions include:

- **Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse (PA PAP)** – The department funds a statewide service center staffed by trained specialists, who can help uninsured and under-insured adults apply for prescription assistance through various programs.
- **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.

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

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

**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:

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

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

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- Volunteering opportunities

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

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

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**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.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com) to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change.**

**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 <http://agrabilitypa.org>

**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.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx)

**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—Douglas Wolfgang at [dowolfgang@state.pa.us](mailto:dowolfgang@state.pa.us), or 717-783-3167, or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/farmland/Easement](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/farmland/Easement)

**Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund**—Assists agricultural fairs with resources to build new and maintain existing physical structures on their fairgrounds. Fairs are eligible to receive grants up to \$25,000.

Contact—Fair Office at [fairs@pa.gov](mailto:fairs@pa.gov), 717-787-6298, or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/pfairfund](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/pfairfund)

**Center for Farm Transitions**—This program can help farmers with information, referrals, financing and consultations regarding their distinct situations when looking to transition enterprises on the farm, transition the next generation onto the farm, or transition to a new agriculture career.

Contact—Jared Grissinger at [jgrissinge@pa.gov](mailto:jgrissinge@pa.gov), 717-705-9513, or visit [www.iplantofarm.pa.gov/cft.aspx](http://www.iplantofarm.pa.gov/cft.aspx)

**Crop Insurance**—Since many farmers cannot control disasters, it is wise to transfer some risk to crop insurance in exchange for a manageable premium that can be a part of a budget. Crop insurance can also work as part of a seamless package with pre-harvest crop marketing programs that can help to increase profits in good years. Crop insurance is an important tool among producers' risk management options

Farmers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent to get the details or their local Farming Service Agency. For more information or to find an agent visit [www.cropinsurancepa.com](http://www.cropinsurancepa.com). For the nearest FSA office visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/pa](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pa) or call 717-237-2117.

**First Industries Fund Loan Guarantees**—Provides loan guarantees to nonprofits and for-profit businesses to undertake projects relating to the promotion and development of agriculture and tourism within Pennsylvania. Loans may be used for a broad range of agriculture-related or tourism-related projects. Applications are reviewed by the Commonwealth Financing

Contact—Email: [ra-dced-cpf@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dced-cpf@pa.gov), or call 717-783-1109, or visit [dced.pa.gov/programs/first-industries-fund-fif/](http://dced.pa.gov/programs/first-industries-fund-fif/)

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Authority. Visit the website for full guidelines.

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**Good Agriculture Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Cost Share Program**—Financial support through cost sharing of certification fees to producers and processors who complete a USDA GAP or GHP audit.

Contact—Michele Brookins at [mbrookins@pa.gov](mailto:mbrookins@pa.gov), 717-787-5319, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

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**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.

Contact—Email [RA-markets@pa.gov](mailto:RA-markets@pa.gov), or call 717-787-6901, or visit [https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/pa\\_preferred/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/pa_preferred/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Next Generation Farmer Loan Program (NGFLP)**—Encourages lenders to finance beginning farmers. The loan is made at lender's credit standards and other terms and conditions. No date specified. Terms for the loan along with any additional conditions will be at the discretion of the individual lender and will depend on the type of project. Beginning farmers (at least 18 years of age with no prior ownership of substantial farmland where the parcel size is greater than 30 percent of the median farm size in the county where it is located and whose net worth does not exceed \$544,0554 or \$1,089,109 as a partnership).

Contact—Phil Stober at [pstober@pa.gov](mailto:pstober@pa.gov), 717-836-3973, [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information or call 888-PAgrows, or [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx)

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**Organic Certification Cost Share Program**—Reimbursement toward organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact—Michele Brookins at [mbrookins@pa.gov](mailto:mbrookins@pa.gov), 717-787-5319, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

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**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.

Contact—The Fair Office can be reached at 717-787-6298, or email [fairs@pa.gov](mailto:fairs@pa.gov), or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/pfairfund](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/pfairfund)

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**PAgrows**—Provides technical assistance to help producers, processors and agribusinesses find the right funding program for their operation. PAgrows can help access low-interest loan and grant programs related to agriculture.

Contact—888-PAgrows or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

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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.

Contact—Email [RA-markets@pa.gov](mailto:RA-markets@pa.gov), or call 717-787-6901, or visit [www.papreferred.com](http://www.papreferred.com)

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**Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority**—Provides low-interest loans and lines of credit for eligible agri-businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs and for the development of value-added production facilities. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program.

Contact—Jared Lucas at [jarlucas@pa.gov](mailto:jarlucas@pa.gov), or 717-346-8006, or visit [dced.pa.gov/programs/pennsylvania-industrial-development-authority-pida](http://dced.pa.gov/programs/pennsylvania-industrial-development-authority-pida)

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**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.

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Visit [www.troopstottractors.org](http://www.troopstottractors.org) for more information

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**Small Business Administration 504**—The CDC/504 loan program is a long-term financing tool for economic development within a community. The program provides growing businesses with long-term fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings. Any for-profit small business with a tangible net worth of no more than \$15 million and an average net income of \$5 million or less. Job Criteria: one job to be created, or in some cases retained, for every \$65k guaranteed by SBA. If the project involves a small manufacturer: one job for every \$100k.

Contact—[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information or call 888-PAgrows or [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/Pages/ABDC.aspx)

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**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.

Contact—Morgan Sheffield, [msheffield@pa.gov](mailto:msheffield@pa.gov), 717-787-3568

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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

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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 administered in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue. Those eligible to apply for a Beginning Farmer Tax Credit must: 1. Be an individual, trust, or pass-through entity that is the owner in fee of agricultural land or has legal title to any other agricultural asset 2. Sell or lease agricultural assets to a Beginning Farmer 3. Be subject to Personal Income Tax (Article III) 4. Be in state tax compliance with the laws and regulations of the commonwealth as determined by the Department of Revenue. The commonwealth shall issue no more than \$6,000,000 for the taxable years beginning December 31, 2020.

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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, 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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#### **Blight Remediation Program**

Section 1726-K (E) of the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L., No. 20), under the Fiscal Code creates within the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) the Blight Remediation Program for blight remediation, including hazard mitigation, within the commonwealth, and authorizes the Authority to adopt guidelines to ensure that grants are made available to all geographic areas of the commonwealth. Eligible Blight Remediation Program projects must be undertaken by an eligible applicant and include: 1.Planning Projects – These projects involve the development of a comprehensive blight plan. Eligible projects also include code enforcement technical assistance and the completion of reuse feasibility studies on blighted properties. 2.Remediation Projects – These projects involve the acquisition,

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

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

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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. The commonwealth shall issue no more than \$7,500,000 in tax credits in fiscal year 2016-2017 and \$10,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018.

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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.

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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 (below 80 percent of area median income), eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need. Eligibility: Entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities, Competitive program is available to all municipalities that are not direct federal recipients of CDBG funds and state Act 179 entitlement municipalities with a population less than 10,000.

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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 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. recognized Community Action Agency.

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**Early Intervention Program (EIP)**— See Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP)

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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

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

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

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allocation is \$4 million a year. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

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

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

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

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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, 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.

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### Keystone Communities Program Designations:

**Elm Street Designation:** This program designates communities as “Elm Streets” if they have a sustainable local organization that

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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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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

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

**Philadelphia County (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.

**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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**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.

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**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: Traing-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 by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 5% of the taxpayers increase in annual taxable payroll, if increased by at least \$1,000,000 above a pre-determined base year amount. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax (excluding employer withholding), Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax. The program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Eligibility: Qualified taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs.

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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).

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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 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.

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**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. Once the EZP application is approved the private company is eligible for up to a 25 percent tax credit with a maximum of \$500,000 in credits for the EZP project. For application dates and other important information regarding the program please visit our website at [dced.pa.gov](http://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 (up to 120 percent of area median income). Twenty-five percent of the funds must benefit low-income persons (up to 50 percent of area median income). Refer to program guidelines. Eligibility: Existing eligible NSP grantees, that are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals.

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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

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of their designation as an elementary or secondary school based upon combined math and reading Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) scores. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made. The tax credits awarded to businesses will be equal to 75 percent of their contribution amount, which can be increased to 90 percent upon the business committing for two years. The total may not exceed \$750,000 per taxable year.

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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 Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses.

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

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

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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 a consortia of economic development service providers that may co-locate, develop formal partnership agreements, or otherwise create a coordinated and performance-based service delivery system that ensures each inquiry or lead from a business or potential entrepreneur is referred to, and acted upon expeditiously

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

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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. Loans are for no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$10 million for manufacturers. A \$500 fee due at time of application is to be credited against the issuance fee when the project closes. Eligibility: All types of businesses and projects needing access to low-cost capital. Eligible Applicants should apply through an Industrial Development Authority or Corporation.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons residing within the commonwealth.

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

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

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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. The maximum grant amount of any Pipeline Investment Program project shall not exceed \$1 million or 50% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site preparation costs associated with extending natural gas pipelines to serve eligible applicants: Economic Development Organizations, Businesses, Municipalities, Hospitals, and School Districts.

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

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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.

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**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.

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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, designated to receive up to \$100 million dollars in capital contributions from investors. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is using this investment tool to attract and retain rural businesses to the commonwealth, create family sustaining jobs, and to stimulate economic growth in rural businesses. Eligible applicants (or Affiliates of the Applicant)

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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.

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**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.

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

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

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**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.

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**Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)**—The Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans and lines of credit to small diverse businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs within the commonwealth. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. Eligibility: Manufacturing, Industrial, Agricultural, Research and development, Hospitality, Defense conversion, Recycling, Construction, Child day-care, Retail and service, Export and computer-related service enterprises. The business must be certified by the PA Department of General Services (DGS) as a minority-owned, woman owned, veteran-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned business with 100 or fewer employees worldwide.

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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 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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**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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**Waterfront Development Tax Credit (WDTA)**—This program provides tax credits to business firms who provide contributions to waterfront development organizations who are undertaking a waterfront development project. The program encourages private investment in waterfront property that creates public access to the water, increases property values, restores ecology and catalyzes further financial investment and job creation. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 75% of the total contribution made by a business firm during a taxable year. Eligibility: Business Firms authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the

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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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### **BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**

*Information is available at any DCNR regional office:*

#### **North Central Field Office (Danville)**

*Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour,  
Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union counties*  
200 State Hospital Drive, Montour Building #4, Room 2016  
Danville, PA 17821

Phone: 570-401-2465 • E-mail: mfahringer@pa.gov

#### **South Central Field Office (Harrisburg)**

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

3240 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown, PA 17057

Phone: 717-705-5956 • E-mail: lyeich@pa.gov

#### **Northeast Field Office (Nazareth)**

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

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

Phone: 610-746-5607 • E-mail: lpossinger@pa.gov

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#### **Southeast Field Office (Philadelphia)**

*Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties*

3539 Waterstreet Road, Collegeville, PA 19426

Phone: 610-489-1586

E-mail: agilchrist@pa.gov OR

Ridley Creek State Park, 1023 Sycamore Mills Road

Media, PA 19063

Phone: 610-892-3903 • E-mail: jealynch@pa.gov

#### **Southwest Field Office (Pittsburgh)**

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

301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 324, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2420

Phone: 412-565-7803 • E-mail: kfrankel@pa.gov

Phone: 412-565-7803 • E-mail: amattis@pa.gov

#### **Northwest Field Office (Clarion)**

*Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson,  
McKean, Venango and Warren counties*

158 South Second Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214-2404

Phone: 814-226-2329 • E-mail: ewiley@pa.gov

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

Central Office Customer Service Line (Harrisburg)

1-800-326-7734 or email: [DCNR-Grants@pa.gov](mailto:DCNR-Grants@pa.gov)

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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 [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx) for grant specifics and up-to-date information on each grant program and our grant opportunities at <https://brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>.*

**All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Projects**—Grants are awarded to projects that assist with the planning, acquisition of land, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase or lease of equipment for maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to ATV trails and facilities. Eligible applicants include municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations. These grants do not require a match, but additional consideration will be given to projects that do have match. Grant funding comes from the ATV Management Restricted Account as authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

More information can be obtained at [www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/TrailGrants/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/TrailGrants/Pages/default.aspx)

**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 [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr\\_017037.pdf](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_017037.pdf)

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

More information can be obtained at [www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/](http://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/).

**Land Trust Projects**—Land Trust grants are awarded to pre-qualified land trusts and conservancies to fund projects for open space and natural areas planning and acquisition. Priority is given to protecting critical habitat; creating connections to other natural,

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cultural, historic or recreational areas; protecting and enhancing water resources; and protecting climate-resilient landscapes. These grants require a 50 percent match via either cash or a land donation of equal non-cash value.

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

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

More information can be found at  
[www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/d\\_001241.pdf](http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/d_001241.pdf)

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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.

More information can be found at  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr\\_017038.pdf](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_017038.pdf)

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

More information can be found  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riverresourceprogram/riversconservation/index.htm](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riverresourceprogram/riversconservation/index.htm)

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**Snowmobile Projects**—Grants are awarded to projects that assist with the planning, acquisition of land, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase or lease of equipment for

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maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to snowmobile trails and facilities. Eligible applicants include municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations. These grants do not require a match, but additional consideration will be given to projects that do have match. Grant funding comes from the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account as authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

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

More information can be obtained at [www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/](http://www.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/)

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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.

Contact – Charles C. Choplick, Program Manager, at 717-787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/VolunteerFireDepartmentResources/Pages/default.aspx>

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### WILD RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM (WRCP)

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

Contact – Call 717-787-3212, email RA-WRCP@pa.gov or visit <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Biodiversity/WildResourceConservationProgram/Pages/default.aspx>



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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.**

**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 private service providers. SCAs provide administrative oversight to the local contracted programs funded with state and 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 **ddap.pa.gov** and click the “find treatment” icon.

To contact DDAP’s Treatment Division call 717-783-8200.

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

Contact the DDAP Prevention Division at 717-783-8200.

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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 **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.

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

Contact the DDAP Training Section at 717-783-8200 or visit **www.ddap.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

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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

Application Deadline – August 31  
Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-3188

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spent on students in State institutions;

- increases the amount of funds that States can reserve to address the needs of rural communities, areas with high numbers or concentrations of CTE programs, or areas with gaps in performance; and
- gives States authority and autonomy to set their performance goals.

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

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

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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

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**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

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**Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants**—The purpose of the 2019-20 Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that 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)

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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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).

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

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

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

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

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## CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION

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

Application Deadline – July 1  
Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**School Improvement Grants, SIG1003g**—100 percent federally funded grant that State Educational Agencies (SEAs) use to make subgrants to LEAs that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds to substantially raise the achievement of students in the lowest-performing schools.

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

**Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs**—100 percent federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies to improve educational opportunities for at risk students.

Application Deadline – July 1. Funding may not be used for construction.  
Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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**Title I, Part A – School Improvement 1003(a)**— 100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental resources dedicated to enabling Pennsylvania’s lowest-achieving schools, CSI schools, to provide children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps. These allocations are based on a formula that includes enrollment, EL count and Title IA measures.

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part 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

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

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline – July 1.  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Contact – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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

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**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.

opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2022.  
Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

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

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

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**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.

Application Deadline – July 1, prior to each school year. Funds must be used for education of preschool children with disabilities or developmental delays.  
Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

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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.

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

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

Application Deadline – Anytime during school year. 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

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

Application Deadline – Available throughout the year. Facilities must be licensed or approved in order to participate. For-profit, non-residential child or adult care centers must receive Title XX or Title XIX funding for at least 25 percent of either enrolled participants or the licensed capacity, whichever is less to be eligible to participate. Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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

Application Deadline – Grant application is announced January/February each year. Awards are announced in May. The number of grant awards are contingent upon amount of federal funding received each year. Schools which apply are selected with preference given to schools with the highest free and reduced eligibility rates. To be eligible to apply for participation, the school must participate in the National School Lunch Program. Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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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.

Application Deadline – Anytime during school year. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand. Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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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 – Anytime during school year. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand. Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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

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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. There is currently a nationwide waiver that waives this deadline due to COVID.

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

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## MIGRANT EDUCATION

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

Application Deadline—Continuation Grants – non-competitive.  
Contact—PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

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**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

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**Education of Migrant Laborers’ Children**—Supports programming through four local operating agencies for services to over 5,000 migrant students in Pennsylvania. Year-round supplemental programs in coordination with school districts throughout Pennsylvania.

Application Deadline—Continuation Grants – non-competitive.  
Contact—PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

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

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

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## POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION

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

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



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

Application Deadline – Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2018; next competitive round will be in 2022 for next grant cycle.  
Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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

Application Deadline – Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in 2017; next competitive round will be 2021 for next grant cycle.  
Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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

Application Deadline – Four-year grants were awarded in 2017-18; an additional project grant was awarded through a competition in 2018 for a three-year grant period; next competitive round will be 2021.  
Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 231, Adult Basic**—Provides funds for adult basic education programs that: assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways; and assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in improving their reading, writing, speaking and comprehension skills in English and mathematic skills and acquiring an understanding of the American system of government, individual freedom and the responsibilities of citizenship. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide a 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind. Not more than 5 percent of a local applicant’s grant may be used for administrative costs, unless a higher percent is approved in advance.

Application Deadline – Four-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2018; next competitive round will be in 2022 for next grant cycle.  
Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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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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Application Deadline – Three-year grants were awarded through a competition in spring 2020; next competitive round will be in 2023 for next grant cycle.  
Contact – Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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

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

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## SAFE SCHOOLS

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

Application Deadline – next competitive round expected to be August 2020  
Contact – Office for Safe Schools at 717-783-6469

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## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER QUALITY

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

Project Dates – August 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021  
Contact – Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality at 717-772-3566

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### SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

Application Deadline – Ongoing  
Funding may not be used for programs or services outside the LEA special education program; to make capital improvements to property; or to supplant programs or personnel.  
Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-783-6925

**Extraordinary Special Education Expenses (Contingency Fund)**— Provides partial reimbursement for the implementation of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for a student with significant disabilities.

Application Deadline – January 8. Expenses that result from needs and circumstances of a student with significant disabilities, which are not ordinarily present in a typical special education service and program delivery system and which costs exceed the school district, or charter school funding.  
Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-1114

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

Application Deadline – May, prior to each school year. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may be used only for approved, allowable expenditures.  
Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-1114

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

Application Deadline – April  
Contact – Bureau of Special Education at 717-772-2646

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**Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant (AFIG) Program**—Grants for municipalities, school districts, businesses and others for costs associated with alternative fueled vehicles and other alternative fuel projects.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: AFIG)  
Contact—DEP Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance at 717-783-8411

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles)  
Contact—AFV Rebate Program at 1-866-294-3854

**Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants**—In general, PEDDA provides grants and loan guarantees for alternative energy projects and related research referring to deployment projects, manufacturing or research involving the following types of fuels, technologies or measures: solar energy; wind; low-impact hydropower; geothermal; biologically derived methane gas, including landfill gas; biomass; fuel cells; coal-mine methane; waste coal; integrated gasification combined cycle; and demand management measures, including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency and load management.

The PA Energy Development Authority Grant Program is currently closed. For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: PEDDA)  
Contact—PA Energy Development Authority at 717-783-8411

**Small Business Advantage Grant Program**—Provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$7,000, to enable Pennsylvania small businesses and farmers to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: SBA Grant) Contact—DEP Small Business Ombudsman at (717) 772-5160

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: PPAA)  
Contact—DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

### ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND BROWNFIELDS

**Act 108—Technical Evaluation of HSCA Remedial Action (HSCA)**—Evaluation Grants for HSCA Sites Reimbursement of \$50,000 for municipalities to conduct an independent evaluation of proposed remedial response at a HSCA site.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation at 717-787-0886

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Storage Tank Cleanup Program)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation at 717-787-0886

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**Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program (aka “Pump & Plug Program”)**—Provides grants to owners of six or fewer underground tanks that have not been upgraded to technical regulatory requirements. Maximum grant is \$2,500 per tank and reimbursement is limited to pumping out and disposing of regulated product from the tank, cleaning the inside of the tank, and if the tank will be put into temporary closure, grouting the fill pipe.

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For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Storage Tanks and link to Financial Assistance)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Storage Tanks at 717-772-5599; 1-800-42-TANKS

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## GENERAL

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: EE Grant)  
Contact—DEP Environmental Education and Information Center at 717-772-1644

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**Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program**—Grants provide funds to counties to conduct mosquito virus surveillance and control activities.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WaterQuality/Pages/VectorManagement.aspx](http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WaterQuality/Pages/VectorManagement.aspx). Contact—DEP Vector Management at 717-346-8243

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## AIR QUALITY

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

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

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

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

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### WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

**Act 101 – Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement (Municipal)**—Payment for 50 percent of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors for a landfill or resource recovery facility.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Host Municipality Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870

**Act 101 – Host Municipality Review of Permit Applications**—Up to \$10,000 grant for host municipalities for independent review of permit applications for a new landfill, resource recovery facility to or expansion of an existing landfill or resource recovery facility.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Host Municipality Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management at 717-787-7381

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

**Act 101 – Recycling Performance Grants**—Grants awarded to municipalities based on weight and type of materials recycled in the previous calendar year.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

**Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement**—Payment for 50 percent of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors at a commercial hazardous waste treatment facility.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-7381

**Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipality Siting Reviews**—Reimbursement of \$50,000 to host municipality and host county for independent review of permit application for commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Sites) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Hazardous Waste Management at 717-787-6239

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**—Counties, municipalities and other entities engaging in HHW collection and disposal programs are eligible for 50 percent reimbursement.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

**Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Review**—Reimbursement for independent review of permit

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

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application or modification for a commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

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

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## WATER-RELATED PROGRAMS

**Coastal Zone Management Program Grants**—Program for municipalities and other entities in the watersheds of Lake Erie or the Lower Delaware River Estuary.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Compacts and Commissions Office) Contact – Coastal Resources Management Program at 717-772-5622.

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**Growing Greener Watershed and Protection Grants**—Provides grants to assist citizen groups, conservation districts and local governments in developing and implementing watershed remediation plans or watershed restoration projects and protective measures.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Growing Greener) Contact—DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-5618

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**Non-point Source Pollution Control Projects Funding (319 Grants)**—Provides grants for projects outlined in EPA-approved Watershed Implementation Plans that address impaired waters through implementation, education, monitoring, demonstration or innovative practices to control or reduce non-point sources of pollution.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: NonPoint Source Grant) Contact—DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-6518

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## ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RESOURCES

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

**League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania—Water Resources Education Network**—WREN makes connections between Pennsylvania citizens and water resources information.

For more information, visit [wren.palwv.org/](http://wren.palwv.org/)

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Small Business Ombudsman)

- Serves as the primary advocate for small businesses within the PA Department of Environmental Protection.
  - Assists small businesses in realizing the potential cost savings of pollution prevention versus pollution control.
  - Provides confidential assistance to small businesses within the commonwealth needing help with environmental issues.
  - Provides compliance assistance and pollution prevention pamphlets and fact sheets for small businesses.
  - Provides information to small businesses needing financial assistance to implement pollution prevention practices and comply with environmental regulations.
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**Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers’ Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)**—EMAP is a specialized consulting service of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers. They provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to small

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

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businesses in Pennsylvania. EMAP environmental consultants can help small businesses understand how to comply with regulatory requirements and assist with the preparation of plans and permit applications for start-up and existing businesses.

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

For more information, visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)



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*It is the mission of DGS to help government operate more efficiently, effectively and safely, delivering exceptional value for all Pennsylvanians.*

**WHAT WE VALUE:**

- **Customer Care** – We are committed to understanding our customers' goals and contributing to their success. Our customers educate our children; protect our health and environment, build our infrastructure, regulate our commerce and assist our neighbors and communities in need across Pennsylvania; they do vital, important work, and we are proud to be a part of it.
  - **Quality & Innovation** – There is always a better way to do something. Our passion is finding it and putting it into practice.
  - **Integrity** – We earn the public's trust by holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards, every day. No exceptions.
  - **Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities** – How we do business impacts our communities. We are working to build a more inclusive economy in Pennsylvania.
  - **Our Team** – We support each other's personal and professional growth, because they are essential to our mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly challenging environment.
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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 and Small Diverse (including minority-owned; woman-owned; veteran-owned; service-disabled veteran-owned; LGBT-owned; and Disability-owned) business enterprises in identifying and competing for commonwealth contracting opportunities.

Contact—717-783-3119  
or email [GS-BDISBO@pa.gov](mailto:GS-BDISBO@pa.gov), visit  
[www.dgs.pa.gov/bdisbo](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/bdisbo)

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

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

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

Contact—1-800-235-1555  
or email [RA-GSPAFEDSURPLUS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GSPAFEDSURPLUS@pa.gov)  
[www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal)

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**Law Enforcement 1033 Excess Property Program**—Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night-vision goggles, vehicles, and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the Federal Government and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers 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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**Law Enforcement 1122 New Property Program**— Enables Pennsylvania local law enforcement, emergency response and Homeland Security Agencies to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities from federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes. A service charge of 4 percent of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.

**The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program**— Pennsylvania government and tax-supported entities; including fire departments, police departments, school districts, and emergency management services; may request and acquire federally-owned vehicles through the program. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks with low mileage and only one prior owner are all available. View current inventory online or submit a request for a specific vehicle.

**The State Surplus Property Program**— Offers state-owned office furniture, equipment, and supplies for sale to the general public through our distribution center in Harrisburg, special sales held periodically throughout the state or online auctions. Also offers private online sales for municipalities to purchase heavy equipment and manage the commonwealth's recycling program.

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**— Voluntarily confiscated items and lost and found property such as pocket knives, sporting equipment, jewelry, tools, belts and other miscellaneous items are offered for sale to the general public at the Harrisburg warehouse or online at [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com).

**Used Vehicle Auctions**— Provides the public with opportunities to purchase commonwealth used vehicles. The public is invited to attend an auction of used Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vehicles at the Manheim Keystone Pennsylvania Auto Auction located at 488 Firehouse Road, Grantville, PA. Auction schedules, as well as previous auction results, can be found by visiting the DGS website.

**PA eMarketplace**— Interested in doing business with the Commonwealth? The official online site of the Pennsylvania eMarketplace portal can be found at [www.emarketplace.state.pa.us](http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us). This is your one-stop shop for Bidding, Awards and other Contract information.

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

Contact— 1-800-235-1555, or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Fixed-Price-Sales-Vehicles](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Fixed-Price-Sales-Vehicles)

Contact— 717-787-9068, or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State)

Contact— Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program, 717-772-1733, or email [RA-GovDeals@pa.gov](mailto:RA-GovDeals@pa.gov)

Contact— 717-783-2325 for used vehicle auction inquires, or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic)

Contact— Email the DGS Bureau of Procurement at [gs-procure@state.pa.us](mailto:gs-procure@state.pa.us), or visit [www.emarketplace.state.pa.us](http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us)

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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. [www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)

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**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. [www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/)

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**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. [www.nncc.ushttps://nurseledcare.phmc.org/](http://www.nncc.ushttps://nurseledcare.phmc.org/)

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**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. [www.pachc.org/](http://www.pachc.org/)

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**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. [www.vimi.orghttps://volunteersinmedicine.org/](http://www.vimi.orghttps://volunteersinmedicine.org/)

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## 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. [www.padental.org/Online/Directory/Clinic\\_Directory.aspx](http://www.padental.org/Online/Directory/Clinic_Directory.aspx)

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**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. [www.padental.org/](http://www.padental.org/)  
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### 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).

[www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)

**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).

[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)

**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).

[www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/OMAP-Information.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/OMAP-Information.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, 717-787-5876

[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx)

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (PA-BCCEDP)**—This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre-cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women.

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

[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/PABreastandCervicalCancerEarlyDetectionProgram.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/PABreastandCervicalCancerEarlyDetectionProgram.aspx)

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

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

[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx)

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

Contact- Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762,  
Toll-free Lead Information Line, 1-800-440-LEAD (5323)

[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, 717-772-2762  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Chronic-Renal-Disease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Chronic-Renal-Disease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact- Division of Community Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763  
[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, 717-772-2762  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Family-Planning-Program.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Family-Planning-Program.aspx)

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

Contact- Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763, Toll-free Brain Injury Help Line 1-866-412-4755  
[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 follow-up and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.

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

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

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

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

Contact - Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572  
 Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Progra](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Progra)

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

• **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).

### Technology Assistance Children’s Home Program

**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.

**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.

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[ms/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, 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, 717-703-9170 or Toll-free at 1-800-922-9384  
[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, 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- Bureau of Family Health, 717-346-3000

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

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

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

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

**Organ and Tissue Donation Program**—This program provides free organ and tissue donation education and awareness information to increase the number of Pennsylvanians designating themselves as organ donors. Individuals who wish to become organ donors can register online at [www.donatelifepa.org](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  
<https://donatelifepa.org/>

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

Contact- Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, 717-346-0640  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx) Visit [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, 717-787-3981  
[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, 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.

Toll-free helpline number 1-800-986-4550.  
[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, 717-783-8143  
[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

Contact - Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, 717-783-6600  
[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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for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and the PA Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition, free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 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, 717-346-3000  
[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, 717-787-6267  
[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, 717-783-1289, 1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467)  
[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 – 717-787-3350  
[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 – 717-787-5900  
[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 – 717-425-5422  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/HAIP-AS.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/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: 717-787-5900  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Heart-Disease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Heart-Disease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx)

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

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-772-2763  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Medical-Home-Program.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Medical-Home-Program.aspx)

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

Contact: NeuroResource Facilitation Program – 717-772-2763  
[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 – 717-787-5876  
[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 717-787-5900  
[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 – 717-346-3000  
[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 (VIP) aims to prevent death and disability from intentional and unintentional injury by assessing the incidence of injury and developing programs that reduce risk of injury. Services are provided through a contracting process with various grantees from across Pennsylvania.

Contact: Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction 717-787-5900  
[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.

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

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

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

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*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 Slaherty
Disease Control Immunization	Tom McCleaf
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Amy Flaherty
PHHSBG – Block Program Services	Teresa Sanders
Preventive Health Special Projects	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up – STD.	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner	Edward Naugle
Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	Edward Naugle
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program	Brian Lentz
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
Substance Use Disorder Loan Repayment Program	Edward Naugle
State Health Improvement Plan	Brian Lentz
Health Equity	David Saunders
Cancer Programs	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV/AIDS Programs	Jill Garland
Maternal and Child Health	Tara Trego
Adolescent Health	Tara Trego
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants	Cindy Dundas
Child Health	Tara Trego
Children with Special Health Care Needs	Cindy Dundas
Environmental Protection Program	Cindy Dundas
Health and Human Services Call Center	Peggy Forte
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement	Tara Trego
MCHSBG – Program Services	Tara Trego
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	William Cramer
Family Health Special Projects	Tara Trego
Newborn Screening and Follow-up	Stacey Gustin
Newborn Hearing Screening	Stacey Gustin
Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment	Beth Butler
Tuberculosis Control Program	Beth Butler
Renal Dialysis	Tara Trego
Services for Children with Special Needs	Cindy Dundas
Adult Cystic Fibrosis	Cindy Dundas
Cooley's Anemia	Cindy Dundas
Asthma Program	Cindy Dundas
Hemophilia	Cindy Dundas
Lupus	Cindy Dundas
Sickle Cell	Cindy Dundas
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation	Barbara Caboot
Health Research	Meghna Patel
Traumatic Brain Injury	Nicole Adams
Public Health Preparedness	Andrew Pickett

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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.

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

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

Contact – The Bureau of Employment Programs at 717-787-1302

**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.

Contact - The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098

**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 behavioral health Managed Care Organizations, recipients receive quality medical care and timely access to appropriate mental health and/or 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.

Contact – Physical HealthChoices – Office of Medical Assistance Programs, 800-537-8862.

Behavioral HealthChoices – Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, 877-356-5355.

Community HealthChoices – Office of Long-Term Living, 800-753-8827.

**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

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

- **Act 150** —Provides services to mentally alert Pennsylvanians, aged 18-59 with physical disabilities.
- **Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver** — Provides long-term services and supports to individuals age 21 and older with physical disabling conditions that are expected to last indefinitely, including individuals with acquired brain injuries, and who require a nursing facility level of care. CHC Waiver services are provided through the CHC managed care organizations.
- **Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities** — Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver** — Provides services to children from birth to age three in need of Early intervention services who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).
- **LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)** — Managed care program for frail, elderly recipients who have been determined to need “nursing facility level of care” but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible. LIFE is not available in all areas throughout the commonwealth.
- **OBRA Waiver** — Provides services to persons with severe developmental physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or similar conditions.
- **PA Adult Autism Waiver** — Provides services to adults with autism including those who also have intellectual disabilities to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)** — Provides physical, behavioral and community services to adults with an autism spectrum disorder to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Person/Family Directed Support Waiver** — Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$33,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Community Living Waiver** — Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$70,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

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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.

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

**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.

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.

**Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program**—This DHS and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) program provides low- and moderate-income persons with permanent disabilities increased accessibility in their current home by undertaking modifications to the home.

Contact – 1-800-379-7448, [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com)

**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.

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

**Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council**—This program provides funding to engage in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

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

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Build inclusive communities
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda; and
- Change negative societal attitudes towards people with disabilities

In so doing, we will bring about benefits to individuals with disabilities other than developmental disabilities and, indeed, to all people.

**Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program**—The eHealth Partnership 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

Contact—717-214-2490, [www.paehealth.org](http://www.paehealth.org)

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health, reduced healthcare costs, and compliance with state and federal regulations. The eHealth Partnership offers grants to help healthcare providers connect to the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network via certified private sector health information organizations.

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**PA Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant**—The eHealth Partnership coordinates public-private efforts to securely sharePATH links a vulnerable population who experience persistent and pervasive health disparities to mainstream and other supportive services. Collectively these efforts help homeless individuals with serious mental illness secure safe and stable housing, improve their health, and live a self-directed, purposeful life. OMHSAS distributes funds to 24 county/joinder MH/ID program offices, which cover 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.

**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)  
PO Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2675  
800-585-SWAN (Toll-Free)

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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.

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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.

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**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 800-595-9887 (PA) or 717-787-0763 or visiting the USTIF website at <https://ustif.pa.gov>

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**Business Education Partnership Grants**—These grants fund programs that allow school districts to collaborate with local business and 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.

**Direct Care Worker Training Grants**—This grant program focuses on developing and implementing effective training programs that improve the quality of care produced by direct care workers and creating, organizing and/or building career pathways that pay family-sustaining wages for direct care workers. Eligible applicants include local workforce development boards, non-profit and non-governmental entities, community-based organizations, education and post-secondary organizations, healthcare organizations, labor organizations, business associations, trade associations of long-term services and supports providers, and economic development entities.

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

**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 job-seekers 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 job-seekers and employers. Job-seekers have the ability to search and apply for job openings across the Commonwealth or narrow it down to their own town. You can create and upload a resume and make yourself available to thousands of employers.

**PennSERVE Grant Opportunities**—PennSERVE encourages, develops, and facilitates volunteerism and service. PennSERVE funds and supports national service efforts that engage Pennsylvania residents in strengthening our communities. Each year, PennSERVE awards approximately \$11 million in federal funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service to AmeriCorps programs in Pennsylvania. PennSERVE has two grant competitions,

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Contact— Email [RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov) or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants)

Contact— Email [RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWDA-GS@pa.gov), or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants)

Contact— Shuana Davis, [shesdavis@pa.gov](mailto:shesdavis@pa.gov), or call 717-571-4806, or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Pages/Industry-Partnerships.aspx](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Pages/Industry-Partnerships.aspx)

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

Visit [www.dli.pa.gov/individuals/pennserve](http://www.dli.pa.gov/individuals/pennserve) or call 1-866-6-SERVE-U for more information



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called Competitive and Formula. Competitive applicants are selected through a national grant competition. Applications that are submitted for Formula grants compete for funds only at the state level. Visit the state's PennSERVE website to learn more about grant opportunities, as well as AmeriCorps programs in Pennsylvania.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**—The Federal Trade Act's TAA program helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production to foreign countries. TAA benefits include reemployment services such as funded training, job search allowances, and relocation allowances; and weekly cash benefit payments known as Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA). Each benefit has distinct eligibility requirements and must be applied for separately.

**Unemployment Compensation Program**—The Unemployment Compensation (UC) program provides temporary income support if you lose your job through no fault of your own, or if you are working less than your full-time hours. If you qualify, you will receive money for a limited time to help you meet expenses while you seek new employment. To be eligible for UC benefits, you must be a worker who performed services that are covered by the Pennsylvania UC Law.

**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.

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Contact—Call the UC Service Center at 888-313-7284, or email RA-UCSC-TRA-TAA-DUQU@pa.gov, or visit [www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/federal/Pages/Trade-Adjustment-Assistance-\(TAA\).aspx](http://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/federal/Pages/Trade-Adjustment-Assistance-(TAA).aspx). You may also visit a local PA CareerLink® office

You can learn more about eligibility, how to file for compensation, and general guidance by visiting the Commonwealth's Unemployment Compensation website at [www.uc.pa.gov](http://www.uc.pa.gov). The phone number for the UC Customer Service Line is 888-313-7284.

There are more than 20 OVR offices located throughout Pennsylvania. In some district offices, OVR's Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services provides specialized services to blind and visually impaired individuals to assist them not only with securing and maintaining a job but also to live independently in their community. Call 800-442-6351 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.

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**Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)**—The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from specific target groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment. The program incentivizes workplace diversity and facilitate access to good jobs. Employers generally can earn a tax credit equal to 25% or 40% of a new employee's first-year wages, up to the maximum for the target group to which the employee belongs. Employers will earn 25% if the employee works at least 120 hours and 40% if the employee works at least 400 hours.

Contact— (800) 345-2555, or email [RA-BWPO-TaxCredits@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BWPO-TaxCredits@pa.gov), or visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/WOTC](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/WOTC)

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**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.

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)

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#### **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 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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Learn more about the Commonwealth's workforce development initiatives and activities by visiting [www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development)

To find your region's Local Workforce Development Board visit

[www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Pages/lwdb.aspx](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/Pages/lwdb.aspx)

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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.

**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 for more information.

**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.

**Education of Veterans Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans**—Educational grants of up to \$500 per term or semester (for a maximum of 8 semesters or terms) are provided for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified as having war-time service-connected disabilities rated as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled or children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict or hostile fire in peacetime as certified by the VA. Children must be 16-23 years of age and living in Pennsylvania for five years before the application. They must also attend a school in Pennsylvania and show financial need.

Contact —717-861-8910 or email ra-eg@pa.gov for more information.

**Educational Assistance Program**—The Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides tuition grants to eligible members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) who enroll in a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency. This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$240.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for members who may or may not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. Assistance is provided to all applicants who apply and are eligible. Members deployed to a combat zone have EAP eligibility extended for a period of one year, or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members ordered to

Call the DMVA Education Center at 866-920-7902.

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active federal service or active state duty have grant repayments extended for one additional month for each month of service after being discharged or released under honorable conditions from the PNG. Eligible members discharged because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for six years from the date of the “medical” discharge.

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**Honor Guard Burial Detail Program**—This program authorizes the Department to pay up to a maximum of \$150 per cemetery, per day, to veterans’ groups providing honor guard burial details for eligible veterans being interred at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. To be eligible for payment, at least three members must be present, and they must sound Taps. Requests for payment are made through the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council.

Contact the Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov.

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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 the program office at 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.

Call the DMVA Education Center at 866-920-7902.

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**Veterans’ Temporary Assistance (VTA)**—Veterans’ Temporary Assistance is available to eligible veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of eligible veterans when they face adverse financial circumstances and need assistance to provide themselves with the necessities of living. In general, assistance is provided to replace or supplement income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living. If eligible, Veterans or their beneficiaries can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 in a twelve-month period.

Contact the program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-vta@pa.gov.

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

See also – Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services

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Call the program office at 717-861-8910 or email [ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov](mailto:ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov) with any questions.

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**Computer Datacenter Program**—An owner, operator or qualified tenant of a certified computer data center, may apply annually for a tax refund for sales and use tax paid on qualified computer data center equipment used within the facility. Certification by the Department of Revenue, of the computer data center facility, is required prior to application for refund. Owners and operators of datacenters that meet certification requirements within 4 years of application for certification in the program can obtain a 15-year certification for the data center facility. The total amount of refunds approved per fiscal year is limited to \$5 million. If the total amount of tax refunds approved for all applicants in a fiscal year exceeds the limitation, the Department shall allocate the refund to be received by each applicant.

Contact—Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

**Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program**—A taxpayer that is a manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages may submit an application for tax credits, against the malt beverage tax, for investment in qualified capital expenditures. The credit shall not exceed \$200,000 per taxpayer, subject to reduction if applications requesting more than \$5 million in total credits are received in a fiscal year. If the total amount of tax credit applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated. This credit was formerly effective from January 1, 1974 to December 31, 2008 for small brewers with an annual production of 1,500,000 or less barrels per year. Reinstatement of the credit was effective beginning in fiscal year 17/18 with the removal of the annual production cap.

Contact—Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

**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 \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 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.

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

**HOMEOWNERS CAN RECEIVE:**

Income	Standard Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250

**RENTERS CAN RECEIVE:**

Income	Standard Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$6.7 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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**Research and Development Tax Credit**—A taxpayer who incurs Pennsylvania qualified research and development expenses in a taxable year can apply for a research and development tax credit. Businesses qualifying for the federal research and development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania are eligible. A tax credit is granted based on the company's increased research and development expenses over a base period. The credit is applicable to corporate net income, capital stock/foreign franchise and personal income tax liabilities. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to 15 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$55 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated by business status: 80% of the credit or \$44 million will be allocated to large businesses and 20% of the credit or \$11 million will be allocated to small businesses. Total assets of more than \$5 million at the beginning or end of the balance sheet would be considered large business status.

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Contact—PA Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

Also allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to buyer(s).

Contact—Department of Community and Economic Development Customer Service Center at 1-800-379-7448



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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 2021-22 school year, subject to further extension by the Departments of State and Education.

**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**—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.

**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, the Department of State's website breaks it down into three phases, providing estimated times for each stage of the process, and recommendations for how to reduce processing times.

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Full details regarding the pilot program may be found at:  
**[www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Cosmetology/Pages/CTE-Cosmetology-Barber.aspx](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Cosmetology/Pages/CTE-Cosmetology-Barber.aspx)**

Contact—717-787-5280, or email [ra-voterreg@pa.gov](mailto:ra-voterreg@pa.gov), or visit **[www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Governor's-Civic-Engagement-Award.aspx](http://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Governor's-Civic-Engagement-Award.aspx)**

To register to vote online, visit **[www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx)**.  
For questions please call 1-877-868-3772.

For guides, timelines and tips on a smooth licensure application process visit **[www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/Pages/professional-licensing-guides.aspx](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/Pages/professional-licensing-guides.aspx)**

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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—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223.  
Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@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—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223.  
Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@pa.gov)

**Federal Airport Improvement Program**—This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. It provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are funded with 95 percent federal, 5 percent state and 2½ percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).  
Contact—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223.  
Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@pa.gov)

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

Contact—Brian Hare, 717-783-9359.  
Email: [bhare@pa.gov](mailto:bhare@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—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223.  
Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@pa.gov)

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### 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.

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

**Free Photo ID for Homeless**—Effective January 25, 2021, 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. Phone: 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) Funding Program**— In October 2010, PennDOT established as identified within the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [75 Pa.C.S. §§3116(1)(2), 3117(m)(2), and 3117(m)(2.1)], an Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. The ARLE Funding Program is focused to low-cost safety and mobility improvements. The available funding for grant awards is based on automated red light violation fines deposited in a restricted account in the Motor License Fund.

Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately. Additional ARLE Funding Program information can be found at:

**www.dot.state.pa.us/signals**

Program Email Address:

ARLE@pa.gov

Contact—Steve Gault, 717-787-6988.

Email: sgault@pa.gov

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**Green Light-Go (GLG) Funding Program**—The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program (Green Light-Go Program) is designed to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and improving efficiency of existing traffic signals on highways. The Program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the Department. Applications by municipalities, counties, or planning organizations for the GLG Funding Program requiring a 20% match using regional, state, federal, municipal or private funds can be used except for those associated with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) up to \$40 Million is available annually, subject to appropriation.

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**

Program Email Address:

GLG@pa.gov

Contact—Steve Gault, 717-787-6988.

Email: sgault@pa.gov

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**Highway Safety Grant Program**—This federally funded program provides funds for behavioral highway safety initiatives. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units unless otherwise identified. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA. Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSP.

April—Grant programs are identified by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) for the pending federal fiscal year beginning October 1. Non-state governmental units are required to utilize the dotGrants online grant management system

**www.dotgrants.penndot.gov/dotGrants/Welcome/**

Additional Highway Safety Grant Program info can be found at: **www.penndot.gov/safety**

Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to include: concise problem identification, agency qualifications, and a detailed action plan.

Additionally, all grantees must comply with all reporting requirements as well as participation in intermittent and final performance assessments.

Contact—Thomas R. Glass, 717-783-2113,

Email: thglass@pa.gov

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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

Contact—PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17104; 717-412-5300.

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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.

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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.

**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 authorizes a campaign medal; or any person who has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

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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 from eligible sources in the amount of 30% 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 \$3,000,000.

Application Deadline—Application deadlines vary and are available on the PennDOT website  
Contact—David J. Bratina, 717-705-1230  
Email: djbratina@pa.gov

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**Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**—The Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to schools, and trail projects that serve a transportation purpose such as trails that connect to schools, parks, or other public areas. There is an 80/20 cost share for shovel-ready projects, and PennDOT will pay for 100 percent of right-of-way acquisition costs. Applicants pay for any pre-construction costs but these upfront costs may be eligible for Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) funding.

PennDOT's website provides program guidance, the eligibility determination form and an application. For questions on eligibility for DCNR funding contact your DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation regional advisor.

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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 and detailed on a single-page work plan and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

Contact—Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772

Email: bfields@pa.gov

**Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program**—The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 1983-32, authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is paid to municipalities in April of each year. The objective of this program is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads that predominantly carry local traffic, carry low numbers of vehicles on a daily basis, and/or would better serve the community if operated under municipal jurisdiction. PennDOT either rehabilitates the roadway before the transfer takes place or provides the municipality with funding to rehabilitate the roadway to improve its quality and service life. Local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Each PennDOT district office has a turnback coordinator who can assist local governments.

Contact—Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772

Email: bfields@pa.gov

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### BUREAU OF RAIL FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

**Marcellus Shale Program**—This program, funded through Act 13 and administered via the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP), provides state-funded assistance to companies operating in a Marcellus Shale region for investment in rail infrastructure to provide rail service related to the shipping of Marcellus Shale products. Annual funding is \$1 million, and the program follows the policies and guidelines of the RFAP.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight). Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.

Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: stepanko@pa.gov

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

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application are available at <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>. Contact—Hugh McGowan 717-787-5798, email [hmcgowan@pa.gov](mailto:hmcgowan@pa.gov)

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

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**Pennsylvania Intermodal Cargo Growth Incentive Program (PICGIP)**—PICGIP is a grant program intended to provide an economic incentive for all existing and potential new container shipping lines to move their preordained and discretionary cargo through a Commonwealth port instead of other U.S. ports or terminals. This incentive, which is \$25 per new container unit (lift), will apply to containerized cargo loaded or discharged from vessels moving through Pennsylvania's ports. The incentive will be available only for those shipping lines increasing cargo volumes or starting new service to a Commonwealth port, as determined by PennDOT. The funds granted must be used for operating or capital expenses of the ocean carrier.

**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.

**Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)**—This state-funded program provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects. The annual grant program has a current funding allocation of \$30 million. Only entities that have an authorization in a current Capital Budget Act are eligible to apply. Eligible types of projects include rail maintenance and construction. Maximum state funding is 70 percent of the total project cost, but shall not exceed the line item amount authorized by the specific capital budget bill containing the budget authorization.

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### INFORMATION / CONTACT

Application Deadline—Annually between January 1 and June 30  
Contacts—Elizabeth Bonini, 717-787-1207.  
Email: ebonini@pa.gov  
Tatjana Over, 717-705-1332. Email: tover@pa.gov

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's Website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight). To access the application, go to [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants). Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received.  
Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202; email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto:stepanko@pa.gov)

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at: [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight)  
Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto: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.

Contact – Lou Ferretti, 717-787-2598  
or 1-800-FOR-LTAP  
Email: [lferretti@pa.gov](mailto:lferretti@pa.gov) or [LTAP@state.pa.us](mailto:LTAP@state.pa.us)

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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 population less than 50,000. The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Pennsylvania's rural population. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping, and recreation. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—June 30.  
Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208.  
Email: dspila@pa.gov

**Public Transportation Operating Assistance**—State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 36 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 31  
Contact—Colton Brown, 717-787-1203.  
Email: coltbrown@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:**

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—July 31  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
 Application Deadline—Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.  
 Eligibility—All counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.  
 Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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

Application Deadline—July 31  
 Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

**Federal Transit Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles (Section 5310 Program – Federal)**—Private, nonprofit organizations may apply for federal grants to fund 80 percent of the cost of wheelchair-accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the applicant. Public transit agencies are also eligible for funding under this program.

Application Deadline—Flexible  
 Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

**Intercity Bus Assistance Program**—PennDOT contracts with private intercity bus companies to provide scheduled, fixed-route service along routes which are considered essential links in the regional/statewide network of intercity bus services, but which cannot be financially supported solely from user fares. Intermodal terminals that are publicly owned may receive capital funding under this program. This program provides both state and federal funds and requires a local match, at least equivalent to state funding for operating assistance.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
 Application Deadline—No deadline  
 Contact—Colton Brown, 717-787-1203. Email: coltbrown@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.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
 Application Deadline—No deadline  
 Contact—Steven Panko, 717-787-1202  
 Email: stepanko@pa.gov

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
 Application Deadline—To be determined  
 Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov



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**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.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—June 30  
Eligibility— Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Philadelphia  
Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: tjohn@pa.gov

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

Application Deadline—June 30  
Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217  
Email: tjohn@pa.gov

**Transit Research and Demonstration Projects**—Funding is available for technical assistance, research projects and short-term demonstration projects. Local transportation organizations and municipalities/counties are eligible to apply for this funding. Local funds equal to at least 3.33 percent of the state grant must be provided.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—N/A  
Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208  
Email: dspila@pa.gov

**Welfare to work (w2w)**—State funds are available annually for the purpose of reducing transportation-related barriers that prevent low-income individuals (incomes less than 200 percent of the Federal Family Poverty Income Guidelines) from accessing employment and being dependable workers. Eligible applicants are county/municipal governments (except Allegheny and Philadelphia) and local transportation organizations/authorities.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—June 30  
Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217  
Email: tjohn@pa.gov

## **PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

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### RESOURCE / GRANT

**Keystone Scholars**—Get a head start on education savings with \$100 from Keystone Scholars! Keystone Scholars is available for every baby born to a PA family after December 31, 2018 or subsequently adopted by a PA family. A child with education savings is three times more likely to enroll in a two- or four-year college and four times more likely to graduate. That's why PA Treasury is investing \$100 to be used for the baby's future higher education expenses. That includes expenses for vocational or technical school, apprenticeships, as well as two and four-year colleges. Families can register for online access approximately 5 months after the child's birth using information from the child's PA state birth certificate. Families will receive a welcome letter in the mail from PA Treasury with instructions on how to do this. Prior to that time, new or expectant families can pre-register at [pa529.com/keystone](http://pa529.com/keystone). Families may save in their child's own PA 529 account and link it to their Keystone Scholars account to see all their education funds in one place.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

For more information, visit [pa529.com/keystone](http://pa529.com/keystone) or contact the Department of Treasury at 800-440-4000.

## **CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA**

[www.rural.palegislature.us](http://www.rural.palegislature.us)

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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.**

**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 St., Room 902  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-787-9555  
email: [info@rural.palegislature.us](mailto:info@rural.palegislature.us)  
[www.rural.palegislature.us](http://www.rural.palegislature.us)

## OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

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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.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

Detailed information is available at the RACP website at [www.racp.pa.gov](http://www.racp.pa.gov)

## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

www.homelandsecurity.pa.gov

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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.**

**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.

**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 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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### RESOURCE / GRANT

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**—This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs. Must obtain a DUNS number.

**Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program**—Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire or rescue company applicant, or no more than \$10,000 per volunteer ambulance service, unless the applicant is comprised of two or more groups that had previously merged.

**Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP)**—Provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

**Unconventional Gas Well Drilling (UGWD) Grant program**—The UGWFD provides grants for volunteer and career fire and emergency medical services and rescue companies throughout the 40 counties of Pennsylvania where unconventional gas well drilling has been permitted and those counties that directly border the permitted counties and who respond to gas well related emergencies. Grant are awarded for any one of the three eligible project areas: Certification, equipment, or training.

**PENNFIRS Reporting:**—Both of the grant programs from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner require that the fire department continually submit their incidents to PENNFIRS.

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Contact—U.S. Fire Administration website  
[www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)

Applications 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](mailto:ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov).

For more information, contact Letitia Sinclair, Financial Assistance Coordinator at 717-651-2205, [lesinclair@pa.gov](mailto:lesinclair@pa.gov) or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.

Contact: 717-247-3753 or  
[RA-EMACT13GRANT@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EMACT13GRANT@pa.gov)

Any questions about this requirement should be directed to Kraig Herman at 717-651-2209 or [krherman@pa.gov](mailto:krherman@pa.gov). For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov). Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at [ra-emact13grant@pa.gov](mailto:ra-emact13grant@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:

Jalila Parker, Executive Director  
110 N. Eighth Street, Suite 505, 11th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 965-4603

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## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

[www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-asian-pacific-american-affairs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/about/pennsylvania-commission-asian-pacific-american-affairs)

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that state government is accessible and accountable to the diverse Asian Pacific American communities in Pennsylvania.

The Commission works to improve the quality of life and opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) by serving as the advocate agency for the diverse AAPI communities across the Commonwealth and facilitating increased access to and participation in state programs.

The commission is composed of up to thirty volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information regarding the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs please contact:

Stephanie Sun – Executive Director  
508E, 5th Floor, Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
(717) 787-6543

## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)**

www.pccd.pa.gov

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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 PA; provides technical assistance to the state, county and local units of government; and coordinates regional and statewide training events.

Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Robert Merwine at 717-265-8452

**Child Advocacy Program**—Provides funds to support the on-going operation and development of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). CACs are child-focused, facility-based programs. They emphasize the coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases.

Matching funds are not required.  
Contact: Office of Research and Child Advocacy, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**Crime Victims Fund (Victims Compensation) Program**—The Victims Compensation Assistance Program receives over 8,600 new claims and pays an average \$13 million per year on behalf of crime victims. These compensation funds will be able to reimburse insurance co-pays; out of network expenses and other out-of-pocket costs. Contact the program for more information. The victims compensation program does not reimburse victims for pain and suffering or for stolen or damaged property (with some exceptions). Also, there are limits to how much money some benefits will provide, with the overall maximum award is \$35,000.

Contact—PCCD at 800-233-2339

**County Intermediate Punishment Funding Program**—The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) receives an annual state appropriation and provides funds to support county intermediate punishment programs consistent with approved county intermediate punishment plans. Additionally, funds support drug and alcohol assessment, evaluation and treatment services related to county intermediate punishment activities. Previously PCCD received and made available separate funding for County Intermediate Punishment and Drug and Alcohol Treatment-based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Programs.

Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)**—Provides funds for programs assisting child victims and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, prevention, multidisciplinary investigative teams, child advocacy centers, victim service providers serving child victims of sexual abuse, and training for mandated reporters and persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

Contact—PCCD Office of Research and Child Advocacy, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505.

**Federal 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, Daisy Pagan at 717-265-8516

**Forensic Science Improvement Program**—Provides funds to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

Matching funds are not required.  
Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498



## **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)**

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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.**

**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, Child Advocacy and School Safety (ORCASS), 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 OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)**—Provides funds for programs assisting child victims and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, prevention, multidisciplinary investigative teams, child advocacy centers, victim service providers serving child victims of sexual abuse, and training for mandated reporters and persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**First Chance Trust Fund**—Provides scholarships and funding for programs for students residing in those regions of this Commonwealth which have statistically higher high school dropout rates, incarceration rates or high crime rates as determined by the Commission.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**Forensic Science Improvement Program**—Provides funds to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. This funding supports the development of strategies/protocols for the accreditation of forensic laboratories and/or the certification of forensic science specialists in an acceptable forensic science discipline.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program**—Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private nonprofits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and Federal JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Greg Young at 717-265-8495

**Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program**—The overall program purpose is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Matching fund requirements: Requires a 25 percent match.

Contact – PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

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**School Safety and Security Grant Program**—Act 44 of 2018 established this program to make school entities within this Commonwealth safer spaces. Funding is available for school districts, intermediate units, area vocational-technical schools, charter schools, cyber charter schools, approved private schools or private residential rehabilitative institutions for programs that address safety and security. In addition, municipalities, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations are eligible for community violence prevention program grants also administered under this grant program.

Contact – PCCD ORCASS,  
Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

**Sexual Assault Services Program**—Funding may be used to establish and maintain rape crisis centers for direct services to victims of sexual assault and allow for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of culturally specific programs to assist and advocate for victims of sexual assault in racial and ethnic communities.

Contact – PCCD Office of Victim Services (OVS),  
Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**State Rights and Services Act (RASA) & Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)**—Provides funds for system-based services for victims consistent with the Crime Victim’s Act, the Juvenile Act, the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure and PCCD Standards (i.e., orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, sentences, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation). Funds are made available through a \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

Contact – PCCD OVS,  
Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**STOP Violence Against Women Program**—Provides funds to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems’ response to violence against women and to enhance prosecution, advocacy and services available to women who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Contact – PCCD OVS,  
Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)**—Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program will be made available according to Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF.

Contact – PCCD OJP,  
Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498

**Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program**—Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.

Contact – PCCD OVS,  
Kathy Buckley at 717-265-8700

**Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs**— Supports PA Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices. Provides training and technical assistance for programs and for communities to implement and sustain the Communities That Care community assessment and planning process. Funding also supports evidence-based delinquency and violence prevention programs.

Contact – PCCD OJP,  
Geoff Kolchin at 717-265-8483.

*\*\*Useful resource\*\* The Office of Victims Services (OVS) creates a bi-weekly newsletter to keep programs updated on any changes within OVS, upcoming training events and grant opportunities. Newsletters are emailed to interested parties. To receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims’ Services contact Heather Hewitt at 717-265-8730 or [hhewitt@pa.gov](mailto:hhewitt@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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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, please contact:

Luz B. Colon / 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 LG BTQ Affairs, contact:

lgbtqcommission@pa.gov  
Rafael Álvarez Febo (he/him/his),  
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:

women@pa.gov  
or 717-831-3224.  
Megan Healey, Executive Director.

## 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 public and private schools; childcare centers, senior centers and other nonprofit organizations; and units of government in Pennsylvania. 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.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

Contact – Jamie Dunlap: [jadunlap@pa.gov](mailto:jadunlap@pa.gov) or 717-525-5542

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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**Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) and PPA Program Stream**—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. PPA Program Stream funds over 350 organizations with an average fiscal size under \$200,000. Deadline: January 15, 2021.

Contact— Ian Rosario: [irosario@pa.gov](mailto:irosario@pa.gov) or 717-525-5548

Amy Gabriele: [agabriele@pa.gov](mailto:agabriele@pa.gov) or 717-525-5547

Seth Poppy: [spoppy@pa.gov](mailto:spoppy@pa.gov) or 717-787-1520

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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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.

Initiative Goals:

- Strengthen Pennsylvania communities through the arts.
- Promote PA's communities as places people want to live, visit, work, and play.
- Support authentic, inclusive, and strong community partnerships.
- Ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Support local leadership and develop future leaders.
- Promote development and implementation of sustainable programs and projects.
- Invest in creative industries projects.
- Leverage additional sources of funding (local government, private sector, foundation).
- Cultivate innovative, community-driven projects.
- Promote the unique identities of PA's communities.
- Create and implement best practices for project evaluations.

Contact— Sarah Merritt, [skmerritt@pa.gov](mailto:skmerritt@pa.gov) 717-787-1521

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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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 one year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track applicants for consultation and assistance.

Deadline: February 16, 2021 5 PM

Contact — Jamie Dunlap  
[jadunlap@pa.gov](mailto:jadunlap@pa.gov)

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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**Who Can Apply**—Generally, an organization is eligible if at the time of application the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size over \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts programming; nonprofit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: currently funded by a PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) regional partner, or will apply to a PPA Partner within the same funding period; planning to conduct a onetime only arts project. Organizations who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the Entry Track may be eligible for application to the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) program. PPA offers both ongoing support and arts projects funding opportunities. Potential applicants interested in this track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

**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.

Deadline—Apprenticeship applications - May  
(Please confirm date online)  
Contact —Dana Payne  
[danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov), 717-525-5544  
Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

**Preserving Diverse Cultures Division**—The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizations working in the arts whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) perspectives and communities. The division focuses on the development of these organizations and professional development for their administrators. The applicant's programs, perspective, and staff must be representative of those communities.

Deadline – March (Please confirm date online)  
First-time applicants are encouraged to contact  
PDC Program Director, Dana Payne  
717-525-5544 or [danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov) prior to  
completing an application.  
Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

## **PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

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**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 for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Build inclusive communities
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda
- Change negative societal attitudes towards people with disabilities

In so doing, the council will bring about benefits to individuals with disabilities other than developmental disabilities and, indeed, to all people. The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council concerns itself with trends at the local and national levels that may have an influence in the lives of people with disabilities and/or their families. By carefully watching and examining trends and new developments, the council is up-to-date on ways to support people with disabilities and families right here in Pennsylvania. The council is always seeking thoughts and ideas from concerned citizens regarding issues that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities and creative ideas for tackling these issues in Pennsylvania. For more information contact the council.

**HOW DO ORGANIZATIONS GET GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL?** The council funds proposals from groups and organizations through a competitive bid process. All grant activities of the council are governed by the council’s federally approved state plan and by the procurement requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and are generally for specified activities. The council periodically announces Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and issues notices of funding for smaller grants through its Community Small Grants. It does not have discretionary funds beyond those publications. The council only accepts proposals for the projects described in the RFP booklet and in response to notices of funding for the Community Small Grants. The RFP booklet contains descriptions of projects that the council will be funding and instructions on how grant proposals must be written to meet the council’s requirements. People on the council’s mailing list receive the booklet in the mail. Other copies of the booklet are distributed by hand or accessed on the council’s website.

### INFORMATION / CONTACT

Contact— Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council  
2330 Vartan Way, Suite 130  
Voice: 717-787-6057  
Toll-free: 1-877-685-4452  
Ra-pwpaddc@pa.gov

To receive an announcement notice that an RFP booklet or a notice of funding has been issued, and to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change, please subscribe to our email list on our website at: [www.paddc.org](http://www.paddc.org)

## **PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)**

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**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program**—This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the U.S. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

**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.

**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.

**Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program**—Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire company applicant, or more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two groups that had previously merged.

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants**—The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. These grants require a 20 percent county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a “soft-match,” such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

**Hazardous Materials Response Fund**—The 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.

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Must obtain a DUNS number. For additional information go to the U.S. Fire Administration Website—  
**www.usfa.fema.gov**

The following webpage is a direct link to these forms:  
**www.pema.pa.gov/about/publicinformation/Pages/forms-library.aspx#.vvtCairJfa**

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-2035  
Emergency Management Performance Grant  
**pa.gov**

For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at **www.osfc.pa.gov**  
Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-2014

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## **PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)**

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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,  
717-651-7075  
State Homeland Security Grant Program, [pa.gov](http://pa.gov)

**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.

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-7075  
Nonprofit Security Grant Program, [pa.gov](http://pa.gov)

**Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF)**—Provides funding for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for the 26 risk and support counties in the areas surrounding each nuclear electrical facility, nuclear fabrication and away-from-reactor storage facility located in the commonwealth; the training and equipping of state and local emergency response personnel; the periodic exercise of accident scenarios and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.

Contact—PEMA Grant Coordinator,  
717-651-2014  
Radiological Emergency Response Fund, [pa.gov](http://pa.gov)

**Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program**—The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

Contact—800-670-3473 or (717) 651-2200 or via e-mail using [RA-VLAP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VLAP@pa.gov).  
[www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/Volunteer%20Loan%20Assistance%20Program.aspx](http://www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/Volunteer%20Loan%20Assistance%20Program.aspx)



## PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

www.fishandboat.com

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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/grants.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/grants.htm)*

**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  
Email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)  
717-346-8196

**Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**—Serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. 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.

Contact—Scott Bollinger  
Email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)  
717-346-8196

**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  
Email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)  
717-346-8196

**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  
Email: [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov)  
814-359-5233

**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. Only organizations involved in the Cooperative Nursery Program may be considered for grants.

Contact—Brian McHail  
Email: [bmchail@pa.gov](mailto:bmchail@pa.gov)  
814-353-2225

**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.

Contact—Scott Bollinger  
Email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)  
717-346-8196

**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.

Contact—Email: [ra-ableaward@pa.gov](mailto:ra-ableaward@pa.gov)  
a link for applications can be found at  
[www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants](http://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants)

**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.

Contact—Jeffrey Schmid  
Email: [jschmid@pa.gov](mailto:jschmid@pa.gov)  
814-359-5242

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**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.

Contact—Email: RA-FBSWAP@pa.gov  
717-705-7912

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**Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program**—Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

Contact—Diana Day  
Email: diday@pa.gov  
717-346-8137

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**Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program**—Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Contact—Jeffrey Schmid  
Email: jschmid@pa.gov  
814-359-5242

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**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.

Contact—Tyler Neimond  
Email: tneimond@pa.gov  
814-359-5185

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**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.

Contact—Email: ra-be@pa.gov for application submission; or contact Carl Richardson, R3 Coordinator Email: Crichardson@pa.gov with questions about the program.

## **PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**

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

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**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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### INFORMATION / CONTACT

Contact—If you're interested in participating in the Private Landowner Assistance Program, visit [www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/GetInvolved/LandownerPrograms/Pages/PrivateLandownerAssistanceProgram.aspx](http://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/GetInvolved/LandownerPrograms/Pages/PrivateLandownerAssistanceProgram.aspx) to determine what region your property is found in and where to call/write for assistance.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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

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**Local Law Enforcement Grant Program**—These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

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Contact – 717-346-8300, [PGCB@pa.gov](mailto:PGCB@pa.gov) or [www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)  
The program will receive funding in February, 2021. The Board will provide notice of the acceptance of grant applications shortly thereafter.  
Questions regarding this grant can be made to 717-346-8300 or email [PGCB@pa.gov](mailto:PGCB@pa.gov).

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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 gaming to enhance the community by sending additional monies to municipal, county, and state governments. The tax rate 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\* subject to noted exceptions below and is distributed as follows:

Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1): 2% to Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Chester City (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii)).

Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 2% to Luzerne County Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(d)); \$10,000,000 annually to Plains Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iv)).

Meadows (Cat 1): The 2% is distributed to each municipality in the county (except host municipality: North Strabane Township). The distribution breaks down to \$25,000 plus \$10/resident but is capped at 50% of either the municipality's 2009 or 2013 budget (whichever is greater). If monies are left over, it goes to the Washington County DCED for grants within the county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(i)(e)); \$10,000,000 annually to North Strabane Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Parx (Cat 1): 1% goes to Bucks County, 1% goes to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(c)); \$10,000,000 annually to Bensalem Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Penn National (Cat 1): \$220,000 goes to Lebanon County CFA,

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\$50,000 goes to Schuylkill County, \$30,000 goes to Londonderry Township, and \$30,000 goes to Annville Township, the remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d.3-d.7)); \$160,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Lebanon County and \$9,840,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Dauphin County – the remainder of the municipal 2% is remitted to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): \$1,000,000 goes to Erie County Land Bank Jurisdiction and remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d)); \$10,000,000 goes to Summit Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)).  
Rivers (Cat 2): 2% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(b)); \$10,000,000 annually to the City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(i)).

Mount Airy (Cat 2): \$2,400,000 to Monroe County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA, \$250,000 to Northampton County, balance of 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(f)); \$10,000,000 annually to Paradise Township (subject to budgetary limitation) with remaining funds from the municipal 2% going back to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

Sands (Cat 2): 1.2% of the County 2% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA] and the remaining 0.8% being distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, and 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(d.1)); the municipal share is \$10,000,000 annually and is distributed as follows: 80% to City of Bethlehem and 20% to City of Allentown (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii.1)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 2% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(b)); 2% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).

Nemacolin (Cat 3): 2% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iv)(a)); 2% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(5)(i)).

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**Table Games Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility**— The Local Share distribution is 2% of a Licensed Facilities Gross Table Game Revenue\* and is distributed as follows:

Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1): 1% to Delaware County; 1% to Chester City (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(ii)).

Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 1% to Luzerne County CFA; 1% to Plains

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Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(l)).

Meadows (Cat 1): 1% to Washington County (up to budgetary limit) with remaining going to DCED; 1% to North Strabane Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(iii)).

Parx (Cat 1): 1% to Bucks County; 1% to Bensalem Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(i)).

Penn National (Cat 1): 1% to Dauphin County; 1% to East Hanover Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(ii)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): 2% to Erie County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(2)(iii)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(l)).

Rivers (Cat 2): 1% distributed as follows: 85% to Dept. of Education for school library grants in Allegheny County; 15% to the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville; 1% to City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(ii)).

Mount Airy (Cat 2): 1% is distributed as follows: 50% to Monroe County CFA and 50% to PHEAA; 1% to Paradise Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(iv)).

Sands (Cat 2): 1% is distributed as follows: [60% to Northampton City, 20% to Easton, 10% to Lehigh City, 10% to Lehigh City CFA]; 1% to City of Bethlehem (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(3)(III)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 1% to Montgomery County; 1% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(4)(i)).

Nemacolin (Cat 3): 1% to Fayette County DCED; 1% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(4)(ii)).

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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)). At the time of publication, not all locations had been selected, so not all host recipients are known. Any questions on where facilities finally locate – or who will receive this money – can be directed to the PGCB or Dept. of Revenue. Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

Penn National: Springettsbury Township, York County  
Stadium Casino: Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County

Mount Airy: Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County

Parx: Specific location not determined at time of publication, but

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generally believed to be in the Shippensburg, PA vicinity

Penn National: Caernarvon Township, Berks 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)). At the time of publication, not all locations had been selected, so not all host recipients are known. Any questions on where facilities finally locate – or who will receive this money – can be directed to the PGCB or Dept. of Revenue. Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

Penn National: Springettsbury Township, York County  
Stadium Casino: Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County

Mount Airy: Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County

Parx: Specific location not determined at time of publication, but generally believed to be in the Shippensburg, PA vicinity

Penn National: Caernarvon Township, Berks County

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**Interactive Gaming Local Share** — The Local Share If a Licensed Facility is awarded one or more Interactive Gaming Certificates, the Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue.\* 1% of each will be deposited into a restricted receipt account in the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be distributed quarterly for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth. The other 1% will be distributed as follows:

Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1): 1% to an authority created by Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iii)).

Mohegan Sun (Cat 1): 1% to Luzerne County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Meadows (Cat 1): 1% to Washington County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Parx (Cat 1): 0.5% to Bucks County; 0.5% to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Penn National (Cat 1): 1% to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1): 1% to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

SugarHouse (Cat 2): 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).

Rivers (Cat 2): 1% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

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Mount Airy (Cat 2): 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Sands (Cat 2): 0.6% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA]; 0.4% is distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Valley Forge (Cat 3): 1% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

Nemacolin (Cat 3): 1% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

\*\*If an Interactive Gaming Certificate Holder does not have a Licensed Facility in the Commonwealth, the remaining 1% is added to the Commonwealth Financing Authority deposit and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iv)).

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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)).

**Video Gaming Terminal Local Share** —The Local Share distribution is 10% of Gross Terminal Revenue\* and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §4103(a)(2)).

\*\*“Gross terminal revenue.” The total of:

(1) cash or cash equivalent wagers received by a slot machine minus the total of:

- (i) Cash or cash equivalents paid out to players as a result of playing a slot machine, whether paid manually or paid out by the slot machine.
- (ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a slot machine.
- (iii) Any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a slot machine. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) cash received as entry fees for slot machine contests or slot machine tournaments. The term does not include counterfeit cash or tokens; coins or currency of other countries received in slot machines, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a slot machine licensee



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for which the licensee is not reimbursed.

\*\*“Gross table game revenue.” The total of:

(1) Cash or cash equivalents received in the playing of a table game minus the total of:

(i) Cash or cash equivalents paid to players as a result of playing a table game.

(ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a table game.

(iii) The actual cost paid by the certificate holder for any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a table game. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) Contest or tournament fees or payments, including entry fees, buy-ins, re-buys and administrative fees, imposed by a certificate holder to participate in a table game contest or tournament, less cash paid or actual cost

paid by a certificate holder for prizes awarded to the contest or tournament winners.

(3) The total amount of the rake collected by a certificate holder. The term does not include counterfeit cash or chips; coins or currency of other countries received in the playing of a table game, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a certificate holder for which the certificate holder is not reimbursed.

\*\*“Gross interactive gaming revenue.” As follows:

(1) The total of all cash or cash equivalent wagers paid by registered players to an interactive gaming certificate holder in consideration for the play of authorized interactive games, including cash received as entry fees for contests or tournaments, minus:

(i) The total of cash or cash equivalents paid out to registered players as winnings.

(ii) The actual cost paid by the interactive gaming certificate holder for any personal property

distributed to a player as a result of playing an authorized interactive game. This subparagraph does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) Amounts deposited with an interactive gaming certificate holder for purposes of interactive gaming and amounts taken in fraudulent acts perpetrated against an interactive gaming certificate holder for which the interactive gaming certificate holder is not reimbursed shall not be considered to have been paid to the interactive gaming certificate holder for purposes of calculating gross interactive gaming revenue.

\*\*“Gross sports wagering revenue.”

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(1) The total of cash or cash equivalents received from sports wagering minus the total of:

- (i) Cash or cash equivalents paid to players as a result of sports wagering.
- (ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of sports wagering.
- (iii) The actual cost paid by the sports wagering certificate holder for any personal property

distributed to a player as a result of sports wagering. This subparagraph does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) The term does not include any of the following:

- (i) Counterfeit cash or chips.
- (ii) Coins or currency of other countries received as a result of sports wagering, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily

convertible to cash.

- (iii) Cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a sports wagering certificate holder for which the sports wagering certificate holder is not reimbursed.

\*“Gross terminal revenue.” The total of:

(1) cash or cash equivalent wagers received by a slot machine minus the total of:

- (i) Cash or cash equivalents paid out to players as a result of playing a slot machine, whether paid manually or paid out by the slot machine.
- (ii) Cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of playing a slot machine.
- (iii) Any personal property distributed to a player as a result of playing a slot machine. This does not include travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging or services.

(2) cash received as entry fees for slot machine contests or slot machine tournaments. The term does not include counterfeit cash or tokens; coins or currency of other countries received in slot machines, except to the extent that the coins or currency are readily convertible to cash; or cash taken in a fraudulent act perpetrated against a slot machine licensee for which the licensee is not reimbursed.

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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 cost of the program in which the student is enrolled. The PA Guard Member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or divide it among multiple dependents.

**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 \$4,525 and maximum out-of-state awards up to \$578 for nonveterans and \$770 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 \$2,262 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**—Matching grants of up to \$3,000 are provided to recipients of scholarships from 37 Pennsylvania foundations.

**Pennsylvania National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)**—Provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a 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

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Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special programs at 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)

Deadlines: 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).

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 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

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at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution of enrollment.

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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. Eligible students can receive a maximum award amount of either 75% of the allowable program costs or the maximum PA-TIP award, whichever is less, per award year. Awards are provided to qualified students on a first-come, first-served basis until all program funding has been exhausted.

Contact—PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org/pa-tip](http://www.pheaa.org/pa-tip)

**Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program**—This grant program provides a waiver of tuition, fees, room, and board 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 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program**—Scholarship awards to high-achieving students from middle income families. In combination with the Pennsylvania State Grant Program, a total award of up to \$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for part-time students is available. The minimum award is \$500. Awards can be used to cover tuition, books, fees, supplies, and living expenses. 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 3.25, and a family income that does not exceed \$110,000.

Contact—PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**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 can work for SWSP-approved employers to gain valuable experience while earning funds for educational costs.

Deadlines:  
November 1: Academic year or fall term only  
March 1: Spring term only  
June 30: Summer

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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.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**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.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

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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).  
Contact—Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).  
Contact—School's financial aid office

**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).  
Contact—Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).  
Contact—School's financial aid office

**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

**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.

Contact—Visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

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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)

**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

**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 require no match, while grants \$5,001 - \$15,000 require 50/50 matching. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and funding for the awards is for two years. Grants will be awarded based on review of the application by a sub-committee of the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

**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 information and the grant guidelines can be found at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Construction-Projects.aspx>

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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. Additional information and the grant guidelines can be found at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/CLG-Program>  
Contact—Elizabeth Rairigh 717-705-4035.  
Email: [erairigh@pa.gov](mailto:erairigh@pa.gov)

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 (717) 909-4951.  
Email: [c-rubaker@pa.gov](mailto:c-rubaker@pa.gov) AND [rusty.baker@pamuseums.org](mailto:rusty.baker@pamuseums.org)

Eligibility – Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments.  
Deadline: TBD  
Contact—Josh Stahlman, 717- 772-3257.  
Email: [jostahlman@pa.gov](mailto:jostahlman@pa.gov)

Eligibility—Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.  
Deadline: March 1, 2021  
Contact—Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927.  
Email: [kaarnold@pa.gov](mailto:kaarnold@pa.gov)

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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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Additional information and the grant guidelines can be found at

**[www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/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.

Deadline: March 1, 2021

Contact—Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927.

Email: [kaarnold@pa.gov](mailto:kaarnold@pa.gov)



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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  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[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.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx)

**Keystone Home Loan (KHL)**—The Keystone Home Loan provides a 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loan to eligible homebuyers. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Veterans' Administration (VA), Rural Development (RD), and conventional loan types are available. The program has a first-time homebuyer requirement in much of the state, although there are 39 targeted counties and several counties with targeted census tracts where the first-time homebuyer requirement is waived. The first-time homebuyer requirement is also waived for eligible veterans. Homebuyers may also qualify for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan.

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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 occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at 80 percent of the statewide median income.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx)

**Access Home Modification Program**—The Access Home Modification Program provides a non-interest bearing second mortgage loan to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities and are purchasing a home. The program offers between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to modify the home for disability needs and must be used in conjunction with a PHFA first mortgage product. Repayment on

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx)

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the assistance funds is not required as long as the buyer occupies the home as their primary residence.

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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.

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**HomeStyle Renovation Program**—The HomeStyle Renovation program allows eligible borrowers to include financing for home improvements for a purchase or re-finance transaction of an existing home. This program can only be used in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ program. The total cost of the renovations, repairs or improvements cannot exceed 75% of the “as completed appraised value” after renovations are completed.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
1-855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.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™, Keystone Home Loan, or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate (“MCC”) program.

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**Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)**—A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from 20 percent to 50 percent of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner’s federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for 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  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx)

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**Purchase Improvement Loan Program**—The Purchase Improvement loan allows buyers who qualify for a Keystone Home Loan to purchase and improve a home within the same transaction. Eligible buyers may include between \$1,000 and \$15,000 for repairs and/or improvements. The maximum mortgage amount cannot exceed 97% of the total acquisition cost of the “as completed” appraised value, whichever is less.

Contact(717) PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.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  
[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  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[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 replace their individual on-lot sewage disposal system or connection to public sewer OR make a first-time connection to public sewer. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20\*-year low-interest loan (15 years for a manufactured home). As of 1/1/2020 there is no household income limit.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx)

### **PHFA REFINANCE OPTIONS**

**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  
855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx)

**HFA Refinance Options**—The HFA Preferred™ provides a refinance option for homeowners seeking to lower their current monthly mortgage payment on their primary residence. Cash back is limited to \$2,000 or 2 percent of the balance of the new PHFA loan, whichever is less. Borrowers may be eligible for a PHFA Advantage Assistance Loan in conjunction with a refinance, but only if they still need help with their closing costs after using any available "cash back" to cover those costs.

Contact – PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
1-855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/programs/hfa.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/hfa.aspx)

**VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL)**—The VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL) allows eligible veteran homeowners to refinance their existing VA-guaranteed loan

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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**

**Capital Magnet Funds**—Funding for the preservation of multifamily rental housing developments targeting persons at or below 50% of the area median income. The Capital Magnet Fund (“CMF”) is administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund under the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Agency will lend allocated CMF funds to eligible properties as an interest-free, deferred payment loan, to extend the affordability period of eligible properties.

Contact—PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**—This program provides owners of and investors in affordable rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability (the credit may be taken for up to 10 years). The program also provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multi-family housing for families of lower income, senior citizens, persons with disabilities or special needs.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876 or Tax Credit Program Department at 717-780-3948

**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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### **OTHER PHFA PROGRAMS**

**PAHousingSearch.com**—A resource to link consumers to affordable housing options throughout the commonwealth, this website offers information about apartment locations, rental prices and subsidies, accessibility features, development amenities, current vacancies, contact information, and the status of a property's waiting list. PHFA can assist you in finding alternative rentals by viewing [www.pahousingsearch.com](http://www.pahousingsearch.com).

Contact – Danielle Rudy at 717-780-3960 or [Drudy@phfa.org](mailto:Drudy@phfa.org)

**Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)**—As part of the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 budget (and amended in FY 2019/2020), language was included establishing the MUDTC program for which it will receive a tax credit allocation of \$3 million. PHFA will use proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to establish the Community Revitalization Fund Program (CRFP) to provide grants to help finance mixed use projects in communities as part of a comprehensive revitalization plan. The Program has received applications for the inaugural round of program funding and is expected to be an annual RFP for both MUDTC bidders and CRFP mixed-use projects.

Contact – Shelby Rexrode at 717-780-1854 or [www.phfa.org/mhp/developers/loans.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/developers/loans.aspx)

**Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Act (PHARE) – Act 105 of 2010** provided the mechanism by which certain allocated state or federal funds would be used to assist with the creation, rehabilitation and support of affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth. The PHARE Act did not specifically allocate funding but did specify the process to be used when funds became available. Since enactment, the following sources of funds have become available for utilization under the PHARE Program:

**PHARE/Marcellus Shale**—Act 13 of 2012 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee) provided a source of funds to be administered through the PHARE Program. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to mitigating the impacts of the Marcellus Shale's Development on housing. Funding is made available to counties that have unconventional gas wells in the Marcellus Shale region, through an annual RFP process.

Contact – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924 or [www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx)

**PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax (RTT)**—Act 58 of 2015 provided a process whereby RTT funds may become available to be administered through the PHARE Program. PHARE will receive an allocation of funds equal to 40 percent of the increase in RTT collections for the prior fiscal year, in any year where RTT collections surpass \$447.5 million (the certified estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014). Funds made available to the PHARE Program are currently capped at \$40 million annually. Funding will be made available statewide through an annual RFP process.

Contact – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924 or [www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx)

**PHARE/National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**—The federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established the NHTF to provide resources for the development, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing for very and extremely low households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the commonwealth. The initial round of funds were made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an

Contact – PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3867 or [www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx)

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annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws and through an annual RFP process.

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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.

Additional information regarding this program can be found at <https://renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp>

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**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.

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**Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS)**—A certified Community Development Financial Institution serving low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Philadelphia with loans and financial products for home improvement mortgages. The Philadelphia Home Improvement Loan (PHIL) provides interest rates of 3 percent and 5 percent based on income and terms up to 20 years. The Mini-PHIL Loan provides low-interest rates as well with terms up to 10 years.

Contact—Denise Jefferson, Loan Officer for more information and up-to-date interest rates and terms at 215-476-4205 or view PNHS website: [www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm](http://www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm)

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**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.

For more information, go to [www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/) click on “Hot Topics” and scroll down to Quick Start Housing Resources to begin your search by county.

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**U.S. Rural Development Agency (USDA)**—This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500.

If you live in a rural area, contact the state office at 1-800-670-6553 and ask for help in determining which regional office you should contact or use the web and go to the regional office directly [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

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**Weatherization**—This county or regional program provides grants for specific energy efficiency and heat-related repairs.

Local weatherization programs can be found by using the search function at [www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx](http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx)

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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.

To contact your local AAA use the search function on the Pennsylvania Department of Aging website [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or find the local number directly by using the blue pages of your phone book.

**Centers for Independent Living (CILs)**—Nonprofit organizations that serve throughout Pennsylvania, each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provides four core services including information and referral, advocacy, peer mentoring and independent living skills training. CILs can offer home evaluations and help you find resources to pay for home modifications and assistive technology.

To locate your local CIL, go to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) website at <http://pasilc.org/independent-living/find-a-cil/>

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** – This organization assists/supports veterans and service members. The VA has three types of grants available:

**The Specially Adapted Housing Grant (SAH)**—currently limited to \$64,960, is generally used to create a wheelchair-accessible home.

For more information about grants and other adaptive housing programs, contact a local VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. Additional program information and grant applications (VAF-26-4555) can be found at [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/)

**The Special Housing Adaptations Grant (SHA)**—currently limited to \$12,992, is generally used to assist veterans with mobility throughout their homes due to blindness in both eyes, or the anatomical loss or loss of use of both, hands or extremities below the elbow.

**The Temporary Residence Adaptation Grant (TRA)**—is available to eligible veterans and seriously injured active duty service members who are temporarily living or intend to temporarily live in a home owned by a family member.

For more information on the TRA grant go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

**PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)**—PATF can help people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians get the assistive technology they need through low and no-interest financial loans, information and assistance about possible funding resources; and financial education through various publications and individual counseling.

Additional information regarding PATF's services can be found at <https://patf.us/>

**Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP)**—This nonprofit organization works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. SDHP promotes self-determination and control in the field of accessible housing by providing outreach to social service organizations, conducting fair housing education and trainings across multiple counties, performing home modifications on behalf of low-income individuals with disabilities, and providing educational programming to all consumers with disabilities with the knowledge to become more informed home owners and renters. As the waitlist administrator for the 811 PRA waitlist, SDHP builds stakeholder participation, refers eligible applicants and reports the transition of 811 participants.

For more information, call 1-877-550-7347 or view their website at [www.sdhp.org/](http://www.sdhp.org/)

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### FOR PROGRAMS AND/OR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND/OR PERSONS DISABILITIES:

**Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program (811 Program)**—The 811 Program provides rental assistance to extremely low-income persons ages 18-61 with disabilities at participating developments throughout the Commonwealth. Funding for this program is made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PHFA and the Department of Human Services (DHS) jointly administer these funds in an effort to encourage supportive independent living.

Contact—Kristin Nagel at 717-780-3816 or [Knagel@phfa.org](mailto:Knagel@phfa.org)  
Additional information is available at [www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/)

**Department of Aging and 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**—AAAs provide a wide variety of non-medical, social services, and support that make it possible for people to remain in their homes and communities.

Locate a local AAA by visiting [www.aging.pa.gov/local-esources/Pages/AAA.aspx](http://www.aging.pa.gov/local-esources/Pages/AAA.aspx)

**Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)**—This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash.

For more information regarding this program, contact a HECM counselor at 1-800-569-4287. For an approved FHA lender, view HUD's website at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov). To receive additional information on Reverse Mortgages, contact the National Council on Aging's counseling entity at 1- 855-899-3778 or view the AARP website at [www.aarp.org/revmort](http://www.aarp.org/revmort).

**Department of Human Services (Office of Long Term Living)**—Counselors are available to provide information and referrals to local agencies that can offer assistance with planning and arranging long term care and services.

Contact the Long-Term Care Helpline at 1-800-753-8827 or visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/index.htm)

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**—This organization offers grants to individuals diagnosed with MS. The grant amount depends on circumstances. There are no income or age guidelines. Examples of funding: assistive technology, home/vehicle modification, or paying for services such as physical therapy/occupation; speech therapy.

Call 1-800-344-4867, option 1 for MS Navigator or [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) to find a chapter.

**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**—The program benefits income-eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older by providing rebates on property taxes and rent paid in the previous year. Additional information and applications are available at Department of Revenue district offices, Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers or state legislators' offices.

For more information visit [www.revenue.pa.gov/GeneralTaxInformation/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx#](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/GeneralTaxInformation/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx#)

**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.

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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### FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

**Community Action (CA)**—These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

To locate your local agency, call 717-233-1075 or view <http://thecaap.org/our-members/pa-community-action-agencies.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.

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)

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**—LIHEAP assists low income households with paying their heating bills through cash grants, sent directly to the utility company, and crisis grants for households in immediate danger of being without heat. Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and Area Agencies on Aging.

For more information, call the statewide hotline at 1-866-857-7095 or visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm). Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants can be completed online through the Compass website [www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome)

**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**—This state agency is responsible for helping persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and keep employment. Services may include diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, guidance and counseling, restoration, rehabilitation technology, training and placement. OVR helps individuals develop job-seeking skills and locate employment opportunities. OVR may pay for home modifications and assistive technology that are directly supporting an individual's return to paid employment.

For further information, contact 800-442-6351 or view their website at [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx)

**Sustainable Home Improvement Partnership (SHIP)**—This initiative supports repairs and weatherization to the homes of veterans, seniors and disabled residents. You may apply to receive home repair and weatherization services if you live in the Pittsburgh communities of Larimer, Homewood, East Liberty or Garfield. Available services include handicapped accessibility upgrades, weatherization, health and safety upgrades, plumbing, electrical, and utility improvements, structural integrity upgrades and homeowner counseling services.

For more information about how you can access services, contact Bill Vandivier at 412-931-6996 Extension 6510 or [BVandivier@chfmanor.org](mailto:BVandivier@chfmanor.org)

## **PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

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**Humanities Grants**—The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) is an independent partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and part of a network of 56 state humanities councils that spans the nation and U.S. jurisdictions. Today, across the commonwealth, PHC puts the humanities in action to create positive change, through programs, grants, and special projects focused on strengthening education and civic engagement. Among its core programs, PHC's Teen Reading Lounge is an award-winning, interactive book discussion series that encourages teens ages 12-18 to read and talk about popular young adult literature. The Pennsylvania Heart & Soul program supports humanities-focused approaches to community development in partnership with the Orton Family Foundation.

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### **PENNVEST LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES AND GRANTS**

**Advance Funding Program**—Low-Interest loans and possible supplemental grants to pay for design of improvements to water or wastewater systems.

**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).

**Federal CWSRF resources**

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund

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**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 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 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

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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**—In its 1988 session, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act (March 1, 1988, P.L. 82, No. 16), which was subsequently amended in 1992 (December 18, 1992, 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.

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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. 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.

**FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** PENNVEST will allocate available Commonwealth/PENNVEST revolving loan program recycled funds.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** SPI funds are available to public or private entities implementing small eligible projects. Small projects are defined as projects serving communities with a population of 12,000 people or less or projects having hookups of 1,000 or less, or projects involving an agriculture operation.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS :** Under the SPI, eligible applicants are permitted to request \$500,000 or less from PENNVEST, including contingency. Total project costs at time of award may not exceed \$1,000,000. Requests for funding under the SPI are not eligible for PENNVEST extended term bond purchases, grant awards or principal forgiveness loans. All project types defined in the PENNVEST Act are eligible for participation in the SPI except that land acquisition, silvicultural and projects with land conservation easements are not eligible for funding under the SPI program. Those projects may submit application to PENNVEST for funding under the traditional PENNVEST program and if ranked sufficiently may be brought before the Board for consideration. Applicants must have all environmental permits in hand at time of application, if applicable. The cost of any SPI project will be based on planning estimates. Any funding increase request in excess of \$500,000 must be submitted to the PENNVEST Board of Directors in accordance with standard protocols for increase requests.

**LOAN INTEREST RATES, TERMS AND OTHER CONDITIONS:**

The maximum term of loans under this initiative will be interest only for the construction period, not to exceed three (3) years, followed by a twenty (20) year principal and interest repayment term. Interest rates on loans will be at the allowable county maximum rates, as defined in section 10(f) of the PENNVEST Act. If a project qualifies for consideration of either an extended term bond purchase, a grant award or a principal forgiveness loan the

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applicant may qualify for an interest rate reduction or choose to withdraw the application from the SPI and submit the application for consideration under the traditional PENNVEST program.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** All applications will be received electronically through the PENNVEST portal and processed through traditional workflow with the objective of rendering a decision from staff within two (2) weeks of submittal. Staff may, in its sole discretion or upon request of the applicant, move a project to the traditional program for full consideration by the PENNVEST Board of Directors.

**TERMS THAT DO NOT APPLY:** Davis Bacon Wage Rates, Architectural and Engineering Services Requirements, American Iron and Steel Requirements, Uniform Environmental Review Requirements, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements, Fiscal Sustainability Plan Requirements

**TERMS THAT DO APPLY:** Steel Products Procurement Act Requirements "Or Equal" Bidding Requirements, Cost Effectiveness Requirements

### **DISBURSEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS**

Loan funds will be disbursed to the borrower on a reimbursement basis. As the borrower incurs expenses and receives bills for eligible activities, the borrower will prepare and submit a payment request to PENNVEST in accordance with established policies and procedures for PENNVEST's funds disbursement process. Thereafter, the borrower will receive the funds electronically as a reimbursement for costs incurred.

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### **PENNVEST Programmatic Financing (Pro Fi) Guidance—**

Programmatic Financing ("Pro Fi") is an innovative financing vehicle that better aligns PENNVEST funding with the needs of utilities. Pro Fi shifts the traditional project-specific lending strategy to one that is more congruent with the utility planning model, matching the funding approval to the annual (or multi-year) cash flow needs of the utility. Instead of issuing a binding commitment for a certain dollar amount for a single project, a Pro Fi funding package funds a Capital Improvement Plan (in entirety or in part) for a group of drinking water or wastewater projects so long as each individual project or phase of projects is eligible and prepared in compliance with program requirements. By shifting from short-term project financing to long-term program financing, as many larger private and government-owned utilities typically implement for infrastructure needs, the Pro Fi program: 1) helps PENNVEST develop strong, lasting relationships with such entities as repeat borrowers; 2) allows PENNVEST to extend program subsidies to benefit residential customers in these larger systems; and, 3) ensures long-term funding is available to facilitate timely replacement of deteriorating infrastructure. The White Paper approved by the PENNVEST Board at its July 17, 2019, Board Meeting authorizing Pro Fi is attached in Appendix A, following the form used for the recommendation to PENNVEST for Pro Fi projects from the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP").

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**FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** No special appropriation has been budgeted for this initiative. PENNVEST will make funding available from its existing budgeted funds.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Applicants may be either public or private entities who are otherwise eligible for PENNVEST programs.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS :** All projects otherwise eligible for financing under the State Revolving Fund and have an approved Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") enacted by its governing body. In addition to funding traditional drinking water or wastewater projects through Pro Fi, PENNVEST can fund stormwater projects, green infrastructure projects, conservation easements and other types of restoration projects for wetlands, streambanks, and watersheds through a non-point source Pro Fi funding award.

**LOAN INTEREST RATES, TERMS AND OTHER CONDITIONS:** Pro Fi funding awards are all loan at county cap rates with a 20-year repayment term. Pro Fi projects are not eligible for grant or principal forgiveness awards. If applicants want to be considered for grants, principle forgiveness, and/or an extended term, then an application must be submitted under the traditional PENNVEST funding program.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** All applications shall be submitted through the PENNVEST Portal and processed through traditional workflows. Additionally, the following will apply:

PENNVEST, DEP, and DCED will rank all applications on the entire scope of the program that includes all project phases included in the application;

Environmental Assessments may be completed by each phase when applicable. All permits and environmental clearances need to be done for the first phase to be considered by the Board;

Funding requests should fall within a 3 year time period of a CIP and should contain the total dollar amount requested, the maximum dollar value per year, and the number of years the request covers. Example 1: \$150M over 3 years with a maximum of \$50M per year. Example 2: \$100 M over 3 years with \$50M year 1, \$25M year 2, and \$25M year 3;

Applicants shall include in their funding request:

- A. A copy of the adopted CIP with the anticipated projects for funding identified;
- B. Documentation that the CIP has been approved by the entity's governing body; and,
- C. A copy of the resolution, ordinance, or other action authorizing the Pro Fi funding request;

The PENNVEST Project Specialist responsible for the application shall designate the project as a Pro Fi project during the Ranking and Review phase of application consideration;

Pro Fi projects will not be eligible for Letters of No Prejudice;

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Pro Fi projects will not be eligible for changes to the scope of the project;

PENNVEST Project Specialists will label project documents according to phase for ease of identification and processing;

PENNVEST will conduct its cost effectiveness analysis for all phases in the funding request prior to approval of a Pro Fi application; and,

Pro Fi projects must satisfy all federal application and funding requirements to be considered by the PENNVEST Board.

**SUBSEQUENT PHASES:** PENNVEST Project Specialists will coordinate the review and processing of subsequent phases for a Pro Fi project and will coordinate notifying the supporting agencies and PENNVEST staff when subsequent phases are ready for settlement.

To satisfy permitting and environmental approval requirements for subsequent phases of Pro Fi projects, DEP will complete and upload the form attached hereto as Attachment I to the traditional Ranking and Review Documents tab under the DEP review section.

**OTHER ITEMS:** The ProFi will be listed in the Intended Use Plan for the total amount approved and in the Project Priority List for the total amount requested.

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**Act 85**—The PLCB released the first biennial report to the General Assembly on underage and dangerous drinking in trends of underage consumption, existing state prevention programs and science-based proven prevention strategies that could impact future programming. This report was delivered to the General Assembly in the spring of 2019.

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For more information about all the listed resources, please contact the Bureau of Alcohol Education at 1-800-453-7522 or email [ra-lbeducation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-lbeducation@pa.gov).

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**Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest**—This contest challenges students in grades K-12 to create a poster about the facts, consequences and alternatives to underage drinking and/or drinking and driving. The winning entries and student artists are honored in a ceremony in Harrisburg. Some of their designs are reproduced by the PLCB throughout the year and disseminated to schools and the public.

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**Website**—A section of the PLCB website is dedicated to alcohol education and provides information and resources to the public. Parents, students, professionals and licensees can check out the latest statistics, find county resources, research current alcohol-related laws, order prevention materials through PLCB+, and link to state and national organizations working to address underage and high-risk alcohol consumption.

Visit [www.lcb.pa.gov](http://www.lcb.pa.gov), then click Education.

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**Know When. Know How.**—Know When. Know How. is a statewide, research-based education and prevention campaign targeted to Pennsylvania parents of children ages 8 through 12. The objective of the campaign is to prevent underage drinking by providing information and tools for parents so they can engage their children in discussion before trial or use of alcohol begins.

[www.knowwhenknowhow.org](http://www.knowwhenknowhow.org)

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**Conference**—Each year, the Bureau of Alcohol Education hosts or sponsors a statewide conference for prevention personnel from law enforcement, colleges, communities and schools. The conference offers a venue to share the latest information on prevention strategies and innovative programs that have made a difference in communities across Pennsylvania.

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**Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking Grants**—Grants are awarded biannually to Pennsylvania colleges, universities, municipalities and community organizations for environmental management strategies to address the issues of underage and binge drinking. This includes funding for such things as establishing campus and community coalitions, reducing the availability of alcohol, increasing enforcement efforts and creating a local environment that reduces excessive and underage consumption of alcohol.

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**Exhibits**—PLCB staff attends and/or provides materials for various events, such as health fairs, conferences, legislator events, etc. The goal is to educate the public about the consequences of underage and dangerous drinking and to make them aware of the resources we have available for them.

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**Facebook**—The Bureau of Alcohol Education has a Facebook page to keep stakeholders apprised of PLCB initiatives and share news and information about issues relating to alcohol. Search for us at PLCB Alcohol Education.

**Prevention Materials**—The PLCB develops and disseminates numerous alcohol education materials. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and materials are distributed. More than 200 different items (including brochures, posters, stickers, pencils and coloring sheets) are available free of charge to Pennsylvania residents. Most items are printed in house by the PLCB Graphics Department. Materials are developed based on current trends or the needs of our target populations and regularly updated.

**Public Service Campaigns**—The PLCB uses various media – television, radio, online, outdoor and print – to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues.

**RAMP**—The Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) was created by the PLCB to help licenses and their employees serve alcohol responsibly. RAMP offers practical advice for licenses operating restaurants, hotels, clubs, distributors and even special occasion permit holders.

**Training/Technical Assistance**—The PLCB continues to coordinate statewide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics. One of the trainings is the Resident Assistant Training available at no charge to institutions of higher education. This nationally recognized program teaches those on the front lines of colleges and universities how to prevent and deal with underage and dangerous drinking on campus. The PLCB also helps communities create comprehensive coalitions to address underage and dangerous drinking.

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Materials can be ordered through PLCB+ or printed online by going to [www.lcb.pa.gov](http://www.lcb.pa.gov), clicking on Education, then PLCB+.

Call 1-866-275-8237 for more information.

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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.

**Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)**—Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness with technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs.

**Plastics Training Academy**—Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

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Contact—Pennsylvania State University  
Phone—814-865-0427  
Website—**www.penntap.psu.edu**

Contact—Pennsylvania State University  
Phone—814-898-6103  
Website—**Plastics Training Academy | Penn State Behrend (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 Commissions Office of Communications offers an online Electric and Gas Supply Shopping tool for consumers through **www.PAPowerSwitch.com** and **PAGasSwitch.com**. Both websites allow consumers to enter their zip code to see the competitive offers and prices available in their area. Other features include: a Spanish language companion site, consumer alerts emails, weekly updates on suppliers and prices available; a printable version of the zip code-searchable supplier list; brochures and ways to save energy are available on the website, and this information can be mailed upon request.

PAPowerSwitch and PAGasSwitch are just some of the many educational tools the PUC offers. PUC fact sheets, brochures, speaking engagements, roundtable discussions and conferences are other successful ways to help consumers shop wisely for utility services or learn about energy assistance programs and are conducted by our Senior Communications Specialists, Shari A. Williams at 215-560-6901, [shariwilli@pa.gov](mailto:shariwilli@pa.gov) - Christina Chase-Pettis at 717-772-8884, [cchasepett@pa.gov](mailto:cchasepett@pa.gov) and Information Specialist, Juanita Gale at 412-423-9313, [jgale@pa.gov](mailto:jgale@pa.gov).

For more information or to schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training, consumer education event, presentation or speaking engagement, please contact our specialist directly.

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To find more information on upcoming events, check out the Consumer Education Events Schedule on the web at **[www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer\\_ed/consumer\\_ed\\_events.aspx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/consumer_ed_events.aspx)**.

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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.

**Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)**—LIURP helps low-income residential customers lower the amount of electricity or natural gas used each month. Typically, the company may install energy saving features in your home to help reduce bills. For example, a smaller bill means your payment covers a greater portion of the bill or perhaps covers the whole bill.

*Assistance Qualifications—Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows the income level customers must meet for CAP. The income levels are slightly higher for LIURP, CARES and Hardship Funds. Customers who meet these limits, should call their local electric or natural gas company for details to see if you qualify. Each company's toll-free number is listed below.*

### 2020 Household Size Monthly Income:

• 1 person	\$1,595	6 persons	\$4,395
• 2 persons	\$2,155	7 persons	\$4,955
• 3 persons	\$2,715	8 persons	\$5,515
• 4 persons	\$3,275	For each additional person, add \$560	
• 5 persons	\$3,835		

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** LIHEAP is a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to pay energy bills. In Pennsylvania, LIHEAP is administered by the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) and consists of three components:

- **Cash Benefits:** Helps low-income customers pay their home energy bill.
- **Crisis:** Helps low-income customers meet home emergency situations and restore services if service has been shut off.
- **Weatherization:** Helps qualified low-income customers reduce their energy consumption through home improvements.

NOTE: Low-income customers who qualify for Cash and Crisis can receive both. Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on DHS’ website at [www.dhs.pa.gov](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 impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886).

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Utility (Electric and Gas)	Utility Assistance Programs	LIHEAP Referral
West Penn Power—formerly Allegheny Power (LIPURP)	800-207-1250	Refer directly to county assistance office
Duquesne (CAP)	888-393-7600	Refer directly to county assistance office
Met-Ed (PCAP)	800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
PECO (CAP Rate)	800-744-7040	800-34HELP4 (344-3574)
Penelec (PCAP)	800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
Penn Power (PCAP)	800-720-3600	Refer directly to county assistance office
PPL (OnTrack)	800-358-6623	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI-Electric (CAP)	800-844-9276	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Columbia (CAP)	800-537-7431	800-272-2714
Peoples Natural Gas (CAP)	800-400-9276 (WARM)	800-400-9276 (WARM)
Equitable (CAP)	877-577-8735	800-644-8090
NFG (LIRA)	800-365-3234	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Penn Natural Gas (CAP)	800-490-8605	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
PGW (CRP)	215-235-1000	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Central Penn Gas (CAP)	800-652-0550	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Peoples TWP (EHF)	866-276-4055	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI – Gas (CAP)	800-844-9276	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

Utility (Water)	Utility Assistance Programs
Pennsylvania American Water (H2O-Help to Others)	888-282-6816
Administered by Dollar Energy Fund and Conservation Consultants	877-346-7384
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	Bucks County 215-785-3296
	Delaware County 610-874-8451
	Delaware County 610-874-8451 or (Wed. only) 610-583-9133
	Montgomery County 610-277-6363
	Northumberland County 570-644-6570
	All other counties and for all questions 800-360-2998
York Water Cares (YWC)	800-750-5561 or 717-845-3601
United Water (UW CARES)	Cumberland/Dauphin Counties 717-564-3662
	Columbia/Luzerne/Perry/Schuylkill/Wyoming/York 888-299-8972

To view each utility’s Universal Service Plan in detail please go to:

[www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer\\_ed/energy\\_asst\\_progs.aspx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/energy_asst_progs.aspx) 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 was the first, and remains the largest, urban research park in the United States. The Science Center offers a menu of commercialization programs that support innovative companies and science research projects across Pennsylvania.

Since 2009, the QED Proof-of-Concept Program has offered academic researchers the mentoring, business advice, and funding they need to commercialize their early-stage life science and healthcare technologies. Support includes business mentorship to help researchers develop a proof-of-concept funding plan and investor pitch, tailored advice from legal and regulatory specialists, and access to industry experts and investors. Up to three projects a year are competitively selected from the annual QED cohort to receive bridge funding and further business guidance, to help the scientists implement their proof-of-concept plans over 12 months. The Science Center selects technologies that have clear product potential in the life science and healthcare markets.

The program is administered through the Technology Transfer Office of each partner research organization. QED's partner research organizations represent over ninety percent of the Greater Philadelphia region's life science research organizations, including the following: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Drexel University, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Lankenau Institute for Medical Research, Lehigh University, Monell Chemical Senses Center, Moravian College, The Pennsylvania State University (including the College of Medicine and the Hershey Medical Center), Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania, University of the Sciences, Widener University and The Wistar Institute.

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For more information on Science Center programs, please visit us at [www.sciencecenter.org](http://www.sciencecenter.org)

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**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)**— The catalog is 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.

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The website allows the user to search by type of assistance, deadlines and requirements. Or use the direct grant site at **[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**



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