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Dear Community Leader:

I am pleased to share the latest edition of the Pennsylvania Grant and Resource Directory. The directory was updated throughout the past year and includes new grant programs that have opened.

While the directory is not a comprehensive list of all government programs, it is a snapshot of the popular and helpful state grants and other resources available in our Commonwealth.

If you need more information about a particular program, I encourage you to visit the agency's website for the most up-to-date information or contact my office. I hope that you find the 2022 Pennsylvania Grant and Resource Directory helpful in your good works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna E. McClinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joanna" being the most prominent.

Joanna E. McClinton
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INTRO

1. **Determine your need.** Draft a plan and circulate for input.
2. **Research and find opportunity.** Search or browse websites, catalogs and private foundations for potential grants. This may require some creative thinking. Gather facts and figures to support your need. Often, grant solicitations will describe what they do not want, but will not fully explain what they will accept.
3. **Locate the grant contact person or website.** Once you have identified potential funding sources, inquire with the grant contact to learn the application process and how best to present your request in a way that maximizes the chances of award selection.
4. **Write proposal.** Learn how to write grant proposals and incorporate the decision makers' terms, best interests or focus.
5. **There are seven basic components to a proposal:**
 1. introduction of the organization
 2. summary of the project or need
 3. problem/needs assessment
 4. project objective
 5. project design
 6. funding needs and project budget
 7. project evaluation or review
6. **Review and edit the grant application(s).**
7. **Check regularly.** Keep records, follow up as needed, and thank everyone for their help. Sign-up for notifications and check websites weekly for updates and new grant postings.

How Your Representative Can Be of Further Assistance

- Partner or coordinate with local governments or regional groups on a shared goal or goals.
- Direct the applicant to websites, contact persons, and grant writing sources.
- Write letters of support.
- Follow up with grant sources to ascertain status of the grant.

Department of Aging

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.

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.

PA MEDI

Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI, is the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Trained counselors provide free, objective information to help Medicare beneficiaries, those nearing Medicare eligibility and their families and caregivers to explore their Medicare choices. The program helps individuals understand their health insurance options in order to make informed decisions about their health care coverage. PA MEDI counselors are thoroughly trained in Medicare and can also provide local, un-biased, personalized information about Medicaid, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D prescription drug plans, financial assistance programs, and long-term care insurance. Counselors also understand Medicare rights and protections and can assist beneficiaries file Medicare appeals. Contact: PA MEDI Helpline is 1-800-783-7067 Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM. All services are free and confidential. More Information: your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550 or visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling/Pages/default.aspx>.

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 the primary caregiver for, and related by blood, marriage or adoption to, a child under the age of 18. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

For more information, visit aging.pa.gov or contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

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 belonging and independence in their own home.

More Information: visit aging.pa.gov or contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

Health & Wellness Program

The Department of Aging's Health & Wellness Program is designed to educate and enable older Pennsylvanians, through evidence-based programs, to remain healthy and improve their quality of life. The program focuses on key wellness areas, including exercise, nutrition, chronic conditions, falls/injury prevention, medication management and behavioral health. A variety of free health and wellness programs and activities are available in your local community. More Information: your local Area Agency on Aging or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550 or go to

<https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/health-wellness/Pages/default.aspx>

Senior Community Centers

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

- Nutrition services such as:
 - Congregate meal services
 - Nutrition education
 - Nutrition screening and counseling

- Fitness and well-being classes
- Educational programs for creative instruction, self-enrichment and independent living
- Volunteering opportunities

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

- Providing information, referral and outreach
- 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

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 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. More information: The department's nutrition programs, call 717-783-1550.

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.

More Information: contact local Area Agency on Aging, go online to www.aging.pa.gov or call 717-214-6716.

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 believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned may call the 24/7 elder abuse hotline: 800-490-8505. The reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

Contact: the department's Older Adult Protective Services program, call 717-772-4679.

OPTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

- Personal Emergency Response System
- Specialized Medical Transportation

*Not all services are available in every county.

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

More Information: apply for OPTIONS services, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Pennsylvania's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program works to resolve complaints and issues on behalf of individuals residing in long-term care settings, such as nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and personal-care homes. Ombudsmen empower residents by educating them on their rights under federal and state law and advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves, to ensure that they receive the highest quality of care. They also work to bring about change that improves care at the local, state, and national levels.

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

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.

More Information: apply, call 866-712-2060 or visit 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. Anyone without PACE coverage or government-funded health insurance, including Medicare, can apply by calling 800-955-0989.
- Pennsylvania Prescription Price Finder – Anyone can access this free department-maintained resource that lists local prices on commonly used drugs, local pharmacy listings, information on low-cost generics, and drug information materials. To access the information, simply call 800-835-4080 or visit www.parxpricefinder.com.

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.

More Information: contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

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.

More Information: please call the PA Link Call Center: 800-753-8827.

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Department of Agriculture www.agriculture.pa.gov

Editor's note: At the time of printing some program deadlines have passed; however, programs may re-open. Please check the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for current dates.

Agricultural Product Promotion, Education, and Export Promotion Matching Grant

Who May Apply: Nonprofit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations.

Uses: To promote agricultural products, educate consumers, and grow export markets. This round will prioritize eligible projects that support the industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as projects that improve food security in the Commonwealth, including projects that improve access to nutritious food, decrease food waste in schools and other settings, and that leverage Federal, community and State resources through public-private partnerships.

Funds: Reimbursement matching grants. The department intends to make up to \$303,000 available for grants under the program.

Application Deadline: **August 6, 2021**

More Information: Can be found in the July 3, 2021 PA Bulletin notice at <http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol51/51-27/1045.html>.

Agricultural Hemp Promotion, Education and Export Promotion Matching Grant Program

Who May Apply: Nonprofit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations.

Use: Projects aimed at increasing sales, export or consumer awareness of Pennsylvania hemp products. Eligible projects may include regional or national promotion.

Funds: Reimbursement grants up to 50% of project costs. The minimum matching grant is \$1,000. A total of \$253,000 will be available statewide.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 5, 2021**

More Information: See the February 13, 2021, PA Bulletin at [Pennsylvania Bulletin \(pacodeandbulletin.gov\)](http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov).

Agritourism

Find ways to attract consumers to your agritourism operation.

Contact: Gwyn Rowland: growland@pa.gov, 717-783-8462 or www.visitpa.com

Beginning Farmer Tax Credit

This program allows the seller or lessor of agricultural land, equipment, buildings and livestock to a qualified "beginning farmer" to apply for and receive tax credits against the seller or lessor's Pennsylvania income tax obligations in the year of the sale or lease. To qualify as a beginning farmer, To qualify, a farmer must: (a) have farming income in no more than the ten most recent tax years; (b) possess demonstrated experience or transferable skill; (c) intend to provide the majority of labor and management; (d) show that farming will be a "significant source of income."

Contact: Phillip Stober at pstober@pa.gov

Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund

A grant designed specifically to provide Pennsylvania fairs with matching funds for capital improvement projects on fairgrounds.

Contact: Tracy Barone: tbarone@pa.gov 717-772-3094, or visit www.agriculture.pa.gov

Center for Poultry and Livestock Excellence Research Funding Program

Who May Apply: Entities working to strengthen and grow Pennsylvania's poultry, swine, lamb, sheep and goat farming industries.

Use: Research projects to enhance biosecurity, diagnostic testing, veterinary telemedicine and other strategies to prevent, detect and manage animal diseases and protect the food supply.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: A total of \$445,000 will be awarded statewide.

Application Deadline: **May 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM**

More Information:

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Documents/2020%202021%20Research%20Criteria%20-%203rd%20RFP.docx.pdf>

Crop Insurance Program

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. The Crop Insurance Program is a work in progress that may have new benefits for your farm on a year-to-year basis. Farmers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent to get the details or their local Farming Service Agency.

Contact: Christy Rebehn: RA-AgBusiness@pa.gov 717-409-0219

Land Trust Reimbursement Grant Program

An individual grant will reimburse a qualified land trust up to \$5,000 of expenses incurred in acquiring an "agricultural conservation easement," as defined in the Agricultural Area Security Law. Expenses include appraisal costs, legal services, title searches, document preparation, title insurance, closing fees and survey costs. A land trust must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and include the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements or other conservation easements in its stated purpose. An eligible land trust seeking reimbursement grants under the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Contact: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at 717-783-3167

Organic Cost Share Program

Reimbursement toward organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact: Michele Brookins at mbrookins@pa.gov 717-836-3973

Good Agriculture Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Cost Share Program

Reimbursement toward GAP/GHP certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact: Michele Brookins at mbrookins@pa.gov, 717-836-3973

PA Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Board Grants

Who May Apply: Higher education institutions, tourism and economic development organizations, nonprofits, private businesses, and others.

Uses: To conduct promotion, marketing, and research projects to increase quality and sale of malt and brewed beverages. Priority is being given to projects that will help support the Pennsylvania Beer Industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline: Concept papers and budget must be emailed to RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov by **February 26, 2021 at 4 PM**

Funding Source: State Stores Fund

More Information: Can be found in the January 16, 2021 PA Bulletin notice at Pennsylvania Bulletin (<http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/>).

PA Wine Marketing and Research Board Grants

Who May Apply: Higher education institutions, tourism and economic development organizations, nonprofits, private businesses, and others.

Uses: To conduct promotion, marketing, and research to enhance Pennsylvania's wine industry. Priority is being given to projects that will help support the Pennsylvania Wine Industry's recovery as it navigates and emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline: Concept papers and budget must be emailed to RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov by **February 26, 2021 at 4 PM**

Funding Source: State Stores Fund

More Information: Can be found in the January 16, 2021 PA Bulletin (<http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/>).

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.

Contact: Gwyn Rowland: growland@pa.gov, 717-783-8462 or www.visitpa.com

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.

Deadline: **No dates specified.**

Any for-profit small business with a net worth less than \$7.5 million and a net profit of less than \$2.5 million is eligible. One job must be created or in some cases retained for every \$50,000 of net SBA 504 funds in the project within two years of disbursement.

Contact: www.sba.gov

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

To increase the visibility and market share of Pennsylvania's produce, nursery, horticulture, and nut products; there are federal grants authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.

Contact: Morgan Sheffield: msheffield@pa.gov, 717-787-3568

Federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Who May Apply: State and local organizations, producer associations, academia, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders.

Use: Projects that will increase visibility and competitiveness of the state's horticultural specialty crops including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants and nursery crops.

Funding source: Federal Funds

Funds: Requests may be made for a minimum of \$20,000, provided the amount reasonably represents the cost of the intended project.

Application Deadline: Concept proposals due **July 30, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Specialty Crops Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](#)

State level Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

This program is under the PA Farm Bill and is aimed to increase the visibility and market share of specific crops not named under the Federal definition, such as hemp, hops, hardwood, and honey.

Who May Apply: State and local organizations, producer associations, academia, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders.

Use: To promote high-priority specialty crops (hemp, hardwoods, honey, hops; also barley, rye, and wheat for distilling, brewing, and malting) through projects like child and adult nutrition education, participation in international standard setting bodies, improving efficiency of distribution systems, good manufacturing and handling practices, research, development of seed varieties, and pest and disease control.

Funds: \$460,000 will be distributed in total, with 6.2% going to low income rural areas and 3.8% going to low income urban areas.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: Concept papers due **March 5, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](#).

Contact: Morgan Sheffield: msheffield@pa.gov, 717-787-3568

State Food Purchase Program

Grants to counties or a designated lead agency to purchase food to be provided to the needy. Grants are allocated based on unemployment, food stamp recipients not on public assistance, legal immigrants, medical assistance recipients, and households with earned income receiving assistance.

Contact: Sandy Hopple, 800-468-2433

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Direct Loans

Government-funded loans made by FSA. FSA also provides loan customers with supervision and credit counseling. Farm Ownership, Operating, Emergency, and Youth loans are the main types of loans available under the Direct program. Funds are also set aside each year for loans to minority applicants and beginning farmers.

No dates specified. Loan applicant must pay a credit report fee, lien searches (if loan is made), and filing and recording security instruments.

Contact: www.fsa.usda.gov/

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Guaranteed Loans

The loan provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

No dates specified. FSA charges a guarantee fee of 1 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This fee may be passed on to the borrower. Guarantee waived for: assistance loans; loans where more than 50 percent of the loan funds are used to pay off direct FSA loan debt; and loans in conjunction with down payment farm ownership loan program.

Contact: www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/

Urban Agriculture Grant Program

The program provides funding in the form of a reimbursement grant to eligible applicants seeking to improve urban agriculture infrastructure in Pennsylvania. Two types of grants are available – collaboration (up to \$50,000) and microgrants (up to \$2,500).

More Information: Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov

Contact: Mike Roth, michroth@pa.gov

Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program

Who May Apply: An individual, partnership, association, business, or municipal government.

Use: Projects that grow agricultural infrastructure in urban food deserts to improve access to fresh, local food and provide opportunities for hands-on learning, community-building, and for people to become social entrepreneurs.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Micro-grants up to \$2,500 in matching funds for one-time projects or a single entity applicant. Collaboration grants up to \$50,000 in matching funds. A total of \$500,000 is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **April 16, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants \(pa.gov\)](http://Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants (pa.gov)).

Very Small Meat Processor Federal Inspection Reimbursement Grants

The program provides funding in the form of reimbursement for certain eligible costs incurred with meeting Federal inspection and certification guidelines during the planning and start up periods for a very small meat processor operating within the commonwealth.

More Information: Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov

Contact: Josh Scheinberg, jscheinber@pa.gov

Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program

Through the awarding of grants and the placing of conditions upon how grant moneys are to be spent, the Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program will fund eligible projects for agricultural and youth organizations in the Commonwealth. The grant program is competitive.

Who May Apply: Agriculture and youth organizations, such as FFA, 4-H, Ag in the Classroom, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and vocational education programs. Schools and school districts may also apply on behalf of an agriculture and youth organization.

Use: Educational programs, workforce development programs, seminars and field trips, agricultural safety training programs, capital projects, equipment purchases, and projects approved by the board, as well as projects addressing biosecurity and illness prevention and containment practices in agricultural and food production operations, food processing operations, and charitable food distribution networks.

Funds: Non-matching reimbursement grants up to \$7,500. For eligible capital projects and equipment purchases, matching reimbursement grants (50% match) up to \$25,000.

Funding source: General Fund

Application Deadline: **March 5, 2021**

More Information: Visit www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill

Contact: Sara Gligora, sgligora@pa.gov

Click on [Ag and Youth Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](http://Ag and Youth Grant Program (pa.gov)).

Farm to School Grant Program

Farm-to-School Program is to educate prekindergartners through fifth graders and their families about the importance of choosing healthy, locally produced foods and increase awareness of

Pennsylvania agriculture. Furthermore, the initiative should aid Pennsylvania farmers in gaining access to new markets within this Commonwealth. Any school district, charter school or private school with prekindergarten classes, a kindergarten program or elementary school classes through the fifth grade, that is located and operates within this Commonwealth, may apply for funding.

Who May Apply: School districts, charter schools, and private schools with pre-K or K-5 classes.

Use: To educate pre-kindergartners through fifth graders and their families about the importance of choosing healthy, locally produced foods through nutrition education in the classroom, field trips, and other activities. Projects must have a completion date of no later than June 30, 2021.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$15,000 per school. A 25% match is required; may be in-kind contributions. A total of \$500,000 is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **March 30, 2021**

More Information: Click on [Farm to School Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov/farm-to-school) or visit

www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill

Contact: Patrick Andrews, patriandrew@pa.gov

Farm Vitality Planning Grants

Who May Apply: Farmers and prospective farmers.

Use: Professional services to assist with business planning, efficient transitions of farm ownership, strategic farm expansion, product diversification, and financial and technical expertise in order to enhance the long-term vitality of PA farms.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grants up to \$7,500. Grants are limited to 75% of the total project cost. Up to \$1 million is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/Farm-Vitality-Planning-Program.aspx>

Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)

www.dced.pa.gov

Statewide Local Share Account

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities, municipal authorities, economic development agencies, redevelopment authorities, and non-profits (if they partner with any of the previous entities).

Use: To support projects that improve the quality of life of individuals in the commonwealth.

Funding Source: State Gaming Fund

Funds: Grant awards between \$25,000 and \$1,000,000.

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-statewide/>

Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program (AMDATP)

Act 13 of 2012 (Act of February 14, 2012 (P.L. 87, No. 13) (58 Pa. C.S. §2315(a) and (a.1)(1)(i)) establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for abandoned mine drainage abatement and treatment. Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) is one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania.

Billions of gallons of AMD impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth. The overall goal of the AMD Abatement and Treatment Program (AMDATP) is to restore and maintain restored stream reaches impaired by AMD and, ultimately, to remove these streams from the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Impaired Waters list. This may be accomplished by reclamation of abandoned mine lands to abate AMD and by treating AMD, either passively or actively. Another important goal of this program is to encourage the use of treated AMD for deep well hydrologic fracturing for oil and gas development. The primary focus of these grants is abatement of AMD and/or treatment of AMD through treatment facility system construction. Grants may also be awarded for treatment system repair, upgrade or operation and maintenance of existing passive and active treatment systems. Priority will be given to projects that treat AMD for use in oil and gas drilling operations.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

Act 47 – Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (MFRA)

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

Who May Apply: Financially distressed local governments.

Alternative and Clean Energy Program (ACE)

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

Who May Apply: Businesses, economic development organizations, political subdivisions; municipalities, counties and school districts.

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.

Use: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

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 \$5,000,000 in tax credits for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2019 and no more than \$6,000,000 for the taxable years beginning December 31, 2020.

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.

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.

Who May Apply: Ben Franklin Technology Partners, entrepreneurs, start-up & early-stage companies, established companies, investors, higher education, research and BFTP alumni companies.

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.

Use: industrial, commercial, and multi-use projects.

Business in Our Sites (BOS) Loans

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

Who May Apply: Municipalities, municipal authorities, redevelopment authorities, industrial development agencies, private developers.

City Revitalization & Improvement Zones

The City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) Program was created by Act 52 of 2013. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue (Revenue Department), the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Governor's Office of

Budget are tasked with administration of the CRIZ Program. These guidelines provide information for municipalities looking to apply to the CRIZ Program. A CRIZ is an area of up to 130 acres, comprised of parcels designated by a contracting authority, which will provide economic development and job creation within a political subdivision. State and local taxes collected within the CRIZ will be used to repay debt service to stimulate economic development projects within the CRIZ. The CRIZ Program also permits one pilot zone to be designated. A pilot zone is an area of not more than 130 acres designated by a contracting authority within a township or borough with a population of at least 7,000 based on the most recent federal decennial census. Program guidelines apply to both zones.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant provides grants to enable communities to effectively address local community development needs in smaller cities/communities and rural areas. (Urban counties and major cities are funded directly by HUD, not through DCED.) Funds are used for community development needs such as infrastructure, housing, and community facilities (senior centers, fire halls, recreational improvements). All activities must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income people, eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need.

Use: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: Units of local government, consortia and nonprofit entities in the 36 counties impacted.

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.

Who May Apply: federally recognized Community Action Agency.

Early Intervention Program (EIP) – See Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP)

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)

Tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization. Pass-through entities, such as S-Corporations, Partnerships, LLCs, etc., can now apply the same day as C-Corporations. Applications must be submitted electronically using DCED's Single Application for Assistance. See the business application guide on our website: 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.

Source: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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 allocation is \$4 million a year beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal 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.

Who May Apply: Post production expenses incurred at a Qualified Post production Facility. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

First Industries Fund (FIF)

The First Industries Fund is loan and loan guarantee 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.

Who May Apply: Businesses, non-profit business enterprise, non-profit organization engaged in tourism-related or agriculture-related activities.

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.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP)

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the CFA for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the (GTRP). Funding is used for projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

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).

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

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 and rehabilitation of housing units for affordable rental or homeownership opportunities; rehabilitation of owner-occupied dwelling units, assistance to first-time homebuyers, including acquisition and rehabilitation assistance; assistance to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) engaged in eligible CHDO rental or homeownership projects. All eligible uses must benefit very low-, low- and/or moderate-income households.

Who May Apply: Local governments that are not HUD participating jurisdictions; local government on behalf of private, non-profit and for-profit housing development corporations.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: Authorities that issue debt for Tax Increment Financing, redevelopment authorities, convention center authorities, including municipal authorities formed for the purpose of convention center activities.

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.

Who May Apply: Units of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, towns, and home rule municipalities), redevelopment and/or housing authorities, nonprofit organizations to include economic development organizations, housing corporations, etc., community development corporations, business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts, and similar organizations incorporated as authorities.

Keystone Communities Program Designations:**Elm Street Designation:**

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

Enterprise Zone Designation:

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

Keystone Community Designation:

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

Main Street Designation:

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

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 be 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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: Qualified businesses, property owners and residents. Qualified means you satisfactorily meet the necessary criteria listed in the Act and submit an annual application.

Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ)

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

Who May Apply: businesses located within a Keystone Special Development Zone.

Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCPL)

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

Who May Apply: Local governments with populations of 12,000 or less.

Local Share Assessment Fund (LSA) – (Gaming Funds)

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

Fayette County (DCED):

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

Luzerne County (CFA):

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

Monroe County (CFA):

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

Northampton and Lehigh Counties (CFA):

Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, economic development agencies and redevelopment authorities in Northampton and Lehigh Counties.

Philadelphia County (CFA):

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

Washington County (DCED):

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington (RACW) is the only eligible applicant. Interested entities should contact RACW regarding the local application process for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Manufacturing PA: Training-to-Career Grant Program (PMTTC)

This program will not duplicate existing programs such as WEDNet and Next Generation Industry Partnerships but is designed to help companies identify and train a skilled workforce while creating a workplace culture that allows the workforce to advance and the company to grow and compete in a competitive, global economy as a complement to existing programs. The grant funds may be used for professional services/consultants, internships, equipment purchase, shop modifications, domestic travel, salaries and fringes, and audit fees.

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania technical, trade schools, community colleges and nonprofit organizations.

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.

Who May Apply: Qualified taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs.

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.

Who May Apply: 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).

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).

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

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.

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.

More Information: For application dates and other important information regarding the program please visit our website at dced.pa.gov.

Who May Apply: Any private company with an investment located in an enterprise zone.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)

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

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.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

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.

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. Who May Apply: Municipalities and municipal authorities.

Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)

The Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) is designed to encourage regional coordination in economic development efforts, yielding superior customer service to the business community and a comprehensive, efficient statewide economic delivery strategy. PREP will provide grants to a consortia of economic development service providers that may co-locate, develop formal partnership agreements, or otherwise create a coordinated and performance-based service delivery system that ensures each inquiry or lead from a business or potential entrepreneur is referred to, and acted upon expeditiously by the appropriate service provider(s) in the region. 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).

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.

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: Activities for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry.

Who May Apply: Business, not-for-profits, schools, institutions of higher education.

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.

Who May Apply: All types of businesses and projects needing access to low-cost capital.

Eligible Applicants should apply through an Industrial Development Authority or Corporation.

Pennsylvania First (PA First)

Pennsylvania First is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. This is the principal closing fund used by GAT. Funds may be used toward Machinery/equipment; Job training; Infrastructure; Land and building

improvements; Environmental assessment/remediation; Acquisition of land, buildings, right-of-ways; Working capital and Site preparation.

Who May Apply: Businesses, municipalities, municipal authorities, redevelopment authorities, industrial development authorities or corporations, Local Development Districts.

Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)

The PIDA provides low-interest loans and lines of credit for eligible businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs and for the development of industrial parks and multi-tenant facilities. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for PIDA financing including manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export, and computer-related service enterprises.

Use: 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.

Who May Apply: A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for PIDA financing including manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export, and computer-related service enterprises.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)

The program provides low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction costs associated with publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment facilities and Brownfield site remediation.

Who May Apply: 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.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)

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

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)

The Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA) Program is designed to stimulate the creation, retention and expansion of minority-owned businesses and to create jobs in Pennsylvania. PMBDA provides low-interest loans to finance a portion of the costs of land, building, machinery and equipment, and working capital to minority business enterprises unable to fully finance these projects with equity, bank financing or other private and public sources.

Who May Apply: Non-profit business enterprises that are owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons residing within the commonwealth.

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

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

Who May Apply: Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) only.

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 \$1.5 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).

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.

Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program

This is a statewide program offering assistance to registered Apprenticeship Programs. The program's goal is to increase apprenticeship availability to Pennsylvania employers to assist them with their talent recruitment and development.

Who May Apply: A Single Employer, Employer Consortia, 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.

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).

Use: Maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reclamation, permanent breach, demolition, excavation, and engineering.

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

Who May Apply: Businesses qualifying for the federal research and development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania.

Contact: the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

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 \$50 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.

Who May Apply: Applicant or affiliate requesting a Rural Growth Fund designation must: be a licensed rural business investment company under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act or a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act; have invested at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in rural areas of the commonwealth or other states and be registered to do business in the Commonwealth.

Second Stage Loan Program

The Second Stage Loan Program offers Loan Guarantees for working capital for 2-7 yrs. 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.

Who May Apply: Banks that do business within Pennsylvania.

Section 108 Program

Section 108 enables states and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to obtain federally guaranteed loans to fund large economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities. Under Pennsylvania's initiative to use Section 108 the loans are guaranteed by the Commonwealth, committing the use of future CDBG funds to pay off the loan in case of default. Funding is used for a wide variety of activities associated with community or economic development, such as acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation, clearance, site preparation, special economic development activities, certain public facilities. Eligibility includes Loan Guarantees as security for federal loans and

Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities.

Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for statewide initiatives for complying with the Act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P. L. 1535, No. 537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organization, institution of higher education, watershed organization, for-profit businesses.

Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)

The Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans and lines of credit to small diverse businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs within the Commonwealth. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program.

Who May Apply: Manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export and computer-related service enterprises. The business must be certified by the PA Department of General Services (DGS) as a minority-owned, woman owned, veteran-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned business with 100 or fewer employees worldwide

Strategic Management Planning Program (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.

Who May Apply: PA Local Governments.

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.

Who May Apply: All municipalities and their authorities, including boroughs, townships, towns, counties and home rules that issue TIF bonds to fund local economic development projects.

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 Company 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.

Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding(UHSB)

This program provides grants to deploy middle-mile and last-mile high-speed broadband infrastructure to unserved areas in Pennsylvania. An unserved area is defined as a designated geographic area in which households or businesses do not have access to at least 25 megabits per second downstream speeds and 3 megabits per second upstream speeds.

Who May Apply: Any nongovernmental entity with the technical, managerial, and financial expertise to design, build and operate a high-speed broadband service infrastructure within Pennsylvania. The maximum grant amount of any project shall not exceed \$1 million or 75% of the total project costs, whichever is less.

Waterfront Development Tax Credit (WDTC)

This program provides tax credits to business firms who provide contributions to waterfront development organizations who are undertaking a waterfront development project. The program encourages private investment in waterfront property that creates public access to the water, increases property values, restores ecology and catalyzes further financial investment and job creation. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 75% of the total contribution made by a business firm during a taxable year.

Who May Apply: Business firms authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax , Mutual Thrift Tax, Surplus Lines Tax.

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).

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, watershed organizations, for-profit businesses.

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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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. The program is also referred to as Guaranteed Free Training Program or GFT.

[The Commonwealth Financing Authority \(CFA\)](#)

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) was established in 2004 as an independent agency of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to administer Pennsylvania's economic stimulus packages. The CFA holds fiduciary responsibility over the funding of programs and investments in Pennsylvania's economic growth. Unique among state agencies in structure and scope, the CFA consists of seven Board members: four legislative appointees and the secretaries of DCED, the Office of the Budget and Department of Banking and Securities. Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees.

Act 13 Grant Programs

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities and commonwealth agencies.

Use: To support initiatives that will include abandoned mine drainage abatement; abandoned well plugging; sewage treatment; greenways, trails and recreation; baseline water quality data; watershed restoration; and flood control.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Funds: Varies by program.

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/act-13-programs/>

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.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: 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.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$1,000,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/abandoned-mine-drainage-abatement-treatment-program-amdatp/>

Orphan and Abandoned Well Plugging (OAWP)

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Orphan or abandoned well plugging projects.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed a total of \$1,000,000.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: **May 31, 2022**

More information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/orphan-abandoned-well-plugging-program-oawp/>

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.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: To establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$250,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Dates: **May 31, 2022**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245. Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/baseline-water-quality-data-program/>

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, 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.

Who May Apply: 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.

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.

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.

Who Can Apply: Municipalities, redevelopment authorities, municipal authorities, industrial development authorities and private developers.

Use: For the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers, and others. Funds must be used on previously utilized or undeveloped sites which demonstrate substantial likelihood of future use after the property is made shovel ready. The program is designed to create an inventory of shovel-ready sites so projects must be speculative.

Funding Source: Business In Our Sites Program Account - loan repayments

Funds: Grants and loans. No maximum or minimum loan amount. However, the amount of the grant may not exceed \$4,000,000 or 40% of the total combined grant and loan award, whichever is less. Private developers are only eligible for loans.

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/business-in-our-sites-grants-and-loans-bos/>.

Energy Programs

The Alternate Energy Investment Act was signed into law in July 2008 and provides for grants and loans for clean and alternative energy projects including buildings, equipment and land development activities; grants and loans to individuals and small businesses for high-performance, energy-efficient building projects; grants and loans for geothermal and wind energy projects; and grants and loans for alternative energy production projects involving solar technologies. These Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) programs are managed within the DCED Office of Business Financing:

PROGRAMS

High Performance Building Program (HPB)

HPB 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 state.

Renewable Energy Program (REP)

REP provides financial assistance in the forms of grant and loan funds to promote the use of alternative energy (geothermal technologies and wind energy projects) in Pennsylvania.

Solar Energy Program (SEP)

SEP provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds to promote the use of solar energy in Pennsylvania.

Alternative & Clean Energy Program

ACE provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects in the state.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact Greg Welker at 717-787-6245 to discuss potential projects.

PA Dairy Investment Program

The Pa Dairy Investment Program was established under Act 38 of 2019 for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

Application period [for 2021 is July 1 to August 31](#). Interested applicants are encouraged to review the CFA website for updates.

First Industries Fund (FIF)

The First Industries Fund is loan and loan guarantee 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.

Who May Apply: Businesses, Non-Profit Business Enterprise, Non-Profit Organization engaged in tourism-related or agriculture-related activities.

Flood Mitigation Program (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. Applications will be accepted between February 1, 2021 and May 31, 2021.

Who May Apply: For-profit businesses, municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, watershed organizations.

Uses: Flood mitigation projects.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$500,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/flood-mitigation-program-fmp/>

Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP)

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the CFA for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the (GTRP). Funding is used for projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.

Who May Apply: For-profit businesses, municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, watershed organizations.

Uses: Projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$250,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information: Eligible applicants with questions should call 717-787-6245 or click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/>

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).

Who May Apply: 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.

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.
Who May Apply: Municipalities and municipal authorities.

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.

Who May Apply: Business, nonprofits, schools, institutions of higher education.

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.

Who May Apply: For-Profit Businesses, Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations.

Uses: Costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Funds: Grants shall not exceed a total of \$100,000. A match of at least 50% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information: 717-787-6245 or Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/sewage-facilities-program-sfp/>.

PA H2O PROGRAMS

Pennsylvania Water Projects and Programs

The H2O PA was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year and multi-year grants for the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects; the construction or renovation of flood control projects; and the repair or rehabilitation of high-hazard unsafe dams.

Applications will be available as determined by CFA.

PROGRAMS

Water and Sewer

The H2O PA Act

The Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008.

The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

High Hazard Dam

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the Commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities, or municipal authorities for High Hazard Unsafe Dams.

Flood Control

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the Commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities, or municipal authorities for flood control projects.

Statewide Local Share Account (LSA)

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities, municipal authorities, economic development agencies, redevelopment authorities, and non-profits (if they partner with any of the previous entities).

Use: To support projects that improve the quality of life of individuals in the commonwealth.

Funding Source: State Gaming Fund

Funds: Grant awards between \$25,000 and \$1,000,000.

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-statewide/>

Local Share Account (LSA)

As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), DCED and the CFA have developed program guidelines to distribute Local Share Account (LSA) funds generated in Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Washington counties. Eligible applicants and uses of funds vary by county/program.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Luzerne County

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), Luzerne County municipalities are eligible for funding for projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Monroe County

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), Monroe County and its five contiguous counties of Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne are eligible for funding for projects concerning the public interest, community improvement, economic development and roadway improvement.

Local Share Account (LSA) – Northampton and Lehigh Counties

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), the CFA has developed the program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Northampton and Lehigh Counties for projects concerning the public interest, community improvement, and economic development.

Multimodal Transportation Fund

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.

Applications will be received between [March 1st and July 31st of each year](#). All applications and all required supplemental information must be electronically submitted by close of business on July 31st for hopeful consideration at the November CFA board meeting. The required, complete one (1) hard copy of the application must be postmarked no later than July 31st.

Who May Apply: Municipalities, school districts, private businesses, nonprofits, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, railroad operators, port terminal operators.

Use: Development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities; streetscape; lighting; sidewalk enhancement; pedestrian safety; connectivity of transportation assets; and transit-oriented development.

Funding Source: Multimodal Transportation Fund

Funds: Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants shall not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project.

Application Deadline: [July 31, 2021](#)

More Information:

Click on <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/#.WJDKm3kzW70>

Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PENNWORKS) - Archived

Established by the General Assembly, subsequent to electorate referendum in May of 2004.

The program provides single- year or multiyear grants to municipalities and municipal authorities and loans to municipalities, municipal authorities, industrial development corporations and invest-owned water or wastewater enterprises for projects which construct, expand or improve water and wastewater infrastructure which are related to economic development. PENNWORKS has been archived.

Contact: DCED 1-866-466-3972 on availability.

Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRRP)

Who May Apply: For-profit businesses, municipalities, Councils of Governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, watershed organizations.

Uses: Projects which involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Funds: Grants shall not exceed \$300,000. A match of at least 15% of the total project cost is required.

Funding Source: Marcellus Legacy Fund

Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information:

Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/watershed-restoration-protection-program-wrpp/>

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.

While residents cannot apply directly for PIPE grants, projects that include residential areas as a beneficiary receive increased priority. The following organizations may submit PIPE grant applications:

- Economic Development Organizations
- Businesses
- Municipalities
- Hospitals
- School Districts

To learn more about the PIPE grant program, please contact Brian Eckert, Director of the Office of Business Financing's Site Development Division at breckert@pa.gov or 717-720-1400.

More Information:

Check CFA website on program availability as opportunities change as funding becomes available: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/stateparks/Pages/default.aspx>

DCNR Grants is an electronic grants system that provides one-stop shopping to the grantee community for all Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants. DCNR Grants standardizes the application process and provides an environmentally friendly way to submit a grant application to DCNR through a secure internet connection. Click the [Grant Opportunities](#) link to explore the various grant opportunities that are available and the details of each grant opportunity. Click the [Sign In](#) link to register and complete your application online.

BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

<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

REGIONAL OFFICES

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

Please refer to the website at <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx> for grant specifics and up-to-date information on each grant program.

North Central Field Office (Aristes)

Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union counties
Weiser Forest District 18
16 Weiser Lane
Aristes PA 17920
570-401-2465
Email: 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

717-702-2043

Email: lyeich@pa.gov;

717-702-2077

pnewdeck@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

610-746-5607

Email: lpossinger@pa.gov

610-746-5608

cdettore@pa.gov

Southeast Field Office (Philadelphia)

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties

3539 Waterstreet Road

Collegeville, PA 19426

610-489-1586

Email: agilchrist@pa.gov

Ridley Creek State Park

1023 Sycamore Mills Road

Media, PA 19063

610-892-3903

Email: 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

412-770-3775

Email: amattis@pa.gov

Northwest Field Office (Clarion)

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

158 S. Second Avenue

Clarion, PA 16214-2404

814-226-2329

Email: ewiley@pa.gov

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% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

Land Trust Projects

Land Trust grants are awarded to pre-qualified land trusts and conservancies to fund projects for open space and natural areas planning and acquisition. Priority is given to protecting critical habitat; creating connections to other natural, cultural, historic or recreational areas; protecting and enhancing water resources; and protecting climate-resilient landscapes. These grants require a 50% match via either cash or a land donation of equal non-cash values.

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

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.

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)

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

Uses: Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks, pools, indoor recreation facilities, playgrounds, motorized and walking trails, river conservation and access, stream buffers, open space conservation, and regional and statewide partnerships.

Funds: Most programs require a minimum cash or noncash matching contribution from the applicant that is equal to 50 percent of the project cost.

Funding Source: Multiple State and Federal Sources

Deadline: **April 6, 2022.** It is highly suggested that applicants speak with their DCNR Regional Advisor prior to applying:

http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocumentdocId=1753442&DocName=d_001184.pdf

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

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% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More Information:

http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/d_001241.pdf

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% of the total project cost must be related to trail activities

and/or trailside facilities. These grants require a minimum of a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

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% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More Information:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riverresourceprogram/riversconservation/index.htm

Snowmobile Projects

Who May Apply: Municipalities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations.

Use: Planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment, and educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Funds: No match required. However, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

Funding Source: Grant funding comes from ATV and Snowmobile registrations in the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

More Information: Click on <https://apps.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/> and choose "Grant Opportunities" and then "All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile."

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Projects

Who May Apply: Municipalities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations.

Use: Planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment, and educational programs related to ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Funds: No match required. However, applications that provide match funding will be given additional consideration.

Funding Source: Grant funding comes from ATV and Snowmobile registrations in the Snowmobile Management Restricted Account authorized by Act 97 of 2016.

More Information: Click on <https://apps.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/> and choose "Grant Opportunities" and then "All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile."

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 fulltime professional staff person.

More information: <https://apps.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

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% local cash match. Non-cash match is not accepted for peer-to-peer projects.

More information: <https://apps.brcgrants.dcnr.pa.gov/>

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

Who May Apply: Local firefighting entities in rural areas or communities with fewer than 10,000 residents.

Use: To support training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting brush and forest fires.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: Grants up to \$12,500

Application Deadline: **May 12, 2022**

More Information: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

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

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/VolunteerFireDepartmentResources/Pages/default.asp>

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.

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities, educational institutions, 501(3) (c) nonprofits, conservation districts, municipal authorities, individuals, state government agencies and for-profit businesses.

Use: Field research and on-the-ground conservation projects that protect Pennsylvania's non-game animals, native plants and their habitat. Grant applications will be accepted in three areas:

species surveys, conservation and management. Among this year's grant priorities are surveys and projects focusing on edible and medicinal plants, effects of fire management on wildlife, the checkered sculpin fish, and plant genetics.

Funding Source: Wild Resources Conservation Fund

Funds: Program will fund no more than 75% of a project's total cost. 25% match required – can be cash or in-kind services.

Contact: Call 717-787-3212, email RA-WRCP@pa.gov or visit [Wild Resource Conservation Program \(pa.gov\)](#)

Pennsylvania Environmental Council: PA Water Trails Mini-Grants

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations, municipalities, counties, and educational institutions – Applicants do not need to be the water trail's manager.

Use: Any project on or for a designated PA Water Trail is eligible. For a list of designated PA Water Trails, see [PA WATER TRAILS | pawatertrails](#).

Funds: Up to \$5,000. Grants require a 1:1 match.

Funding Source: Environmental Stewardship Fund

More Information: <https://www.pawatertrails.org/funding>

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)

<https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania's Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) was created under [Act 50 of 2010](#). Acting as the Single State Authority for substance use disorder (SUD) services since July 1, 2021.

DDAP is responsible for the administration of

- control
- prevention
- Intervention
- treatment
- rehabilitation
- research
- education, and
- training activities across all Pennsylvania state agencies.

DDAP allocates state and federal grant monies to the 47 drug and alcohol offices statewide, also known as Single County Authorities (SCAs). SCAs coordinate access to treatment, case management, and recovery support services at the local level.

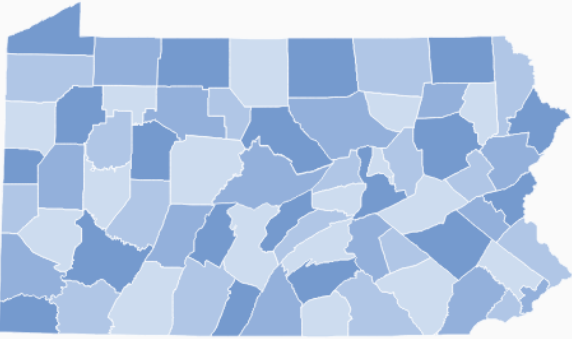
Single County Authority Licensed drug and alcohol treatment providers may contact their local SCA to find out if any grant opportunities are available. Please visit www.ddap.gov. Click on "County Drug & Alcohol Offices" under the Get Help Now tab at the top of the homepage.



[Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs](#) > [Get Help Now](#) > County Drug and Alcohol Offices

Find your county drug and alcohol office

Local treatment programs are administered through county drug and alcohol offices called Single County Authorities. These programs can help with treatment funding, assess the need for treatment or other services, and make referrals to match treatment and/or service needs.



Pennsylvania Counties

Select County ▼

If you need assistance in finding a treatment provider or funding for SUD treatment, please call DDAP's Get Help Now Hotline, 1-800-662-HELP (4357), which is operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You may also contact your local county drug and alcohol office.

Funding and Grants Process

DDAP provides treatment funding to individuals who do not have insurance or whose current insurance does not cover the necessary services.

Competitive Grant Process

A general overview of the standardized process DDAP follows when issuing, reviewing, and rewarding competitive grants to applicants is available by going to ddap.pa.gov, clicking on the Funding icon, then clicking on the Funding Opportunities button.

Information is available on:

- submitting an application.
- the review and scoring process.
- the approval process.
- notification of an award.

Federal Application Requirements

All potential agency applicants and sub-recipients for federal funding must have a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (a unique, nine-digit identification number for each physical location of your business) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM). Also, to receive funding from DDAP, the applicant agency must have a valid Commonwealth Vendor ID number. Learn the grants process for federal applicants.

To stay up-to-date with the latest funding announcements, contact the DDAP [Press Office](#) to join the listserv.

RELATED FEDERAL

Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs/Life Unites Us: Life Unites Us Community Award Grant Program

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations.

Use: To promote knowledge about substance use disorder (SUD) and reduce the stigma associated with addiction by sharing stories from individuals and family members living in recovery and broadcasting a message of hope throughout the state.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Awards range between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Application Deadline: **April 13, 2022**

More Information: <https://lifeunitesus.com/grant>

Department of Education www.education.pa.gov

Pennsylvania Department of Education: It's on Us

Who Can Apply: Public and private colleges, universities, and other post-secondary institutions.

Use: Programs and initiatives to increase awareness, education, and resources to combat sexual assault.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Applicants may apply for up to \$30,000 per institution.

Application Deadline: **October 20, 2021**

More Information: <https://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/Pages/Governor-Wolf's-It's-On-Us-PA-Grant-Program.aspx>.

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.

Who May Apply: Public school districts, charter schools, private schools, nonprofit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, and for-profit corporations.

Use: To establish community learning centers that provide academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and their families.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grant awards between \$50,000 and \$500,000.

Application Deadline: **February 10, 2022 (Notice of Intent to Apply) and March 25, 2022 (application due)**

More Information:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/21st%20Century%20Community%20Learning%20Centers/Pages/default.aspx>.

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.

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

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

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

Education of Migrant Laborers' Children

Supports programming for services to highly mobile interstate migrant students in Pennsylvania. Fund summer programs for migrant students in coordination with school districts in program sites with highly mobile interstate migrant students.

Application Deadline: **Continuation grants – non-competitive.**

Contact: PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

Education of Migratory 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

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018 (Perkins V)

The act re-authorizes the legislation through Fiscal Year 2025, for a total of six years. Perkins V provides flexibility to the states in developing and implementing their CTE programs to foster connections between programs and labor market demands and meet larger workforce education goals. Among the new provisions, the Act:

- promotes better alignment of CTE programs with State, regional, and local economic needs;
- expands career exploration and development activities to the middle grades;
- broadens the definition of "special populations" to include homeless individuals, foster youth, youth who have aged out of foster care, and students with parents in active military duty, and increases the amount of funds that can be spent on students in State institutions

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

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

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

Application Deadline: **August 31**

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

Professional Personnel Development Centers

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

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

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

Career and Technical Competitive 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**. Grant awards are contingent upon availability of funds and must score 80 points or above on the quality review.

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

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

Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants

The purpose of the 2020-21 Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that meet industry standards. Funds must be used to purchase equipment that: (a) supports student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs; (b) meets industry standards; (c) costs \$3,000 or more per unit; and (d) has been recommended by the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) with a recommendation date that is PRIOR to submission. If funds remain after purchases of instructional equipment and hand tools that cost \$3,000 or more, the remaining funds can be used to purchase instructional equipment and hand tools that cost less than \$3,000, but otherwise meets the criteria for eligible expenditures.

The occupational advisory committee shall mean an occupational committee established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational education).

Application Deadline: **30 days after the grant announcement.**

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

PAsmart

The PAsmart grant program provides funding to schools and local partnerships to expand access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and computer science for all students. Competitive grants are awarded annually based on availability of funds.

Application Deadline: **TBD**

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

ARP ESSER 2.5% Set Aside Funding for CTCs

As part of the 2021-22 Enacted State Budget, \$43.5 million of funding allocated to the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the federal American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund was given Career and Technical Centers (CTC) to assist students learn the technical skills needed for available jobs and mitigate the spread of COVID. Individual CTC allocations were calculated based on the secondary Career and Technical Education Subsidy formula. This is one-time funding to CTCs.

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2022**

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

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

Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities

Who May Apply: Local public libraries (state-aided). Must partner with a sponsoring municipality.

Use: To plan, acquire, construct, or rehabilitate public library facilities including, but not limited to: ADA upgrades, new roof, replacement windows, energy efficient upgrades to HVAC systems, facility expansion and new construction.

Funding source: Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund

Funds: Funding limits not yet announced. Grants require a dollar-for-dollar match; match may include cash, in-kind contributions, federal funds, and other state funds.

More Information:

<https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/libraries/subsidies-and-grants/pages/keystone-recreation-park-and-conservation-funds.aspx>.

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](mailto:ra-LSTA@pa.gov) or 717-787-8007

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

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 D, Subpart 1 – State Neglected and Delinquent

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

Grants are awarded competitively to federal Head Start programs to expand high quality pre-kindergarten Head Start services for eligible children, whose family earns up to 100% of the federal poverty level. With these funds, Head Start Programs may enroll additional children and/or expand full day and full year service opportunities for children and families. Children being served must be at least 3 years of age up to the entry age for kindergarten in their school district of residence.

Application Deadline: **Annual renewals occur between April and June covering the following fiscal year**, limited to Federal Head Start Programs. Should additional funding be appropriated in future years, those dollars will be distributed to existing grantees for expansion and/or will be provided for additional grant opportunities. The next competitive round is expected to occur in 2022.

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

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Grants are awarded competitively to early learning programs, funding learning opportunities for children aged 3 years up to the entry age for kindergarten in their school district of residence, and whose family earns up to 300% of the federal poverty level. The Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program increases access to quality pre-kindergarten to children and families throughout the commonwealth, with a priority in at-risk communities.

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

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. The services provided differ based upon the individual needs and strengths of each child and the child's family. Services may be provided in the child's home, child care center, nursery school, play group, Head Start program, early childhood special education classroom or other settings familiar to the family. Early Intervention supports and services are embedded in typical routines and activities, within the family, community and/or early care and education settings. This approach provides frequent, meaningful practice and skill-building opportunities.

Application Deadline: **July 1, prior to each school year**. Funds must be used for education of preschool children with disabilities or developmental delays. Funding recipients are limited to intermediate units and school districts. Those seeking to be a new service provider should contact their local school district or intermediate unit.

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

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619

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 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. Funding recipients are limited to intermediate units and school districts. Those seeking to be a new service provider should contact their local school district or intermediate unit.

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

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: **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

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Act 143 of 1986

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 and extended for 2021-22; **next competitive round will be 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 and extended for 2021-22; **next competitive round will be 2022 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 through a competition in 2021. **The next planned competitive round will be in 2025.**

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 Education

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

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).

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

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

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.

Contact: Office for Safe Schools at 717-783-6469

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants – 2021-22 Equipment Grant

Who Can Apply: A public school district, charter school, cyber charter school, or career and technical center.

Use: Metal detectors; protective lighting; surveillance equipment; special emergency communications equipment including radios; electronic locksets, deadbolts, and theft control devices and training in the use of the security-related technology; and student, staff, and visitor swipe-card identification systems.

Funding Source: General Fund - Safe Schools Initiative

Funds: Up to \$25,000 per school entity for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note: this is a competitive grant program.

Application Deadline: **October 1, 2021**

More Information

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/fundinggrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants – 2021-22 Program Grant

Who Can Apply: A public school district, charter school, cyber charter school, or career and technical center.

Use: To fund programs which address school violence. See guidelines for list of eligible programs.

Funding Source: General Fund - Safe Schools Initiative

Funds: Up to \$20,000 per school entity for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note: this is a competitive grant program.

Application Deadline: **October 1, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/fundinggrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants – 2021-22 School Police Officer

Who Can Apply: A public school district, charter school, cyber charter school, career and technical center, or nonpublic school.

Use: Costs associated with the training and compensation of School Police Officers.

Funding Source: General Fund - Safe Schools Initiative

Funds: The maximum individual grant for the 2021-2022 grant cycle is \$40,000 for school police officers. Please note: this is a competitive grant program.

Application Deadline: **October 1, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/fundinggrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants – 2021-22 School Resource Officer – School Entity

Who Can Apply: A public school district, charter school, cyber charter school, or career and technical center.

Use: Costs associated with the training and compensation of School Resource Officers.

Funding Source: General Fund - Safe Schools Initiative

Funds: The maximum individual grant for the 2021-2022 grant cycle is \$60,000. Please note: this is a competitive grant program.

Application Deadline: **October 1, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/fundinggrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Office for Safe Schools' Targeted Grants – 2021-22 School Resource Officer – Municipality/Police Department

Who Can Apply: Municipalities and police departments.

Use: Costs associated with the training and compensation of School Resource Officers to be placed in school districts and nonpublic schools within the municipality.

Funding Source: General Fund - Safe Schools Initiative

Funds: The maximum individual grant for the 2021-2022 grant cycle is \$60,000. Please note: this is a competitive grant program.

Application Deadline: **October 1, 2021**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/fundinggrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

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.

Contact: Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality at 717-772-3566

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

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

ENERGY

Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) Program

Grants for municipalities, school districts, businesses and others for costs associated with alternative fueled vehicles and other alternative fuel projects.

Who May Apply: School districts, municipal authorities, municipalities, nonprofits, private businesses.

Use: Purchase or retrofit vehicles to operate on alternative fuels, purchase and install refueling equipment, and research or develop new technologies.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Infrastructure and innovative technology project grants up to \$600,000. Vehicle grants up to \$100,000 per vehicle, depending upon class of vehicle.

Application Deadline: **Applications will open April, 2022**

More Information: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Alternative-Fuels-Incentive-Grant/Pages/default.aspx>. 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.

More information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

Contact: AFV Rebate Program at 1-866-294-3854

Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants

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

Note: The PA Energy Development Authority Grant Program is currently closed.

More Information: www.dep.pa.gov search: PEDA.

Contact: PA Energy Development Authority at 717-783-8411

Small Business Advantage Grant Program

Provides 50% 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 or natural resource protection projects.

More Information: 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% 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% and has a maximum term of 10 years.

More Information: 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.

More information: 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.

More information: 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

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.

More information: 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

GENERAL

Environmental Education Grant

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.

More information: www.dep.pa.gov search: EE Grant.

Contact: DEP Environmental Education and Information Center at 717-772-1644

Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Grants

Grants provide funds to counties to conduct mosquito virus surveillance and control activities.

More information: www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Pages/default.aspx

Contact: DEP Vector Management at 717-346-8243

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

More information: visit the Department's Driving PA Forward website at:

www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/

Contact: DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495

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.

More Information: visit the Department's Driving PA Forward website at:

www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/

Contact: DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495

Driving PA Forward - Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program

Who May Apply: Entities may include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, nonprofit entities, corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships, air quality or transportation organizations, and metropolitan or rural planning organizations.

Uses: Projects to repower or replace diesel-powered, pre-Tier 4 freight switcher locomotives, and projects to repower or upgrade unregulated, Tier 1 or Tier 2, diesel-powered marine engines in ferries or tugboats.

Funds: Cost-share reimbursement program. Percentage cost-share varies by project. See program guidelines for details.

Funding Source: State Mitigation Trust-Volkswagen Emissions Settlement

Application Deadline: **Applications will open Fall, 2022**

More information: Click on <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/> and scroll to "Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program."

Driving PA Forward – Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program

Who May Apply: Airports, port authorities, schools, municipalities, municipal authorities, non-profit and for-profit entities.

Uses: To replace large forklifts, airport ground equipment, and port cargo handling equipment with electric versions.

Funds: Up to \$750,000 per applicant.

Funding Source: State Mitigation Trust-Volkswagen Emissions Settlement

More Information: Click on <http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward/> and scroll to "Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program."

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Act 101 – County Planning Grants

Provide counties up to 80% reimbursement for preparation of waste management plans required by Act 101 and pollution prevention education activities.

More Information: visit 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% of cost for host municipality to employ up to two certified inspectors for a landfill or resource recovery facility

More Information: visit 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 or expansion of an existing landfill or resource recovery facility.

More Information: visit 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% of a county recycling coordinator's salary and approved expenses.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact: DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Act 101 – Section 902 Recycling Implementation Grant

Municipalities and counties are eligible for 90% reimbursement toward establishing a municipal recycling program.

Who May Apply: Counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, home rule municipalities, councils of governments, consortiums or similar entities established by two or more municipalities.

Use: To fund costs associated with developing and implementing a recycling program.

Funding source: Recycling Fund

Funds: 90% funding of approved recycling program costs, up to \$350,000. Financially distressed communities may receive up to 100% funding of approved costs, not to exceed \$350,000.

Application Deadline: **Fall, 2022** Pre-application conferences with DEP Regional Planning and Recycling Coordinators are required.

More Information: Click on <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/Recycling/Municipal-Resources/FinancialAssistance/Pages/default.aspx> and see "Act 101, Section 902"

Contact: DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Act 101 - Recycling Grants (903)

Counties may apply to use to reimburse 50% of the cost of employing a county recycling coordinator in the previous calendar year. County Recycling Coordinator Grant Program (Section 903) (Funding Source: Recycling Fund)

Who Can Apply: Counties are the only eligible applicants.

Use: To reimburse the cost of employing a county recycling coordinator in calendar year 2020.

Funding Source: Recycling Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grant for up to 50% of approved costs.

Application Deadline: **May 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/Recycling/Municipal-Resources/FinancialAssistance/Pages/default.aspx> and view "Section 903."

Act 101 – Recycling Performance Grants

Grants awarded to municipalities based on weight and type of materials recycled in the previous calendar year.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Recycling Grants.

Contact: DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

Who May Apply: Any municipality with a recycling program

Use: Municipal recycling programs.

Funding Source: Recycling Fund

Funds: Grants awarded based on total tons recycled and the applicant's recycling rate.

Application Deadline: **Summer, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/Recycling/Municipal-Resources/FinancialAssistance/Pages/Recycling-Performance-Grants.aspx>

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.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Sites.

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

Act 108 – (HSCA) Host Municipal Inspector Reimbursement

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

Contact: DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870

Host Municipality Inspector Program

Who Can Apply: Cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships and home rule municipalities that have a municipal waste landfill, resource recovery facility or commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment and disposal facility located within its geographic borders.

Use: For salary and expenses of up to two certified Host Municipality Inspectors.

Funding Source: Recycling Fund and Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund

Funds: Reimbursement grant for up to 50% of approved costs.

Application Deadline: **Grants are ongoing**

More Information:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/MunicipalWaste/Host-Municipality-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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

For more information, visit 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 application or modification for a commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Hazardous Waste.

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

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 and Estuary.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Compacts and Commissions Office.

Contact: Coastal Resources Management Program at 717-772-5622.

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.

More Information: visit www.dep.pa.gov search: Growing Greener.

Contact: DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-5618

Growing Greener Plus Grants

Who May Apply: Counties, municipalities, municipal authorities, county conservation districts, watershed organizations, councils of government, educational institutions, and nonprofits.

Use: Growing Greener Plus is three grant programs: Growing Greener Watershed Restoration and Protection; Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) Bond Forfeiture; and Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Set-Aside grants. The purpose is to address nonpoint source pollution (pollution coming from multiple sources, instead of a single discharge point) through local, watershed, or statewide planning, restoration and protection efforts.

Funding source: Environmental Stewardship Fund

Funds: See grant guidelines. Approximately \$18 million is available statewide.

Application Deadline: **Ongoing. Applicants should discuss projects with program staff.**

More Information:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Growing-Greener/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

Contact: <http://waterwisepa.org/>

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Small Business Ombudsman

- Serves as the primary advocate for small businesses within the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Assists small businesses in realizing the potential cost savings of pollution prevention versus pollution control
- Provides confidential assistance to small businesses within the commonwealth needing help with environmental issues

- Provides compliance assistance and pollution prevention pamphlets and fact sheets for small businesses
- Provides information to small businesses needing financial assistance to implement pollution prevention practices and comply with environmental regulations

Contact: www.dep.pa.gov search: Small Business Ombudsman

Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers' Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)

EMAP is a specialized consulting service of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers. They provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to small businesses in Pennsylvania. EMAP environmental consultants can help small businesses understand how to comply with regulatory requirements and assist with the preparation of plans and permit applications for start-up and existing businesses.

Contact: www.askemap.org

PENNVEST

Since its inception, PENNVEST has continued its service to the communities and citizens of Pennsylvania by funding sewer, storm water and drinking water projects throughout the commonwealth. These projects not only contribute to improving Pennsylvania's environment and the health of its people, they also provide opportunities for economic growth and jobs for Pennsylvania's workers.

Uses: Drinking water, wastewater and storm water loans; on-lot sewage disposal funds; Brownfield redevelopment.

Contact: www.pennvest.pa.gov

Department of General Services, visit www.dgs.pa.gov

The Department of General Services (DGS) MISSION: To help government operate more efficiently, effectively and safely, delivering exceptional value for all Pennsylvanians.

WHAT WE VALUE:

Customer Care – We are committed to understanding our customers' goals and contributing to their success. Our customers educate our children, protect our health and environment, build our infrastructure, regulate our commerce and assist our neighbors and communities in need across Pennsylvania. They do vital, important work, and we are proud to be a part of it.

Quality & Innovation – There is always a better way to do something. Our passion is finding it and putting it into practice.

Integrity – We earn the public's trust by holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards every day, no exceptions.

Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities – How we do business impacts our communities. We are working to build a more inclusive economy in Pennsylvania.

Our Team – We support each other's personal and professional growth because they are essential to our mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly challenging environment.

COSTARS

The commonwealth's cooperative purchasing program makes it easier and more cost-effective for local public entities and certain nonprofits registered within the DGS to purchase a broad selection of goods and services from COSTARS-designated contracts. For more information, including a complete list of registered communities and organizations eligible to purchase (members), COSTARS-designated contracts and awarded suppliers, visit

www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS

Contact: 1-866-768-7827, www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages/default.aspx

The Federal Surplus Property Program

Offers a limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper to vehicles, from computers to building supplies, DGS can help meet your needs while saving money with surplus. Property available in inventory is viewable at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. Requests for any specific property that may not be in current inventory are also accepted so the department can find it elsewhere and arrange for its direct allocation to your location.

The property itself is donated by the federal government; however, a service charge is incurred to cover the state's cost of administering the program.

Contact: 1-800-235-1555, www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal/Pages/default.aspx

The 1033 Excess Property Program

Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty.

Clothing, office equipment, computers, rescue equipment, vehicles and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the federal government and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers (starting at \$400/year) enables agencies to acquire property all year without a charge.

Contact: 717-787-6197 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The 1122 New Property Program

Provides Pennsylvania agencies and units of local government access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment to support counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities. 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% 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.

Contact: 717-787-6197 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program

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

Contact: 717-525-5805 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Pages/default.aspx

The State Surplus Property Program

Offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. All items are sold at various locations throughout the state or through an online auction. Online auctions are managed by www.GovPlanet.com/PA and www.GovDeals.com

Additionally, semi-annual Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) heavy equipment sales of off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other road maintenance equipment are conducted. A private municipal sale is held first prior to the items being offered to the general public. To register for the private municipal heavy equipment sale, please register online at www.GovPlanet.com/muni

Contact: 717-772-2300 www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/State/Pages/default.aspx

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 Government Surplus Auctions

www.GovDeals.com

Contact: 717-772-1733

Used Vehicle Auctions

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

Contact: 717-787-3162

www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic/Pages/default.aspx

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

<https://www.dgs.pa.gov/Small%20Diverse%20Business%20Program/Pages/default.aspx>

Department of Health www.health.pa.gov

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.

Pennsylvania Department of Health/Pennsylvania Downtown Center: PA WalkWorks

Who May Apply: Municipalities, counties, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations.

Use: Development of plans and policies to improve walking, bicycling, wheeling, and transit connections to everyday destinations and increase safe and accessible opportunities for residents to be physically active.

Funds: Awards will range between \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the development of active transportation plans and between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to assist with the development of Complete Streets and/or Vision Zero policies. No match required, but will improve application success.

Funding Source: PA Department of Health Grant

Application Deadline: **Submit Letter of Intent by April 23, 2021** (not mandatory); **Application deadline is May 14, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WalkWorks/Pages/WalkWorks.aspx>.

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.

More Information: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA can help you find a health center in your community. These health centers serve all who walk through their doors, regardless of ability to pay.

More Information: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>

National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

Nurse Managed Health Centers make health care in America work. All across the country there is a growing movement of committed nursing professionals who are bringing excellent health care to vulnerable communities.

More Information: <https://nurseledcare.phmc.org/>

Pennsylvania Association of 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.

More Information: <http://www.pachc.org/>

Volunteers in Medicine

VIM 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.

More Information: <https://volunteersinmedicine.org/>

DENTAL SITES

Free Clinic Association of Pennsylvania

The Free Clinic Association of Pennsylvania (FCAP) provides education, advocacy, and support to free and charitable clinics operating in Pennsylvania.

More Information: <https://freeclinicspa.org>

Donated Dental Services

Donated Dental Services (DDS) program in Pennsylvania provides dental services for indigent residents of Pennsylvania who are either over age 65, or who have physical or mental disabilities, or who are otherwise medically compromised. DDS can be reached at 844-489-9446 (toll free).

More Information: <https://dentallifeline.org/about-us/our-programs/>

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).

More Information: [Chip Home Page](#)

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).

More Information: <https://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).

More Information:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/OMAP-Information.aspx>

PA HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx>

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (PA-BCCEDP)

Formerly called the Healthy Woman Program (HWP). 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 or 215-985-3300 or 1-800-848-3367

More Information:

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)

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx>

Bully Prevention Program

Through this program, Community Youth Organizations are certified to provide the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Implementation sites also receive training, the opportunity to attend networking events, and ongoing consultation.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

Funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CLPPP seeks to prevent lead poisoning and reduce lead exposure in children under the age of 6.

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

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead%20poisoning.aspx>

Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP)

This program provides life-saving care and treatment for adults with end-stage renal disease. The CRDP 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

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Chronic-Renal-Disease/Pages/Chronic%20Renal%20Disease.aspx>

Cooley's Anemia Program

This program provides client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, and rehabilitative 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 provides client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, and rehabilitative 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 by prevention of diabetes for those at risk for developing it and managing and controlling complications for those already diagnosed with diabetes.

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 health care and related professionals.

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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Epilepsy.aspx>

Pennsylvania Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment Program (PacMAT)

The Pennsylvania Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment (PacMAT) Program aims to address opioid use disorder (OUD) by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The PacMAT Program was established in 2017 with initial grants to several medication assisted treatment facilities. The program is funded through a State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within Health and Human Services (HHS). Through this program, patients are connected to all of the support and medical services they need to help them recover. There is hope for those suffering from opioid use disorder and PacMAT is vital to that process. The PacMAT programs provide services for uninsured, underinsured or privately insured individuals

PacMAT Providers & Contact Information:

- Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc.: 484-862-3068 (You must leave a message and your call will be returned within 48 hours)
- Lancaster General Hospital- Penn Medicine
- Penn State- The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine: 717-782-6844
- Reading Hospital – Tower Health: 484-659-2470.
- Temple University Health System, Inc.: 215-432-7158 [Additional sites and Contact Information](#)
- UPMC Pinnacle: 717-782-4781
- WellSpan Health: 1-844-WARMLINE (1-844-927-6546)

- The Wright Center Medical Group: 570-230-0019

Reproductive Health Program

Clinical services are provided for adolescents 21 years of age or younger 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
More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Family-Planning-Program.aspx>

State Health Centers

The Bureau of Community Health Systems operates a network of 60 State Health Centers and supports public health programs throughout the Commonwealth. Community health nurses provide a variety of public health services including immunizations, STD/HIV testing/treatment, tuberculosis clinics, communicable and vaccine-preventable disease investigation and outbreak control, case management services for children under 7 with elevated lead levels, and public health education/promotion in the communities they serve.

Contact: Bureau of Community Health Systems 717-787-4366

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/About/Pages/State%20Health%20Centers.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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Head-Injury.aspx>

Acquired Brain Injury Program

This program provides rehabilitation services to individuals age 18-25 who reside in Pennsylvania and experienced a non-traumatic acquired brain injury.

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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Acquired-Brain-Injury.aspx>

Health Resource Centers

Health Resource Centers are located in high schools and community-based settings that are easily accessible by teens. Services provided include: counseling and education, information about reproductive health and relationships, STI screening and pregnancy testing, and referrals to school and community-based resources, as well as to free or low-cost reproductive health services.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Hemophilia Program

This program provides comprehensive services including client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, rehabilitative services, 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 Surveillance Program

This program is funded through an integrated HIV surveillance and prevention grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program conducts the systematic and ongoing collection, analysis, evaluation, and dissemination of epidemiologic data of the highest possible quality. This in turn, provides valuable information for HIV prevention program and other stakeholders across the commonwealth to plan, implement, and evaluate HIV prevention programs and interventions. In addition, the program provides comprehensive statewide projects that includes perinatal HIV exposure surveillance, data-to-care, cluster detection and outbreak monitoring, annual reports of HIV, and HIV epidemiologic profile.

Contact: Bureau of Epidemiology, 717-787-3350

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Annual-Summary.aspx>
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Integrated-Epidemiologic-Profile.aspx>

Prevention 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 living with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS and those at risk for contracting acquiring HIV. The program provides a comprehensive statewide Program that includes HIV testing; partner services; PrEP; condom distribution; data-to-care, evidence-based interventions, and cluster detection and outbreak monitoring.

Contact: Division of HIV Disease, 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

More Information: www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx

LGBTQ Youth Behavioral Health Services

This program seeks to increase protective factors for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) -identified youth through the implementation of evidence-based or evidence-informed behavioral health programs.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Care Program

This program is funded through Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public law 111-87) which provides health care and support services for persons living with HIV. 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).

Contact: Division of HIV Disease, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/HIV.aspx>

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)

This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program fund 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.

Contact: Division of HIV, Bureau of Communicable Diseases 717-703-9170 or Toll-free at 1-800-922-9384

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Special-Pharmaceutical-Benefits.aspx>

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 and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, resource identification, operating costs, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, permanent housing placement, and supportive services (case management).

Contact: Division of HIV, Bureau of Communicable Diseases 717-783-0572

Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021

More Information: www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx

Technology Assistance Children's Home Program

Contact: Bureau of Family Health, 717-346-3000

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

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

Contact: Vaccines for Children Program: 717-787-5681

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC-Overview.aspx>

Lead Hazard Control Program

This program, funded through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides lead hazard control services in select locations to reduce lead hazards in dwellings where pregnant women and children under the age of 6 reside.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Lead Surveillance Program

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

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Lead%20Poisoning/Pages/Lead-Surveillance.aspx>

Local Title V Programs Alliance

The Alliance of Pennsylvania Councils (Alliance) is comprised of three family planning councils: AccessMatters (SE PA), Family Health Council of Central PA, and Maternal and Family Health Services (NE PA). The Alliance works to build capacity to prevent unintended pregnancies, increase access to family planning care, and improve detection and treatment access for women with Opioid Use Disorders (OUD). This is done by building linkages between family planning organizations and behavioral health/substance use treatment centers.

Centering Pregnancy

Centering Pregnancy is a group-based model of prenatal care. Instead of seeing a doctor or midwife individually, pregnant people participating in centering pregnancy attend regular,

provider-led group meetings. The program is designed to provide a more supportive experience for participants compared to traditional prenatal care.

County Municipal Health Departments

Ten county and municipal health departments located throughout the commonwealth offer services aimed at improving public health by providing direct health services, health education and community health leadership. The overall goal of these programs is to reduce morbidity and mortality and promote healthy lifestyles.

IMPLICIT

The IMPLICIT (Interventions to Minimize Preterm and Low birth weight Infants using Continuous Improvement Techniques) Network is a multi-state family medicine maternal-child health learning collaborative focused on improving care for women, infants and families. This model of care screens women who accompany their children to well child visits for four risk factors (tobacco use, depression risk, contraception use and use of a multivitamin with folic acid). Positive screens in women are addressed through brief interventions or referrals to treatment.

Perinatal Periods of Risk

Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) is an analytic framework for studying racial disparities in fetal and infant mortality rates in urban communities. PPOR is based on core principles of full community engagement and equity and follows a six-stage, community-based planning process with the goal of implementing strategies to reduce infant and fetal death.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

Maternal Mortality Review Committee

This committee is a multidisciplinary group of professionals who serve pregnant and postpartum women, and who collectively review maternal deaths. The goal of a MMRC is to determine if the death is related to the pregnancy and if it could have been prevented. The committee provides recommendations that could prevent future deaths and protect the health and well-being of women during and after pregnancy.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Maternal-Mortality.aspx>

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

This program provides funding to implementation sites to provide youth with evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs. Programming must provide education on abstinence, contraception, and three adult preparation topics: healthy relationships, adolescent development, and healthy life skills, in hopes of delaying sexual activity, increasing condom or contraception use among sexually active youth, and reducing pregnancy among youth.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Teen-Health.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 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

More Information: <https://donatelifepa.org/>

PA-Wise Program

The goal of the PA-Wise Program is to engage women in lifestyle programs and to measure the changes that these lifestyle programs have on Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) markers and behaviors. The program focuses on improving the cardiovascular health of eligible low-income, underinsured or uninsured, women ages 40-64 by offering Healthy Behavior Support Services and CVD screening services, as needed.

Contact: PA-Wise Program – 717-787-5900

Public Health Preparedness

The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response oversees the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program to strengthen the public health infrastructure, including supporting Department activities and the Commonwealth's County and Municipal Health Departments. The Bureau also oversees the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) which is designed to coordinate planning and support, as well as providing resources and systems to support the Commonwealth's healthcare delivery sector throughout all disasters and emergencies. Finally, the Bureau is responsible for leading the Department's response to disasters and emergencies and to ensure a coordinated system across all aspects of the public health and healthcare sectors, including managing resources and supplies and coordination with other state agencies and federal emergency response partners.

Contact: Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, 717-346-0640

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx>

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE)

This program provides the Teen Outreach Program to youth in grades 6-12. The Teen Outreach Program is an evidence-based, positive youth development program that promotes the healthy development of youth, and includes a combination of weekly peer group meetings, an engaging curriculum, and Community Service Learning.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/healthy/Pages/Teen-Health.aspx>

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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/STD/Pages/STD.aspx>

Sickle Cell Disease Program

This program provides health system and community-based supports and services for client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, 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 Helpline

This is a toll free helpline that assist providers and parents of children and youth with special health care needs access local services and supports.

Contact: Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763 and 1-800-986-4550

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Special%20Kids%20Network/Pages/Special%20Kids%20Network.aspx>

Community to Home Program

This program is a home visiting program available to children and youth with special health care needs and their families who are newly diagnosed, residing in rural Pennsylvania, or have recently obtained residency in Pennsylvania. The program connects individuals and their families with needed services, systems navigation, and local programs.

Contact: Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763 or 1-800-986-4550

Website: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Community-to-Home.aspx>

Cystic Fibrosis, 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

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Newborn-Screening/Pages/Newborn%20Screening.aspx>

Spina Bifida

This program provides client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, and rehabilitative services to children and adults

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

Autism Diagnostic Clinic

This program provides autism diagnostic services for children between the ages of one and three years in the Lehigh Valley region using a telehealth model. The program also supports children and families by providing referrals, education, advocacy, and training to parents in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapies.

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

Tobacco Prevention and Control

This comprehensive program provides statewide, regional and community-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and Pennsylvanian's Clean Indoor Air Act. The PA Free Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) offers free one-on-one cessation counseling to tobacco users and Nicotine Replacement Therapy if eligible, with customized protocols for pregnant women, individuals reporting a behavioral health condition, and youth (ages 14-17). The Quitline offers a companion website pa.QuitLogix.org that provides additional tools and resources to aid in quitting all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. The Quitline also offers youth the My Life My Quit Program (1-855-891-9989 and mylifemyquit.com) to help them quit using tobacco or vaping.

Contact: Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, 717-783-6600

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/tobacco/Pages/Tobacco.aspx>

Tourette Syndrome Support

This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families. It also provides education for health care and related professionals.

Contact: Division of Bureau Operations, Bureau of Family Health, 717-346-3000

More Information: <https://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

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Tuberculosis/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx>

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

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 pack- age for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems. WIC also provides new mothers with breastfeeding guidance and support.

Contact: Mark Shirk 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)

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx>

Youth Mentoring Program

This program funds the establishment and management of evidence-based or evidence-informed mentoring programs serving youth 8-18 years old.

Contact: Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

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 APPLTREE: ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure.

Contact: Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology – 717-787-3350

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Contact-Environmental-Health.aspx>

Health 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

More Information: <https://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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/HAIP-AS.aspx>

Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program

This program is committed to implementing best practice initiatives to reduce the risk of development of heart diseases and stroke, delay the progression, and reduce the occurrence of first and subsequent cardiovascular events in persons with known risks.

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

More Information:

<https://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

More Information:

<https://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

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/NeuroResource-Facilitation-Program.aspx>

Obesity Prevention and Wellness Program

The overall goal of this program is to decrease the prevalence of obesity. This is accomplished by increasing nutrition education and policy as well as integrating physical activity opportunities in communities where people live, work, learn, and play through population-based approaches.

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

More Information: <https://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 Pennsylvanians, reinforcing the concept that you cannot be truly healthy without good oral health.

Contact: Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction 717-787-5900

More Information: <https://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 safety and reduce fatalities of children from birth through 21 years of age. This is accomplished through timely reviews of children's deaths by county multi-agency, multidisciplinary teams. Information obtained from the reviews is used to determine how future deaths can be prevented. The department provides training and technical assistance to the local child death review teams.

Contact: Bureau of Family Health – 717-346-3000

More Information:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Child-Death-Review-Team.aspx>

Violence and Injury Prevention Program

The Violence and Injury Prevention Program (VIPP) 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

More Information:

<https://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

More Information:

<https://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

More Information: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/SIDS.aspx>

Health programs and grant contacts

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 <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>. Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the website or contact the appropriate person listed with each program:

Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs	Amy Flaherty
Immunization Program	Tom McCleaf
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Amy Flaherty
PHHSBG - Block Program Services	Rashida Nasir
Violence and Injury Prevention Program	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up STD	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner Program	Edward Naugle
Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	Edward Naugle
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program	Brian Lentes
J-1 Visa Waiver Program	Edward Naugle
Community-Based HealthCare Program	Edward Naugle
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	Edward Naugle
Health Care Work Force Reports	Edward Naugle
State Health Improvement Plan	Brian Lentes
Health Equity	David Saunders
Cancer Programs	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV Programs	Marijane Salem-Noll

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 Fickel
Health Research	Jared Shinabery
Traumatic Brain Injury	Nicole Adams
Public Health Preparedness.....	Andrew Pickett

Healthcare Facilities and Licensing

What kind of healthcare facilities do you oversee?

We license and regulate in-patient healthcare facilities, like nursing homes and hospitals, as well as out-patient healthcare facilities, like ambulatory surgical facilities and home health care agencies, to ensure they deliver safe health care to residents. We approve the building, engineering and construction plans for these facilities as well.

Below is a complete listing of all of types of facilities we regulate, as well as their location, operations and the laws governing our oversight.

What if I have a complaint about a facility?

All complaints filed are confidential. Our team investigates every complaint received. If you have a complaint about a healthcare facility, including a nursing home, please contact us at 1-800-254-5164 or fill out this [online form](#).

What if I have a complaint about a doctor's office?

Doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals are licensed through the Pennsylvania Department of State. Individual doctor's offices are regulated through this licensure. If you have a complaint about a medical professional, please fill out this [online form](#). The Department of State will follow up with you and handle the investigation.

In-Patient Healthcare Facilities

- [Hospice Agencies](#)
- [Hospitals](#)
- [Intermediate Care Facilities](#) for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- [Pediatric Extended Care Centers](#)

- Rehabilitation Agencies
- Nursing Homes

Out-patient Healthcare Facilities

- Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
- Birth Centers
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs)
- Home Care Agencies
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospice Agencies
- Kidney Dialysis Centers – End Stage Renal Disease Centers (ESRD)
- Outpatient Physical/Speech/Occupational Therapy Clinics
- Rural Health Clinics

Contact Information

Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance
 Pennsylvania Department of Health, Quality Assurance
 625 Forster Street, 8th Floor West, Health & Welfare Building
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0701
 717-783-1078
 717-525-5506 (fax)
RA-DHDEPSECQA@pa.gov

Related Federal Programs

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention: Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Who May Apply: Non-profit organizations.

Use: To establish and strengthen collaborations to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance use and promote the factors that minimize the risk of substance use.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grants amounts vary.

Application Deadline: **April 11, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=334908>

Pennsylvania Department of Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Program

Who May Apply: Local agencies that are responding to the opioid epidemic.

Use: To improve collaboration and data-sharing between state and local agencies that are responding to the opioid epidemic.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Up to \$10,000 per award.

Application Deadline: **March 28, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2022/2022031766.PDF>

Department of Human Services www.dhs.pa.gov

American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Long-Term Care Providers

Who May Apply: Nursing facilities, personal care homes, and assisted living residences in DHS' Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) system. All nursing facilities currently eligible and enrolled in Pennsylvania's Medicaid program, Medical Assistance, will automatically receive direct payments. Any nursing facility that is not enrolled in Medicaid, as well as all personal care homes and assisted living residences, must complete the Facility Acceptance Form and return it to OLTL for DHS to issue the payment.

Use: For COVID-19-related costs.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: See guidelines for funding distributions.

Deadline: **None given.** Facility Acceptance Form must be returned to DHS' Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) for payment.

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Providers.aspx>

Indoor Air Management Strategies for Long Term Care

Who May Apply: Long term care nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes.

Use: For the implementation of best practices regarding indoor air management strategies in long-term care facilities aimed at reducing the risk of transmission of and occupant exposure to COVID-19.

Funding source: American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Funds: The maximum grant award per licensed facility is \$15,000. A total of \$5 million is available statewide.

Deadline: **The solicitation will remain open until the available funds are committed.**

More Information: <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Solicitations.aspx?SID=RFA%2020-21>

Children's Trust Fund

Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to develop evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative primary and secondary prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust Fund board issues requests for proposals for grant applications.

Who Can Apply: Any organization located and operating in Pennsylvania that provides direct services and meets the criteria in the Request for Application is eligible to apply.

Use: To promote primary and secondary child abuse and neglect prevention programs in community-based settings.

Funding Source: Children's Trust Fund

Funds: Up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years. There is a minimum local match requirement of 25 percent of the requested grant award for the first year and a minimum local match 50 percent of the requested grant award for the second and third grant years.

Application Deadline: **January 13, 2021**

More Information: <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Solicitations.aspx?SID=RFA%2017-21>

Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP)

Funding provided through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan of 2021 to provide assistance with rent, utilities and other housing

expenses. Local community agencies implement this program under the guidance and funding allocated through the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Counties receive state and federal [distribution](#) of funding based on Act 1 of 2021 and Act 24 of 2021.

On March 18, 2021, DHS opened the COMPASS [online application](#) for assistance.

Pennsylvanians can apply for ERAP through [COMPASS](#).

Some counties are not using the COMPASS application and in those instances COMPASS will direct applicants to their local ERAP agency.

More information: dhs.pa.gov/ERAP

Evidence-based Home Visiting and Nurse Family Partnership Programs

Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and vulnerable young 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 or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx>

Family Support Program Grants, which Includes Evidence-based Home Visiting Programs, Nurse Family Partnership, and Family Centers

Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide Evidence-Based Home Visiting and other Family Support services to pregnant women and vulnerable young children. These Grants provide funding to community-based organizations to promote economic self-sufficiency for families; the healthy development of children; positive child development through effective parenting, early intervention, and outreach activities; and preservation of the family unit as the foundation for success for children.

Applicants must refer to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (“HomVEE”) website (<https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/effectiveness>) for a list of approved EBHV Models. All Models designated on the website as approved under the “Meets Evidence Criteria?” column are eligible for funding unless otherwise specified within a Request for Application (RFA). 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 RA-PWPAHOMEVISITING@pa.gov

Early Learning Resource Centers

Regional Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) grants were awarded to community-based organizations to support families’ access to high quality early learning services. The ELRC implements Pennsylvania’s subsidized child care program, Child Care Works, as well as the child care provider quality rating improvement system, Keystone STARS. The ELRC is tasked with developing connections to other community resources and local education agencies to serve as a resource and referral agency to families and early learning staff.

Contact: The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-346-9324 or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx#>

PA 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;

- 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 toward people with disabilities.

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

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

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

- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/TANF.aspx> for TANF
- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx> for SNAP

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 based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating regions. Crisis grants are awarded to families with heating emergencies, such as utility terminations, mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of families obtaining the grants.

The program opens in November and typically closes shortly after March 31 or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.

Contact: The Office of Income Maintenance at 1-866-857-7095 [LIHEAP \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov)

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Who May Apply: Households that are in emergency situations maintain essential water access.

Crisis situations include: past-due water bills; termination of water service; or, threat of termination of water service in the next 60 days.

Use: To help families who have overdue water bills or at risk of losing water service for their home.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: One crisis grant for drinking water service and one crisis grant for wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Application Deadline: **No Deadline Provided**

More Information: Click on <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx>

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

Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program

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

Contact: 717-265-7850 www.paehealth.org

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 Medical 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. A description for each waiver is provided in this document.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Support-Service-Waivers.aspx>

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.

<http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/>

Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, or developmental disabilities prior to age 9 to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Contact: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Developmental-Programs.aspx>

Persons interested in more information regarding may contact ODP by telephoning the Customer Service Line at 1-888-565-9435 or by contacting their local County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID) Program Office.

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 long-term services and supports for community living, tailored to the specific needs of adults age 21 or older with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The program is designed to help adults with ASD participate in their communities in the way they want to, based upon their identified needs.

Contact: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Autism-Services.aspx>

Persons interested in more information regarding may contact ODP at 1-866-539-7689 (toll free number)

The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)

A managed care program that provides a fully integrated, comprehensive system of care inclusive of physical health, behavioral health, and home and community based services to adults with autism living at home and participating in the life of their community. ACAP is available to adults with autism living in Dauphin, Lancaster, Cumberland, and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania.

Contact: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Autism-Services.aspx>

Person/Family Directed Support Waiver

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, or developmental disabilities prior to age 9 up to \$33,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Contact: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Developmental-Programs.aspx>

Persons interested in more information regarding may contact ODP by telephoning the Customer Service Line at 1-888-565-9435 or by contacting their local County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID) Program Office

Community Living Waiver

Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities, autism, or developmental disabilities prior to age 9 up to \$70,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

Contact: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Developmental-Programs.aspx>

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County Assistance Offices

Complete listing of all the county assistance offices is available at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CAO-Contact.aspx>

Pennsylvania KinConnector

Provides information on how to access local, state, and federal services and benefits for families raising children that are not their own, such as grandparents raising grandchildren. Administered by the Department of Human Services in partnership with The Bair Foundation.

Contact: 1-800-KIN-2111 (1-800-546-2111) <https://www.kinconnector.org/>

Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN)

Provides services to families interested in foster care and adoption of foster children. SWAN direct services include child profiles, family profiles, child-specific recruitment (CSR), child preparation, placement, finalization, and post-permanency services. Also provides Post Permanency Services to families who have adopted or provide PLC to children in PA. Administered by the Department of Human Services.

Contact: 1-800-585-7926 <https://diakon-swan.org/swanhelpline/>

PA Chafee Education and Training Grant | PHEAA. This federally funded program offers a grant towards the cost of attendance at an institution of higher education to PA youth who are in or who have been discharged from foster care on or after attaining age 16 or exited foster care on or after age 16 to adoption or permanent legal guardianship.

Contact:

<https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/other-educational-aid/chafee-program.shtml>

Early Intervention Services

Early Intervention Programs are provided through a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Human Services. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) administers the Early Intervention Services for infants to age three. Services are provided by the county Mental Health/Intellectual Development agencies for children from birth to age three. Early Intervention helps children with disabilities develop and learn to their fullest potential. An individualized service plan is developed for each child.

For more information, call the CONNECT Information Services Helpline Hotline at 1-800-692-7288 for access to early intervention services and information on early intervention and child development.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx>

Other Related Grant Programs

Pennsylvania Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Grant Program

Who May Apply: The CMP grant program will accept applications from a licensed Medical Assistance nursing facility or nursing facility chain, or an outside entity collaborating directly with one or more nursing facilities. Successful applicants must have demonstrated experience and expertise in promoting quality of care and/or quality of life for residents of nursing facilities, which also meet the requirements under this grant opportunity.

Use: The goal of the Pennsylvania Civil Money Penalty Grant Program is to facilitate the use of federally imposed civil money penalty funds to support activities that support, protect and benefit residents living in nursing facilities.

The objectives are to review and make recommendations regarding CMP grant applications that are submitted for the development and implementation of quality improvement initiatives that directly or indirectly benefit nursing facility residents. These initiatives should showcase a variety of enhancement or educational philosophies through current and sound evidence-based practices that promote quality of care and quality of life for nursing facility residents.

Funding Source: State Funds

Funds: Applications shall not exceed funding requests greater than \$100,000.00 unless there is just cause for the increased request.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the CMP grant committee between **April 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/facilities/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Grant.aspx>

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.

The Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor for eligible claimants and coordinates benefits with health and other insurance carriers. Insurers may confirm whether the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor on a particular claim by contacting the current third party administrator. Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website: <https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or calling the Auto CAT Fund at 717-783-8093.

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: <https://ustif.pa.gov/> or calling the USTIF at 1-800-595-9887 (PA) or 717-787-0763.

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Schools-to-Work Program

Who May Apply: Any entity that is registered with the department as a pre-apprenticeship program or connected with a registered apprenticeship program.

Use: To support the establishment or enhancement of a workforce development partnership between schools, employers, organizations, or associations to create employment and training pathways.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$250,000.

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Clean Energy Workforce Development Grant

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania local workforce development board.

Use: To assist the department with the creation of programs designed to engage and support businesses in the clean energy sector.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$500,000.

Application Deadline: **March 14, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grants

Who May Apply: Local workforce development boards, non-profit agencies (community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.) or small businesses meeting certain criteria (see program guidelines).

Uses: To provide digital literacy classes emphasizing career development skills, including digital fundamentals, digital job seeking, digital citizenship, and digital information.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grants of up to \$45,000 each.

Application Deadline: **December 21, 2021**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Business-Education Partnership Grants

Who Can Apply: Local Workforce Development Boards.

Use: To connect businesses and school districts and to expand career awareness opportunities.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Up to \$150,000 per award.

Application Deadline: **November 18, 2021**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Workforce Discretionary Grants

Workforce announces several discretionary grants throughout the year to enhance the workforce landscape. These grants are open to a variety of applicants and focus on the connection of individuals to employment through a host of activities including apprenticeship, work experience, training, barrier reduction, industry partnership and case management as well as others.

These opportunities are announced on the Labor & Industry website at:

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Industry Partnership Grant Program

An industry partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that helps connect and meet the needs of workers and businesses. Effective partnerships bring companies in the same industry cluster and region together to aggregate training and address commonly held educational needs. Partnerships can help companies identify and work together to address organizational and human resource challenges: recruiting new workers, retaining incumbent workers, implementing high-performance work organizations, adopting new technologies and fostering experiential, on-the-job learning. Grants help support worker skills training to better position them and employers to remain competitive in the global marketplace. The program emphasizes outcomes such as the attainment of industry-recognized credentials, wage gains, career advancement and retention within the workplace.

Eligible applicants include local workforce development boards, non-profit and non-governmental entities, community-based organizations, educational and post-secondary educational organizations, labor organizations, business associations, and economic development entities. The applicant(s) must be capable of bringing together relevant partners to achieve the overall project goals of this NGA. Additionally, the lead applicant must demonstrate the ability to coordinate the project design and implementation of the project, manage the project budget, and implement a strategy to collect, analyze, and report performance outcomes. For all lead applicants other than local workforce development boards, the lead applicant must demonstrate engagement with the local workforce development board.

Funding Source: State Funds

Funds: Up to \$4 million total in grants of up to \$250,000 each

Application deadline: **October 22, 2021 at 4PM**

Contact: Shauna Davis shesdavis@pa.gov

More Information:

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx> - Under "Pennsylvania Industry Partnership Grants"

Contact: Shauna Davis at: shesdavis@pa.gov

Individual Training Account (ITA)

An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), intended to finance occupational skills training for participants to become gainfully employed or re-employed. Customers approved for training may use their ITAs to purchase occupational skills training slots in any program on the statewide list.

Parameters for ITAs are established by each local workforce development area, or LWDA, and may include a maximum duration of training, cost of training, or other requirements.

More information: visit <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>.

Pell Grants

Pell grants, as well as most federal student aid, are awarded based on financial need. The amount an individual receives is based on a formula that includes the cost of attendance minus expected family contribution. Recipients must be enrolled in a program of organized instruction or study that leads to an academic, professional or vocational degree or certificate, or other recognized educational credential.

PA CareerLink® staff and the training providers with whom local areas work can provide guidance on how participants can apply for Pell grants and other student aid. There also are various websites that provide instructions on the application process.

More information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

The Trade Act's TAA program helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production out of the United States. TAA can provide funding for tuition, books and supplies, and basic or remedial education, which may include training in literacy or English as a second language.

Occupational training is targeted to a specific occupation and provided to help certified workers secure employment at a skill level and wage similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment. Based on the individual's existing skills and labor market conditions, training will be of the shortest duration necessary to return the individual to employment, with a maximum duration of 130 weeks. TAA can also pay 50% of the salary for on-the-job training and customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a PA CareerLink® office. Visit www.pacareerlink.pa.gov.

More information: RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov.

TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances

The TAA program can also help pay expenses incurred when workforce must look for employment outside a certified worker's normal commuting area if a suitable job is not available in the area. Job search allowances reimburse 90% of the total costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to \$1,250. If workers have to relocate to accept employment out of the commuting area, TAA can reimburse 90% of the cost to move them and their families, and includes a lump-sum payment equal to three times the worker's average weekly wage (but no more than \$1,250) to help them get settled.

More information: RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov.

Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Act Funded Activities

The Employment Service (ES) program brings together individuals looking for employment and employers looking for job seekers. It does this by providing a variety of services, available to all individuals and to businesses. The program provides job seekers with career services, including labor exchange services, job-search assistance, workforce information, referrals to employment and other assistance. Employers can use PA CareerLink® to post job orders and obtain qualified applicants. Employment services programs and activities are provided through the public workforce service delivery system, PA CareerLink®.

More information: contact RA-LI-BWPO-LXSTAFF@pa.gov.

JVSG Grant

The Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) program provides federal funding, through a formula grant, to 54 State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) to hire dedicated staff who provide individualized career and training-related services to veterans and eligible persons with significant barriers to employment, and to help employers meet their workforce needs by hiring job-seeking veterans.

The JVSG program supports the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist position, Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) staff and Consolidated Position staff. DVOP specialists provide individualized career services to veterans with significant barriers to employment, with the maximum emphasis directed toward serving veterans who are economically or educationally disadvantaged. Veterans with barriers include homeless veterans and vocational rehabilitation clients. LVERs conduct outreach to employers and business associations and engage in advocacy efforts with hiring executives to increase employment opportunities for veterans and encourage the hiring of disabled veterans. Consolidated position staff serve in a dual role as DVOP and LVER.

Most state workforce agencies' funding allocation is determined by a ratio reflecting the total number of veterans seeking employment in a given state to the total number of veterans seeking employment in all states. Several states receive a minimum amount of funding to ensure that a certain level of staff can be maintained, particularly in states with remote pockets of Native Americans and many sparsely populated, rural counties.

More information: contact the JVSG Coordinator at ra-libwpo-vets@pa.gov.

RESEA Grant

The [Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) program](#) is a required partner in the broader public workforce system, providing unemployment benefits to individuals who have lost their employment through no fault of their own and who otherwise meet initial and continuing UI eligibility requirements. Beginning in 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration funded the voluntary UI Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program to address UI claimants' individual reemployment needs, as well as detect and prevent improper benefit payments. In 2015, the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program replaced the REA program, providing greater access to reemployment services in addition to services previously provided under the REA program.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, amendments to the Social Security Act permanently authorized the RESEA program and implemented several significant changes, including formula-based funding and a series of requirements intended to increase the use and availability of evidence-based reemployment interventions and strategies. The permanent RESEA program has four purposes:

- Reduce UI duration through improved employment outcomes
- Strengthen UI program integrity
- Promote alignment with the vision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Establish RESEA as an entry point to other workforce system partners

More information: contact RA-LIBWPO-RESEA@pa.gov.

FLC Grant

The mission of the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is to determine, case-by-case, whether there are able, willing and qualified U.S. workers available for a job, and whether there will be any adverse effect on similarly employed U.S. workers should a labor certification be granted. The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) assigns certain responsibilities to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) for employment-based immigration programs. The Secretary has delegated the non-enforcement responsibilities of these labor-certification programs to the OFLC. Accordingly, statutory and regulatory provisions of the labor certification programs administered by OFLC require nearly all employers seeking to hire either permanent or temporary foreign labor to apply to the Secretary for a labor certification.

Congress appropriates funding for state foreign labor certification activities through the State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations (SUIESO) account. These state grants fund services provided by state workforce agencies in support of the foreign labor certification program, including the placement of employer job orders, inspection of housing for agricultural workers and the administration of prevailing wage and practice surveys. The OFLC distributes this grant funding annually in accordance with approved state plans.

More information: contact: RA-LIBWPO-FLC@pa.gov.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

WOTC provides private-for-profit employers with federal tax liability savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. WOTC targets short- and long-term Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients; veterans on SNAP; disabled veterans; unemployed veterans; recent Office of Vocational Rehabilitation customers who received services through a state plan for vocational rehabilitation or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or have a Ticket to Work and an active individual work plan with an Employment Network (EN); Supplemental Security Income Recipients; ex-felons; designated community residents, summer youth living in an empowerment zone or Rural Renewal Community and the new Long-Term Unemployment Recipient. WOTC also provides nonprofit, 501(c)(3), employers with a social security tax deduction as an incentive to hire any of the five veteran target groups.

For most target groups mentioned above, WOTC is 40 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages, for a maximum credit of \$2,400 (exceptions to these amounts apply to some target groups). A new hire must be employed at least 400 hours for the employer to receive the maximum. A partial credit of 25 percent is permitted for employees working between 120 and 399 hours.

More information: information, forms and instructions can be downloaded from www.dli.pa.gov Click on "Businesses" (upper right-hand corner); click on "Workforce Development;" click on "Work Opportunity Tax Credit;" or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink® office or call Tax Credit Services at 1-800-345-2555.

More information: contact RA-BWPO-TAXCREDITS@pa.gov.

Apprenticeship Training

The Apprenticeship Training appropriation supports the mission of the Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) to increase Pennsylvania's contribution to the overall growth of apprenticeship programs nationwide; enhance outreach efforts to businesses and individuals; assist existing apprenticeship programs; expand the apprenticeship model to non-traditional

occupations; and ensure apprenticeship opportunities are available to under-represented communities across the commonwealth.

More information: contact the Apprenticeship and Training Office at apprenticeship@pa.gov.

Apprenticeship Grants

As part of the PAsmart initiative, Registered Apprenticeship, Pre-Apprenticeship, and Apprenticeship Ambassador Network Grants will be offered to support potential and existing programs to increase “earn while you learn” opportunities across Pennsylvania.

PAsmart Apprenticeship grant funds will be used to build a diverse talent pipeline into the building and construction trades; expand registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship in non-traditional industries with an emphasis on health care, manufacturing, and information technology; and to support registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship through ambassador networks across the commonwealth.

More Information: To learn more about PAsmart’s Apprenticeship grants and to apply, visit the [Department of Labor & Industry’s website](#).

TANFBG – Youth Employment and Training

Since 2000, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has provided a significant amount of annual funding support from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), and their youth committees. The TANF Youth Development Program provides comprehensive services to youth by connecting them to available resources within their community. The program encourages the network of state and local youth services providers and workforce development providers along with public housing agencies to develop workforce programs for needy and at-risk youth that provide employment, educational experiences, and essential skills such as financial literacy and time management. TANF funds enhance WIOA Youth Formula funding and extend the availability of high-quality workforce investment activities to low-income youth, and to continue addressing the unique challenges that most often affect the ability of our young people to succeed. This year’s allocation was \$25 million and there have been 13,526 participants served as of December 2019.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

PA Department of Human Services, Bureau of Employment Programs

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AmeriCorps State Program Grants – PennSERVE

PennSERVE provides grants to community-based, faith-based and educational institutions to operate AmeriCorps programs designed to address unmet needs at the community level.

Grantees awarded funding enroll individuals as AmeriCorps members to address community needs. AmeriCorps members serve full-time (1,700 hours per year) or part-time and receive a

stipend and an education award. In 2021, stipends begin at \$16,000 for full-time members; the full-time member education award is equivalent to the Pell Grant.

Grants are awarded annually. There is a 24 percent initial match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations. There are two grant application cycles each year. The first opens in the fall, with grant applications typically due in November; the second opens in the spring, with grant applications typically due in March.

More Information: <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-866-6-SERVE-U for more information.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, serves two primary customer groups: individuals with disabilities and businesses. OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in 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. For employers, OVR will provide pre-screened, qualified applicants to meet the workforce needs of a business. OVR will also provide no-cost services to businesses such as accessibility analysis and worksite modification consultation, assistive technology information, disability awareness training for other staff and answers to ADA-related questions. Information about on-the-job training reimbursement and tax credits will also be made available to the business.

There are OVR District Offices in 15 locations staffed with trained, professional vocational rehabilitation counselors, which serve Pennsylvania in all 67 counties. In six of those 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 with living independently in their community. Additionally, the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) in Johnstown provides vocational training and comprehensive rehabilitation services to people from across the state. The state-owned and operated HGAC is a 12-acre-under-one-roof barrier-free campus that provides each student with an individual workstation and specialized adaptive tools and equipment as needed. Interested applicants are urged to visit HGAC and explore its opportunities. Tours for individuals and groups can be arranged by appointment: 814-254-0645 or 800-762-4211.

Types of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. OVR services include:

- **Assistive Technology:** 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.
- **Counseling:** Vocational counseling helps individuals with disabilities to better understand their potential, abilities and vocational goals.
- **Diagnostic Services:** medical, psychological and audiological examinations
- **Placement Assistance:** counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs and job development
- **Restoration Services:** medical services and equipment, such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs and automobile modifications
- **Training:** education to prepare individuals with disabilities for careers, including academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training

- Vocational Evaluation: aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance and “hands-on” job experiences
- Support Services: Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary to start and maintain employment.

PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR's) Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services (BBVS)

OVR's Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services provides services to assist Pennsylvanians who are blind or visually impaired in obtaining and maintaining employment and independent lives.

BBVS programs include:

- Vocational Rehabilitation - Assists individuals who need services to prepare for or retain employment. Services may include, but are not limited to, employment evaluation; counseling and guidance; training; job placement; assistive technology; adjustment to blindness; occupational tools and equipment; orientation and mobility training; and vision rehabilitation therapy.
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy - Helps individuals safely and efficiently carry out their daily activities at home, on the job and in their community. Services may include Braille instruction, home management, in-home orientation and personal management.
- Orientation & Mobility - Teaches individuals how to travel independently and safely within their homes, workplaces and communities.
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP) – Assists qualified, interested individuals in developing creative business ventures ranging from vending machine routes to a full cafeteria.
- Specialized Services - Assists adults and children in achieving safety and independence within their homes and communities. Specialized Services for adults and children may include vision enhancement services; advocacy; counseling; information and referral; vision rehabilitation therapy; and orientation and mobility services. Specialized Services for children may also include advocacy for educational services, transition to employment and assistive technology.
- Independent Living – Helps individuals aged 55 and older become more self-sufficient and independent in their homes and communities.

Contact: Rod Alcidonis, BBVS Director - ralcidonis@pa.gov | (717) 787-7312. Program Area OVRFeedback@pa.gov

Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC)

campus covers more than 45 acres. Taking three years to build, it is the world's first and largest rehabilitation facility specifically designed to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services under one roof. From its opening in April, 1959, the Hiram G. Andrews Center has achieved worldwide recognition, attracting distinguished visitors from many countries and has provided individualized educational and rehabilitation programs for residents and commuter students. An individual's program may include pre-employment transition services, vocational evaluation, post-secondary education at the Commonwealth Technical Institute housed within the Hiram G. Andrews Center, cognitive therapies, physical restoration, career exploration, work-based learning experiences, work readiness and self-advocacy activities, assistive technology assessment and intervention. As the only self-supporting government facility in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is not funded by direct legislative appropriations, but relies, instead, upon payment for services rendered.

HGAC is supported by the following areas:

- Transition Programs - Provides a comprehensive, specialized range of transition services through a systematic partnership with HGAC staff, private sector providers, medical professionals, and university research teams, including vocational evaluation, career guidance, placement, assistive technology, and student enrichment services.
- Education - Programs offered at the Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrews Center offer quality, accredited, individualized post-secondary education. Programs of study may afford students the opportunity to obtain an ASB or AST degree or an industry-recognized diploma and credentials at the postsecondary level. The Commonwealth Technical Institute at Hiram G. Andrews Center is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).
- Student Affairs - Provides medical, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, vocational counseling, and residential support programs designed to assist students in reaching educational and rehabilitative goals.
- Institutional and Business Management - Maintains business operations of the Hiram G. Andrews Center, to include fiscal operations, data and statistics, financial aid, shipping/receiving, dietary operations and the internal Print Shop.
- Facility Maintenance - Maintains the facility by directing Security, physical plant trades, maintenance repair, utility plant operations and custodial operations to provide a safe, secure, sanitary and operational environment for students and staff.

Contact: Program Area Contact Information: (814) 255-8200 (voice/TTY) and (800) 762-4211

OVR Pre-Employment Transition Services

Pre-Employment Transition Services are provided to students between the ages of 14-21 who are enrolled in secondary or post-secondary education and have an IEP, 504 Plan or identify themselves as a student with a disability. The following Pre-Employment Transition Services are offered through a variety of ways throughout the state:

- Instruction in self-advocacy helps students with disabilities build skills to solve problems and communicate their own needs and interests.
- Counseling on Post-Secondary Options helps students with disabilities decide if college or training after high school is right for them.
- Job Exploration Counseling helps students with disabilities learn about jobs and pick a career.
- Work-Based Learning uses community workplaces to provide students with disabilities the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities.
- Workplace Readiness Training teaches students with disabilities how to get and keep a job.

Contact: OVR Central Office at 800-442-6351 (Voice) or 866-830-7327 (TTY).

More Information: www.dli.pa.gov/ovr.

OVR Business Services

- Staffing: pre-screened candidates, help to retain current employees, consultation services and accommodation solutions
- Accessibility analysis: job analysis and worksite modification consultation; reasonable accommodation consultation and assistive technology information
- Financial incentives: OJT training reimbursement and tax credits
- Disability awareness: sensitivity and disability etiquette training; Americans with Disabilities Act consultation

- Short- and long-term support: follow-up services to problem-solve issues that jeopardize the continued employment of the individual with a disability
 - Networking Resources – Employment Networks, Business Leadership Networks, Job Accommodation Network (JAN), VR-NET, Job Gateway
- Contact the OVR Business Services and Outreach Division at 717-787-3940 (Voice), 800-442-6351 (Voice).

Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)

ODHH is your first stop on the path to learn about anything and everything related to hearing loss, such as services, technology, sign language interpreters, or laws that require equal access for people who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

Contact: Melissa Hawkins, Director for Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing; mehawkins@pa.gov
Program Area Contact Information: 717-783-4912 v/tty, 717-831-1928 videophone or ra-li-ovr-odhh@pa.gov

Veterans Employment Program

Who Can Apply: Local workforce development boards, non-profit and non-governmental entities, community-based organizations, education and post-secondary organizations, labor organizations, business associations, and economic development entities. There is a special emphasis on the following counties with the highest veteran unemployment rates: Beaver, Delaware, Fayette, Lackawanna, Clearfield, and Lycoming counties.

Use: To implement a veterans employment program.

Funding Source: General Fund & Reemployment Fund

Funds: Up to \$200,000 each. \$800,000 will be awarded statewide.

Application Deadline: **December 30, 2021**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Department of Military & Veterans Affairs www.dmva.pa.gov

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. Questions should be directed to 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. Call 717-861-8910 or email ra-bvp@pa.gov for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Transportation

This program provides Pennsylvania veterans who have no other means of transportation with access to VA medical facilities. This funding supports replacement vehicles through the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans Volunteer Transportation Network. The program manager can be reached at 717-861-8910 or by email at ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov

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. Call 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 eight semesters or terms) are provided for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified as having war-time service-connected disabilities rated as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled or children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict or hostile fire in peacetime as certified by the VA. Children must be 16-23 years of age and living in Pennsylvania for five years before the application. They must also attend a school in Pennsylvania and show financial need. Contact 717-861-8910 or email ra-eg@pa.gov 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 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. Call the DMVA Education Center at 866-920-7902.

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

Military Family Relief Assistance

The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance grants to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. Eligible members must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of assistance is based upon documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500. Call 717-861-6500 or email ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov with questions or to submit an application.

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.

Veterans' Temporary Assistance

Veterans' Temporary Assistance is for eligible veterans or their unmarried surviving spouse who are facing adverse financial circumstances and need assistance with the necessities of daily 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. Eligible veterans or their beneficiaries may qualify for a one-time payment up to \$1,600 in a twelve-month period. Contact the program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-vta@pa.gov

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.

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

Use: Programs and services benefiting Pennsylvania veterans.

Funding Source: Veterans' Trust Fund

Funds: Up to a total of \$200,000 in grant funding is available to county directors of veterans affairs or the Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs. Up to \$800,000 in VTF funding is available to veteran service organizations with 501(c)(19) status and non-profit organizations.

Application Deadline: **January 19, 2022**

More Information:

Click on <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Veterans%27%20Trust%20Fund/VeteransTrustFundGrantProgram.aspx>.

Contact: 717-861-8910 or ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES

<https://www.dmv.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Governor's-Advisory-.aspx>

The purpose of the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services is to review, evaluate and assess state veterans' programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions to increase information sharing, ensure program fidelity, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to veterans' benefits and services within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is Pennsylvania's first interagency cooperative approach to veterans services. This initiative reviews, evaluates and assesses state Veterans programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A comprehensive booklet details each agency's role with veterans.

<https://www.dmv.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Documents/Resource-Directory.pdf>

Contact: Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services Bldg 0-47, Edward Martin Hall Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003-5002 Phone: 1-800-547-2328 Email: RA-VA-info@pa.gov

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The Property Tax/Rent 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. Nearly 530,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from the program this year.

Homeowners can receive:

<u>Income Maximum</u>	<u>Standard Rebate</u>
\$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:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Maximum Rebate</u>
\$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 \$6.9 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

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

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 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.

Contact: Additional Information and Application are available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/taxcredits> Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

The Research and Development Tax Credit 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.

Computer Datacenter Equipment Incentive Program

An owner, operator, or qualified tenant of a computer data center, certified prior to July 1, 2021, may apply for a tax refund for sales and use tax paid on qualified computer data center equipment used within the facility. The total amount of refunds approved per fiscal year is limited to \$7 million. Per enactment of Act 25 of 2021, the Department is prohibited from accepting new applications for certification under this program.

Contact: Additional Information is available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/taxcredits> Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

Computer Datacenter Sales and Use Tax Exemption Program

An owner, operator, or qualified tenant of a certified computer data center may apply annually for a sales and use tax certificate of exemption for use beginning January 1, 2022. Certification by the Department of Revenue, of the computer data center facility, is required prior to application for the Certificate of Exemption. Sales and Use tax imposed upon the sale at retail or use of computer data center equipment, used exclusively in the data center certified by the state, may be exempted upon sale to a certified entity in possession of the Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption within this program.

Contact: Additional Information and Application are available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/taxcredits> 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.

Contact: Additional Information and Application are available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/taxcredits> Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.

Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Tax Credit Program

A business firm must provide one or more paid leaves of absence to employees for the specific purpose of donating an organ or bone marrow to qualify for the PA Organ & Bone Marrow Donor tax credit. The qualifying leave of absence period per employee cannot exceed five days. The credit is equal to the sum of the employee compensation paid during the leave of absence and the cost of any temporary replacement help incurred in connection with the leave. The

credit is subject to payroll apportionment. Approved credits may be carried forward up to 3 succeeding taxable years. Credits may not be carried back and are not refundable.

Contact: Additional Information and Application are available by visiting <http://www.revenue.pa.gov/taxcredits> Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896.
Department of Transportation www.penndot.gov

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

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

Contact: David J. Bratina, 717-705-1230. Email: djbratina@pa.gov

Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside)

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

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.

Contact: Justin Cambric, 717-705-1532. Email: jcambric@pa.gov

BUREAU OF AVIATION

Aviation Development Program

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

Contact: Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov

Capital Budget/Aviation Transportation Assistance Program

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

Contact: Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@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 typically funded with 90 percent federal, 5 percent state and 5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

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

Contact: Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@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: Hugh McGowan, 717-787-5798. Email: hmcgowan@pa.gov

Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates

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

Application Deadline: **February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year.**

Contact: Anthony McCloskey, 717-705-1200. Email: amccloskey@pa.gov

BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUREAU OF RAIL, FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

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.

Application Deadline: **The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website** at <https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)

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

Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)

This program provides state-funded financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve rail freight service and stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service. RFAP is a grant program with an annual funding stream of \$10 million. In addition, RFAP Marcellus Shale-related grant projects are eligible for the Marcellus Shale fee funding of \$1 million annually. The maximum state funding for any project is \$700,000, or no greater than 70 percent of the actual total project cost, whichever is less. The funding for the new construction portion of any project cannot exceed \$250,000.

Types of projects eligible for funding: Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts and other track materials. Construction – consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail,

ballast and other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail-associated facility.

Application Deadline: The application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at <https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)
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

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

Application Deadline: The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at <https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

Applications must be submitted electronically via Index - dotGrants 2.0 (www.penndot.gov)

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.

Application Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application, is available at:

<http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>

Contact: Hugh McGowan, 717-787-5798. Email: hmcgowan@pa.gov

Pennsylvania Intermodal Cargo Growth Incentive Program (PICGIP)

PICGIP provides an economic incentive to ocean carriers to move their preordained and discretionary cargo through a commonwealth port instead of other United States ports. The incentive, which is \$25 per verified container "lift" applies to containerized cargo loaded or discharged from vessels moving through the commonwealth's ports. The incentive is offered to eligible ocean carriers starting a new service to a commonwealth port as well as to ocean carriers currently calling a commonwealth port and increasing containerized cargo volumes based on benchmarks established by PennDOT.

All ocean carriers that move containerized cargo through commonwealth ports and agree to follow the PICGIP Guidelines are eligible to participate in the incentive program and be considered for an incentive payment.

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

The PICGIP Program Guidelines and application instructions can be found at:

<https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact: Denise Soisson, 717-705-1223. Email: dsoisson@pa.gov

BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation Operating Assistance

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

Application Deadline: **June 30**

Contact: Anthony Stever, 717-783-9559. Email: astever@pa.gov

Federal 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides state and federal funds for public transportation projects serving rural communities with population less than 50,000. The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Pennsylvania's rural population. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping and recreation. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Application Deadline: **May 31**

Contact: Anthony Stever, 717-783-9559. Email: astever@pa.gov

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.

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.

Application Deadline: **July 31**

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

Community Transportation Capital Equipment

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

Eligibility: The following may apply for these funds: The governing body of a county, other than a county of the first or second class; a transportation company designated by the governing body of the county as the coordinator of the community transportation service; an agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth.

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

Contact: John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Section 5310 Private Nonprofit (PNP) Vehicle Grant Program

Private, nonprofit organizations may apply for federal grants to fund 80 percent of the cost of wheelchair- accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the applicant. Public transit agencies are also eligible for funding under this program.

Who May Apply: Private nonprofit organizations and designated public bodies.

Use: To purchase new wheelchair accessible small transit vehicles used to provide transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities who cannot be reasonably accommodated by existing transportation providers.

Funding source: Federal Funds

Funds: Federal capital assistance to pay up to 80% of the purchase cost.

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

More Information:

Click on <https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/Transit/InformationandReports/Documents/5310%20Resources/5310%20PNP%20Applicant%20Instructions%202021%20Revised%206.3.2021.pdf>.

Contact: John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

Intercity Bus Assistance Program

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

Application Deadline: **No deadline**

Contact: Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

Intercity Rail Passenger Program

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

Application Deadline: **No deadline**

Contact: Steven Panko, 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.

Application Deadline: **To be determined**

Contact: Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov

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.

Eligibility: Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Philadelphia.

Application Deadline: **Rolling**

Contact: Anthony Stever, 717-783-9559. Email: astever@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: **Rolling**

Contact: Anthony Stever, 717-783-9559. Email: astever@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.

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.

Application Deadline: **June 30**

Contact: Anthony Stever, 717-783-9559. Email: astever@pa.gov

BUREAU OF INNOVATIONS

Agility Program

This innovative, streamlined program is designed to make the most of limited resources by exchanging services between PennDOT district and county maintenance offices and public procurement units such as municipalities, charitable hospitals, school districts, metropolitan and rural planning organizations, volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state and federal government agencies, community colleges, etc. Agility allows the exchange of services, instead of money, between PennDOT and eligible partners. For example, PennDOT may patch potholes along a township road in exchange for having the township's crew mow along state roads. The program enables local governments to accomplish more than they could have with their own limited resources and increases our collective effectiveness and efficiencies for the general public.

Agility agreements have a contract life of five years with a three-year renewal clause for a total of eight years. The exchange of services must be of a reasonably equal value, detailed on a single-page work plan, and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

Contact: Bob Snyder, 717-783-9661. Email: rolsnyde@pa.gov

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: Michael Dudrich, 717-425-5672 or 1-800-FOR-LTAP.

Email: midudrich@pa.gov or <https://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/default.aspx>

Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program

The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 32 of 1983, authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is paid to municipalities 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: Zachery Kopinetz, 717-705-0687. Email: zkopinetz@pa.gov

CENTER FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

PennDOT's Twelve Year Program

The Twelve Year Program (TYP), which is the commonwealth's official transportation program, is a multimodal, fiscally constrained program of transportation improvements spanning a 12-year period. Multimodal means that the TYP includes all travel modes including highways, bridges, public transit, aviation, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian. PA State Law, Act 120 of 1970, as amended, requires PennDOT to prepare, update and submit Pennsylvania's TYP every two years to the State Transportation Commission for their review and approval. The first four-year

period of the Twelve Year Program also serves as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration for approval following STC's approval of the TYP. The development of the program is coordinated with PennDOT's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

Contact: Larry Shifflet, 717-787-3154. Email: lashifflet@pa.gov or RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov

Department of Treasury www.patreasury.gov

Unclaimed Property and Military Decorations

The Pennsylvania Treasury has more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property that it is working hard to return to its rightful owners. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a “holder,” such as a bank, insurance company or other business or organization, without activity or contact for multiple years. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury after a certain number of years (three years, in most cases).

The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, and items abandoned in safe deposit boxes. About 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians is owed unclaimed property, and the average claim is about \$2,000.

In addition to cash, the Pennsylvania Treasury receives tangible items including military decorations and memorabilia ranging from Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars to badges and dog tags. Returning these military decorations is a top priority for Treasurer Stacy Garritty, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Individuals can search for unclaimed property at patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/. Claimants may also use the Treasury website to check the status of an unclaimed property claim. Claimants seeking assistance with their claim may email inquiries to TUPMail@patreasury.gov. Holders needing information about the unclaimed property program can visit patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/holder/ or email HolderReporting@patreasury.gov.

PA 529 College and Career Savings Program

The PA 529 College and Career Savings Program is a tax-advantaged way for families to save and pay for education. A PA 529 account can be opened with no deposit, and future contributions can be as low as \$1.

Treasury offers two PA 529 plans, each with its own specific benefits. The PA 529 Investment Plan (IP) allows families to choose from a number of investment options offered by The Vanguard Group. The PA 529 IP received a Morningstar Silver Rating in both 2020 and 2021. The honor designates the PA 529 IP as a best-in-class plan nationwide. The PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) is a lower-risk plan open only to Pennsylvanians in which you save for tomorrow's tuition credits at today's postsecondary tuition rates. Savings in PA 529 accounts can be used to help pay for tuition, fees, equipment, books, room and board and other qualified higher education expenses at most schools nationwide, including community colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship programs and four-year colleges and universities. Savings can also be used for certain K-12 expenses.
More information: visit pa529.com or call 800-440-4000.

PA ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience)

PA ABLE, a savings plan for people with disabilities and their families, was launched in April 2017. The PA ABLE Program offers account owners multiple tax-advantaged savings options, including an interest-bearing checking account with an accompanying debit card. PA ABLE account owners pay no federal or state income tax on savings growth or withdrawals for qualified disability-related expenses. Contributions up to \$15,000 per year can be deducted on state income tax benefits.

PA ABLE accounts can be used for a large variety of qualified disability-related expenses such as housing, education, health care, transportation, assistive technology and more.
More information: visit PAABLE.gov or call 855-529-ABLE (2253).

Keystone Scholars

Keystone Scholars provides an automatic \$100 starter savings for every baby born on or after January 1, 2019, who is a Pennsylvania resident at birth or is adopted by a Pennsylvania family. Families will receive instructions in the mail on how to access their account about five months after a child is born.

The \$100 Keystone Scholars account can be linked to a PA 529 account and can be used for any qualified higher education expense at an approved institution of higher education, including trade schools, vocational programs, community colleges, and universities.

More information: visit pa529.com/keystone. Keystone Scholars is funded without taxpayer money.

INVEST Program for Governments and Nonprofits

INVEST is a family of highly rated investment pools designed specifically for local government and nonprofit groups. INVEST is similar in concept to money market funds, offering two rated pools with short-term maturity as well as periodic custom investment opportunities for longer-term investment needs. The program's portfolios are managed by the Pennsylvania Treasury's investment staff.

In addition to daily monitoring by Treasury, INVEST is monitored by and has earned the highest rating from the financial world's premier rating company: Standard & Poor's Ratings. The Invest Daily Pool and Invest Community Pool are both rated AAAM.

More information: visit patreasury.gov/invest/.

PennSEF – Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance Program

PennSEF provides technical and legal assistance, as well as low-cost capital, for energy improvement projects by municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals. The Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment, a nonprofit organization, administers PennSEF for Treasury.

More information: visit freefutures.org/pennsef/about/.

Center for Rural Pennsylvania www.ruralpalegisture.us
The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It was created in 1987 under Act 16, the Rural Revitalization Act, to promote and sustain the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities. 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.

The Center's Board of Directors annually approves topics for research. All projects must show a clear relationship to one or more of the Center's mandated research areas:

- 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
- Health and welfare concerns

Who May Apply: The Center's enabling legislation allows the Center to award grants to qualified faculty members of The Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities, and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. A qualified faculty member must serve as the project director.

Partnerships with other academic institutions, community organizations, and public and private agencies are encouraged.

In addition to publication on the Center's website, all reports will be included in Penn State Libraries Open Publishing, an open access imprint of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries. For more information, please visit <http://open.psu.edu>.

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.

For the 2023 grant cycle, the Center will grant research awards up to \$50,000 on targeted topics, (see [Request for Proposals - Center for Rural PA](#) for list of target topics).

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.

Grant Application Process and Timeline

The Center's 2023 Research Grant Program application process is as follows:

1. Request for Proposals is released March 2022
2. Deadline for submission of Letters of Intent May 16, 2022

3. Letters of Intent are reviewed and selected applicants are invited to submit a full proposal Late May/Early June 2022
4. Proposal planning discussions are conducted with applicants June - August 2022
5. Deadline for full proposal submissions August 22, 2022
6. Center's Board of Directors selects projects for funding November - December 2022
7. Final work plans are negotiated and accepted December 2022
8. Cooperative Agreements are issued, and work begins January 2023

Student Micro Grant Program

The Center has established a fund to assist eligible faculty and students in pursuing scholarly research projects that will examine the needs and opportunities of Pennsylvania's nearly 3.4 million residents through a public policy lens. Research must be conducted under the supervision of a qualified faculty member.

Who May Apply: The Center anticipates granting four to six awards of up to \$2,500 per submission for the two upcoming grant cycles noted below.

The Center is seeking research and scholarship that meet the following criteria:

1. All projects must show a clear relationship to one or more of the Center's mandated research areas, which include: people and communities, development, local government finance and administration, services, natural resources and the environment, educational outreach, values and social change, agriculture, and health and welfare concerns.
2. All projects must include a public policy focus that could pertain to state, local, or federal governments, and/or other public service organizations serving the Commonwealth. Projects may be completed as a class project that incorporates -based learning (e.g., a research methods class that engages in a group project), an undergraduate or graduate student thesis project with significant faculty engagement, or related cooperative research experiences between faculty and students.

Deadline: For winter/spring 2023 research, proposal applications will be due October 1, 2022. Award recipients will be notified by November 1, 2022.

Data on Rural Trends and Conditions

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also has the state's largest database on rural trends and conditions. Much of the data it collects on Pennsylvania's counties, municipalities and school districts is available online. Population projection data, through the year 2040, are also available online. These data, used in conjunction with other population data, are a valuable resource for public and private agencies that are responsible for policy development, project planning and program evaluation.

Hearings and Forums

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also sponsors hearings on issues impacting rural Pennsylvania, the most recent of which are the possible funding implications for Pennsylvania if the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) changed its definition of metropolitan areas; efforts to expand broadband access in rural Pennsylvania; rural aviation; and the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines in rural Pennsylvania. In 2021, the center launched a virtual Rural Policy Summit series to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to learn about and discuss major policy issues that will affect rural Pennsylvania over the next 5 to 10 years.

Contact: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 625 Forster St., Room 902, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-9555.

Email: info@rural.pa.gov. website: www.rural.pa.gov or <https://www.facebook.com/RuralPennsylvania>

Governor's Office

Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Advocacy and Reform/United Way of PA: Local Innovations in Vaccine Equity in Pennsylvania project (LIVE PA)

Who May Apply: Any faith-based and non-profit organizations with a goal of administering COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as COVID-19 education and outreach.

Use: To host and promote vaccination events. Additional vaccines may also be requested.

Funds: Mini-grants that will range from \$400 to \$40,000 per vaccination event (with a reimbursement rate of \$10 per shot achieved and a matching rate of \$10 per direct person-to-person outreach).

Application Deadline: **None provided.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.uwp.org/programs/live-grant/> or contact your local United Way chapter

Office of the Budget www.budget.pa.gov

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 (percentage limitations may apply), permitting and any interest costs paid during construction. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required minimum of 50% 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.

Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-RACP application to the Office of the Budget.

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

There is a 30-day "public comment period" after the closing of an e-RACP application window until an award can be made. Once the initial review of all the projects has been completed and the public comment period has closed, the Office of the Budget will forward a complete listing of projects and summaries to the administration for grant award consideration.

All successful candidates will be notified via individual correspondence that the e-RACP application submission has resulted in a grant award and the amount approved therein. The applicants that DID NOT receive an award WILL need to re-apply during a future open window for grant consideration. The award letter will serve as written notification authorizing the preparation and submission to the Office of the Budget of a formal and complete Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Application and Business Plan for the project. All applicants must notify the Office of the Budget within 30 days of receipt of their award letter as to whether or not they are accepting the grant award. If the award has been accepted, the applicant must submit its formal Application and Business Plan within six months of the date of the award letter. They must also be able to demonstrate that at least 50% of the required non-state funds (matching funds) necessary to complete the project are secured at the time of the application among other stipulations in order to receive a grant agreement.

Once the grant agreement is fully executed, the grantee will then have a maximum of six months to meet the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. Once construction activities have started, the grantee is entitled to receive reimbursements based on submission of eligible and compliant paid costs and satisfaction of the terms and conditions of the grant. A legislatively mandated audit will result after construction completion.

Who May Apply: Entities that have a project itemized in a Capital Budget Itemization Act from the past 10 years. List of eligible projects can be found here: [Itemized Project Eligible for Funding](#).

Use: The acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects that have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. RACP projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

Funds: Projects must have a \$1 million minimum project cost and a 50% match (state funds cannot be used as match).

Application Deadline: **Contact Office of the Budget**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx>.

Contact – Office of the Budget at 717-787-2542, www.budget.pa.gov

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Overview

- The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Governor's Office of the Budget.
- RACP is for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects.
- RACP projects are authorized in the Redevelopment Assistance section of a Capital Budget Itemization Act, have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity.
- The minimum total project cost must be \$1 million
- At least 50% of the project cost must be matched with non-state funds (private sources, federal grants acceptable as local match). If you are requesting \$1 million, you must provide a match of \$1 million. The only non-cash, non-state match permitted is land or fixed assets, which have a substantial useful life and are directly related to the project.
- RACP is a reimbursement grant program. Reimbursement won't be made until the project is completed and after you have spent your matching funds. Often reimbursement takes several months following project completion. Interim financing may be necessary.
- **RACP has a two-step application process.**
 - **Step One** – Any project wishing to apply for RACP funding must already have language in an Itemization Act authorizing that project.
 - A list of all projects that have been submitted in any Itemization Bill from 2010 through present, may be found on the Office of the Budget website: http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUqvGbD_L8 under "Itemized Projects Eligible For Funding." Projects will remain on the list for a total of 10 years. At that time, if those projects have not been funded, or if they have not moved forward, they are removed from the list and new itemization language would need to be added when appropriate, so the applicant may submit their request during the application period.
 - If a project is not already in an Itemization Act, you must work with your State Representative and/or Senator to get language included in the next Itemization Act.
 - **Step Two** – The Application Period. The Office of the Budget occasionally opens the application period for RACP grants (this is also called, "submission of Business Plans"). Sometimes this is every year; sometimes it is not. The Governor decides.
- Eligible grantees - If you are not an eligible grantee, you will need to partner with one to receive RACP funds. Eligible grantees include:
 - A redevelopment authority.
 - An industrial development authority.
 - A general purpose unit of local government.
 - A local development district that has an agreement with a general purpose unit of local government under which the unit assumes ultimate responsibility for debt incurred to obtain the non-State financial participation.
 - A public authority established pursuant to the laws of this Commonwealth.

- An industrial development agency:
 - which has been certified as an industrial development agency by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Board under the act of May 17, 1956 (1955 P.L.1609, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act; and
 - which is itself or which is acting through a wholly owned subsidiary that is exempt from Federal taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- The Office of the Budget website lists all projects that have received funding to date.
http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUqvGbD_L8 .
Those funded projects may be found under the tab, “Cumulative Awards, 1986 – present.”
- More information on the RACP program can be found here:
<https://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx>

Office of the State Fire Commissioner www.osfc.pa.gov

Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner: Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program

Who May Apply: Eligible emergency medical services agencies. The eligible list of applicants is listed by county [here](#).

Use: To support Pennsylvania's emergency services agencies.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Amounts vary by award.

Application Deadline: **April 10, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/EMS-COVID19-Recovery-Grant-Program.aspx>.

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.

More Information: U.S. Fire Administration website www.fema.gov/firegrants/

Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program

Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire or rescue company applicant, and no more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two or more groups that had previously merged. Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary. For the 2021/2022 grant year, the application period closed October 25, 2021.

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

Fire and Emergency Medical Service Loan Program

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

Grants range from \$2,000 to no more than \$4,000. Departments who elect to submit joint applications are eligible for an additional \$500 per additional department, up to \$6,000. Eligible organizations include volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services and rescue companies throughout the 40 counties in Pennsylvania where unconventional gas well drilling has been permitted, or those counties that directly border the permitted counties and who respond to gas well-related emergencies.

More information: Visit the Office of State Fire Commissioner's website at www.osfc.pa.gov to download and print the loan application documents.

Contact: Letitia Sinclair, VLAP Administrator at 717-651-2205, lesinclair@pa.gov or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473

Deadline: **Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary and are on a rolling basis.**

PENNFIRS Reporting

Both grant programs from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner require applicants to continually submit their incidents to PENNFIRS. Any questions about this requirement should be directed to Kraig Herman at 717-651-2209 or 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.

Contact: Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at ra-emact13grant@pa.gov

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) www.pccd.pa.gov

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.

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Intermediate Punishment Treatment Programs

Who May Apply: Counties.

Use: To support restrictive conditions that are imposed as part of a county probation sentence, needed drug and alcohol-related services, and mental health treatment and supportive services for eligible individuals.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Varies by county.

Application Deadline: **April 25, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Support for Student Mental Health Needs Program

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations, school districts, and other school entities.

Use: To propose programming and other services to address youth mental health needs that have become apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$150,000.

Application Deadline: **March 28, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

2022 Resource Center for Prevention Program

Who May Apply: Any institution of higher education, nonprofit agency, or for-profit organization.

Use: To support Pennsylvania's Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices (Resource Center).

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: One award of \$945,000.

Application Deadline: **April 4, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Funds

Who May Apply: Accredited state, county, or local Forensic Crime Laboratories or those laboratories that will achieve accreditation within two years of receiving an award.

Use: To improve the quality and timeliness of forensic services with an emphasis on the opioid crisis throughout Pennsylvania.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grants up to \$150,000.

Application Deadline: **April 5, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Who May Apply: Nonprofits.

Use: To enhance security and protect from hate crimes.

Funding Source: Nonprofit Security Grant Fund

Funds: Grants awards from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

Application Deadline: **March 2, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/Non-Profit-Security-Grant-Fund.aspx>.

Endowment Act – Direct Victim Service Organizations Grant Program

Who May Apply: Direct victim service organizations.

Use: To support residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have been child victims of sexual abuse.

Funding Source: Monetary Penalty Endowments Trust Fund

Funds: Up to \$100,000 for a two-year period.

Application Deadline: **March 18, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

STOP Violence Against Women SART Development Program

Who May Apply: Counties and nonprofit victim service agencies.

Use: To improve coordinated responses to sexual assault through increasing the number of multi-disciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across the Commonwealth.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Up to \$430,000 for a three-year period.

Application Deadline: **March 14, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Endowment Act – Child Advocacy Centers Grant Program

Who May Apply: Active members of the National Children's Alliance.

Use: To support residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have been child victims of physical and/or sexual abuse.

Funding Source: Monetary Penalty Endowments Trust Fund

Funds: Up to \$100,000 for a two-year period.

Application Deadline: **March 18, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Violence Intervention & Prevention Technical Assistance Project

Who May Apply: Institutions of higher education (public and/or not-for-profit only), nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

Use: To support the design, launch, and management of a new Statewide Community of Practice technical assistance, training, and capacity-building initiative.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$750,000 over a two-year project period.

Application Deadline: **March 10, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Initiatives Funding

Who May Apply: Local units of government and non-profit organizations.

Use: To implement projects and programs that directly address the PCCD Objectives and Goals outlined in PCCD's 2021-2025 Strategic Framework.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grants up to \$250,000 over a two-year project period.

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

Regional Policing Assistance Program

Who May Apply: Any municipality – a city, borough, township, home-rule municipality, or county. Applicants may also be a public or quasi-public body, or its representative, duly authorized to act on behalf of one or more municipality.

Use: To assist in the formation of new regional police departments or for the expansion of established regional police departments by adding an additional municipality(s).

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Grants up to \$150,000 for the formation of a new regional police department or up to \$50,000 for the expansion of an existing regional police department.

Application Deadline: **April 5, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category 1 (Adult) Funds

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations may partner with governmental entities, including school districts, provided the nonprofit organization is the applicant.

Use: To support implementation strategies aimed at combating opioid/heroin overdoses in Pennsylvania communities.

Funding Source: SAEDR Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$150,000 over a two-year project period.

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category 1 (Youth) Funds

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations may partner with governmental entities, including school districts, provided the nonprofit organization is the applicant.

Use: To serve youth with research-based or evidence-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance use or provide resources to assist families in accessing these services.

Funding Source: SAEDR Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$150,000 over a two-year project period.

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category 2 & 3 Funds

Who May Apply: Non-profit statewide organizations/agencies within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Non-profit statewide organizations/agencies may partner with a government entity, including school districts, but are not required to do so.

Use: To educate the public about the dangers of substance use and/or reduce demand for substances.

Funding Source: SAEDR Fund

Funds: Grants up to \$275,000 over a one-year project period.

Application Deadline: **February 24, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://egrants.pccd.pa.gov/Public/OpenAnnouncements.aspx>.

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency/Penn State University Child Maltreatment Solutions Network: Project Safe and Smart Solicitation

Who Can Apply: Community-based organizations and school entities are eligible to apply for the project.

Use: To implement a pilot prevention research project that includes the school-based program Safe Touches and a parent education program, Smart Parents.

Funding Source: State Endowment Act Funds

Funds: Approximately \$2.9 million in funding is available to support 10 applicants.

Application Deadline: **January 24, 2022**

More Information: <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/AboutUs/Pages/Project-Safe-and-Smart.aspx>

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.

PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD),

Contact: 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 ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

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

Contact: PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

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

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

Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program – Funds are available for nonprofit organizations and municipalities support effective, community-led gun violence prevention efforts.

Contact: PCCD, Samantha Koch at 717-265-8474

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

Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program – Established by Act 83 of 2019, funds are distributed as grants to nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics report. Funding can be used for

physical security enhancements. NOTE: State funding for this program was allocated in FY19-20 and FY20-21. Future allocations dependent upon action by the General Assembly.

Contact: PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505

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

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

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 ORESPD, 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

Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants – New to FY21-22, state violence intervention and prevention funding is available to community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties, and district attorney's offices to address gun and group violence.
Contact: PCCD, Samantha Koch at 717-265-8474

*****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.

Contact: Heather Hewitt at 717-265-8730 or hhewitt@pa.gov to receive the OVS Newsletter

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) www.arts.pa.org

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) was established by the state Legislature in 1966 as an Executive Office of the Office of the Governor. Its mission is to strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. The PCA's cross-cutting value is diversity, equity, and inclusion, with the goal of promoting equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth. The PCA accomplishes its mission through grants to the arts; partnerships and initiatives; technical assistance; and by serving as a resource for arts-related information for government, the public, other funding entities, the arts field, and interested organizations and community leaders.

At established deadlines throughout the year, the PCA and its partners accept applications for state arts funding from eligible nonprofit organizations, units of government, and individuals. (Note: Most PCA funding includes a requirement that grants be matched.)

Arts Organizations & Arts Programs (AOAP)

Who Can Apply: Nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services.

Use: To provide consistent levels of artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up 25% of a program or organizational budget.

Application Deadline: **January 18, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/AOAP/Pages/AOAP-Track.aspx>

Entry to Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP)

Support for eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have consistently received PCA funding is available through the AOAP Program Track and PPA Program Stream. Eligibility is by invitation to organizations and programs with a PCA funding history. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements and be notified by the PCA in order to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 200 organizations with an average fiscal size over \$200,000. PPA Program Stream funds over 300 organizations with an average fiscal size under \$200,000.

Who Can Apply: Nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district, providing arts programming and/or arts services with an average annual revenue of \$200,000.

Use: To support eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have a history of at least one year of consistent arts/cultural programming.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to 35% of a program or organizational budget.

Application Deadline: **February 15, 2022**

More Information: Click on

https://www.arts.pa.gov/Documents/2022-2023_PCA_Entry_to_AOAP_Guidelines.pdf

Creative Communities

Who May Apply: Lead applicant must be a unit of government, nonprofit 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 organization. Required partnership of at least two organizations, one of which will serve as the lead applicant. Please note: Creative Communities projects are currently underway in the following counties: Crawford, Indiana, Lancaster, Lehigh, Mercer, and Philadelphia. Counties without existing projects will receive priority.

Use: To provide multi-year funding to community-driven, arts-based projects that serve as catalysts for livability, economic development, and community connectedness.

Funds: Up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years.

Application Deadline: **March 19, 2021**

More Information: Click on [2021 PCA Creative Communities Letter of Interest.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

Who Can Apply: Creative entrepreneurs must operate in the creative industry, be at least 18 years old, a current resident of PA for one year, and (if applicable) manage a business with gross revenue of less than \$200,000.

Use: To pair access to existing small business consulting services with financial resources for creative entrepreneurs who aspire to start their own for-profit business or who operate an existing for-profit micro business.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$2,000.

Application Deadline: **Until funds are expended.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/PPA-Program-Stream/Pages/Creative-Entrepreneur-Accelerator-Program.aspx>

Entry to Program Stream

This program serves as the point of entry for organizations or programs to the Arts Organization and Arts Program Track (AOAP) (see AOAP program description, above). Entry Track supports eligible arts organizations and arts programs that generally have a history of at least one year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track organizations for consultation and assistance.

Who Can Apply: Nonprofit organizations, units of government, schools, departments of colleges and universities, and un-incorporated groups – applying through a fiscal sponsor - with annual revenues less than \$200,000.

Use: To provide general operating support for small arts organizations and programs.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Undefined.

Application Deadline: **February 15, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/PPA-Entry-to-Program-Stream/Pages/default.aspx>.

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream

Through 13 regional partner organizations across the state, the PCA re-grants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars to hundreds of arts projects in communities throughout the commonwealth.

Activities supported through PPA awards include, but are not limited to, local and regional celebrations and festivals; classical, jazz, opera and community band concerts; theater productions; visual arts exhibitions and workshops; visiting authors and poets; hands-on art experiences for children and youth; and arts programs at heritage events, libraries, historical societies, schools and senior citizen centers across the commonwealth.

Who Can Apply: Arts organizations.

Use: To provide artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

Funds: Undefined.

Application Deadline: **January 18, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/PPA-Program-Stream/Pages/default.aspx>.

Preserving Diverse Cultures

The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizations working in the arts whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of the African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American 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. Additionally, the applicant's programs and staff are representative of those communities. Unincorporated organizations must apply through a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that will act as a fiscal sponsor.

Who Can Apply: Unincorporated ensembles, artists' cooperatives, organizations in need of restructuring or social service, community and non-arts organizations interested in cultivating professionally staffed arts programs.

Use: To support the creation, development and stabilization of organizations, programs and projects whose mission and artistic work are deeply rooted in and reflective of the perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$7,000.

Application Deadline: **January 31, 2022 (Letter of interest) March 14, 2022 (Application)**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/PDC/Pages/default.aspx>

Arts in Education

The Arts in Education Division (AIE) of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts provides funding for arts in education programs and projects. Regional partners train, place and evaluate artists for residencies in schools. To determine the appropriate regional partner, please go to

www.arts.pa.gov

Who Can Apply – Funding is available to public and private schools, childcare centers, senior centers and other not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations, and units of government in Pennsylvania, Head Starts, youth organizations, community centers, and other 501 (c)0 For additional information and application assistance, contact your local AIE Partner organization. Schools, arts organizations, government agencies, institutions of higher education, senior centers, Head Starts, youth organizations, community centers, and other 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Deadline – **Regional partners have rolling deadlines. Early school year application is encouraged as funding is limited.** Please confirm date online at www.arts.pa.gov

The AIE Division also supports a limited number of Long-Term Residency (LTR) projects that emphasize in-depth interaction among a project team of professional teaching artists, teachers, and students through residencies lasting 60 days or more.

Contact - For more information, contact: Jamie Dunlap, 717-525-5542. Email: jadunlap@pa.gov

Arts in Education (AIE) Long Term Residency Program

Who Can Apply: Schools, institutions, arts organizations, government agencies, local arts agencies, institutions of higher education and other not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) status.

Use: To provide long-term, in-depth interactions between professional teaching artists, students, teachers and others through workshops and classes sponsored by schools, nonprofit organizations, units of government and other institutions.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$15,000.

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2022**

More Information: Click on

https://www.arts.pa.gov/Documents/2022-2023_PCA_LTR_Guidelines.pdf.

Folk & Traditional Arts

The PCA's Pennsylvania Folk Arts Infrastructure Partnership promotes 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 Folk & Traditional Arts apprenticeships – partnerships between a master traditional artist and a qualified apprentice – enable 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) that are part of the contemporary life of citizens residing in Pennsylvania.

Contact: Dana Payne, 717-525-6644 or danpayne@pa.gov

Application Deadline: For apprenticeship applications, please confirm date online at

www.arts.pa.gov

Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants

Who Can Apply: Artists.

Use: To investigate, document, present, sustain, and promote the folk and traditional art of Pennsylvania in order to celebrate diverse heritage.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Up to \$4,000.

Application Deadline: **April 18, 2022**

More Information: Click on <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/Folk-Art-Apprenticeships/Pages/default.aspx>

Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants

Who Can Apply: Nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government; college or university; school district or non-arts nonprofit providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

Use: To strengthen Pennsylvania communities through the arts, connect and increase Pennsylvanians' access to lifelong learning through the arts, and to champion public awareness and appreciation of the arts in Pennsylvania communities.

Funding Source: General Fund

Funds: Between \$5,000 and \$10,000. A 50% match is required.

Application Deadline: **Until funds are expended.**

More Information: Click on

https://www.arts.pa.gov/Documents/2021-2022_PCA_Creative_Catalyst_Program_Guidelines.pdf

Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council www.paddc.org
facebook.com/PADDC **twitter.com/paddcouncil**

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (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 toward 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.

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

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.

Application Deadline: 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.**

Contact: please subscribe to our mailing list on our website at: www.paddc.org/contact

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) www.pema.pa.gov

Editor's note: At the time of printing some program deadlines have passed; however, programs may re-open. Please check PEMA's website for updates.

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.

Must obtain a DUNS number.

More Information: U.S. Fire Administration website, www.usfa.fema.gov

Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities

(replaces Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant)

Who May Apply: Local governments with a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan are eligible to apply to PEMA as sub-applicants. Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for funds directly; however, an eligible local government entity may apply for funding on behalf of individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations. PEMA will be the statewide applicant to FEMA on behalf of eligible sub-applicants.

Use: Pre-disaster mitigation activities to reduce risk from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters. **A federal disaster declaration is not required.**

Funds: Federal cost-share is 75 percent.

Application Deadline: **Letters of Interest (required step) must be sent to PEMA by 5 pm October 15, 2021. Completed applications to PEMA are due 5 pm November 19, 2021.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/BRIC/Pages/default.aspx>.

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. The following webpage is a direct link to these forms:

www.pema.pa.gov/Recovery/Pages/default.aspx

Emergency Management Performance Grant

This program provides the necessary direction, coordination and guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. This program provides up to 50% of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50% county match.

Contact: PEMA Grants Coordinator 717-651-2035

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% 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.

Contact: PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-2014

Hazardous Materials Response Fund

The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

Contact: PEMA Grants Coordinator 717-651-2014

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 Grants Coordinator, 717-651-7075

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 nonprofit 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.

Who May Apply: 501(c)3 nonprofits, including religious institutions. Must be at a high risk of a terrorist attack based on the following: (1) Substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant based on their ideology, beliefs, or mission; (2) Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized regional and/or national or historical institution(s) that renders the site a possible target of terrorism; and (3) Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments.

Use: Target hardening and physical security enhancements, as well as integration of preparedness activities of the nonprofit sector with the local and state preparedness efforts.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: Up to \$150,000 for a 36-month project. No match required.

Application Deadline: **Early review March 31, 2021. Application Deadline April 2021.**

More Information: Click on [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](https://pa.gov/nonprofit-security-grant-program).

Contact: PEMA Grants Coordinator 717-651-7075

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

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)

FMAP is funded annually; a federal disaster declaration is not required. FMAP funding comes from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Only NFIP-insured homes and businesses are eligible for mitigation. Funding for the FMAP is very limited.

Who May Apply: Local governments may apply to PEMA as sub-applicants. PEMA will be the statewide applicant to FEMA on behalf of all sub-applicants. Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for funds directly; however, an eligible local government entity may apply for funding on their behalf. Only National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)-insured homes and businesses and municipalities in good standing with the NFIP are eligible for mitigation under this program. **A federal disaster declaration is not required.**

Use: Project scoping, community flood mitigation projects, technical assistance, flood hazard mitigation planning, and individual flood mitigation projects that reduce claims to the NFIP program.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: The federal cost share is 75 percent.

Application Deadline: **Letters of Interest (required step) must be sent to PEMA by 5pm October 15, 2021. Completed applications to PEMA are due 5 pm November 19, 2021.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/FMA/Pages/default.aspx>.

Contact: PEMA Grants Coordinator 717-651-2726

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.

Application Deadline: each fiscal year varies.

More Information: visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at www.osfc.pa.gov

Contact: OSFC at ra-vfcvasqp@pa.gov.

Volunteer Loan Assistance Program

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

Contact: OSFC at RA-VLAP@pa.gov or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.

Public Assistance Program

Who Can Apply: State agencies, local government organizations, and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs or damages as a direct result of a federally declared disaster. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serves as the direct liaison between the federal government and all applicants requesting federal disaster assistance.

Use: To provide cost reimbursement aid for incurred costs or damages as a direct result of a federally declared disaster.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: This is a cost-share reimbursement program. The Federal assistance share is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. It is up to the commonwealth to determine how the non-federal share (up to 25 percent) is split between the eligible applicants.

Application Deadline: **No Deadline Provided**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.pema.pa.gov/Recovery/Public-Assistance/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) www.fishandboat.com

The commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. The information listed in the grant directory also appears on the commission's website, www.fishandboat.com. Each grant has appropriate links for program description and details.

(<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>)

Boating Facility Grant Program

Provides grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion, and rehabilitation of publicly accessible boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. Eligible entities include: townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments, as well as nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed associations. The program is designed to help provide or improve further access to public recreational boating opportunities within communities across the Commonwealth.

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

Use: To provide funding for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth.

Funding Source: Boat Fund

Funds: Up to 50% of costs.

Application Deadline: **December 30, 2021**

More Information:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingFacilityGrantProgram.aspx>.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program) helps fund the construction, renovation, and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats.

Who May Apply: Public and private operators of open-to-the-public boating facilities, including municipal agencies (cities, towns, counties, etc.), state agencies (State Parks, DNR, Fish & Wildlife, etc.), and other government entities.

Use: The construction, renovation, and maintenance of transient moorage (tie-up) facilities serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Transient means staying 10 days or less.

Funding Source: Federal funding

Funds: There are two tiers of grant support. Tier 1 provides funding for small-scale projects. Up to \$200,000 is available annually to each state. Tier 2 is for projects that request more than \$200,000. Tier 2 projects compete nationally in a process managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Project sponsors must provide at least 25 percent of the resources needed to complete the project.

Application Deadline: **July 31 of each year**

More Information:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/BoatingInfrastructureGrantProgram.aspx>

Coldwater Heritage Partnership

Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Additional information can be found at: <https://coldwaterheritage.org>

Cooperative Nursery Grants

Provides monies for new construction, additions and improvements, and equipment to existing nurseries within the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery Program. The Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) staff reviews grant applications each year. To be considered for funding, a completed application must be in the Cooperative Nursery Unit office by the date specified in the application memo from the unit.

Application memos are sent to sponsors in February or March.

More Information: Commission's Coordinator, Brian McHail, at 814-353-2225, bmchail@pa.gov.

Erie Access Improvement Grant Program

Who May Apply: Government entities and other nonprofit, sporting, conservation and watershed organizations as well as Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)-designated State Heritage Areas.

Use: To address acquisition and development needs in the Erie watershed.

Funding Source: Fish Fund

Funds: Up to 50% of costs.

Application Deadline: **December 30, 2021**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/ErieAccessImprovementGrantProgram.aspx>.

R3 (Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation) Education Grant Program

Who May Apply: School districts, universities and colleges, community and civic groups, sportsmen's and conservation organizations, and local recreation departments.

Use: The development and delivery of education programs to retain and/or reactivate former anglers and boaters and to recruit new anglers and boaters, especially under-represented populations. Existing programs will only be eligible for funding to expand their programs.

Funding Source: Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

Funds: Will reimburse up to \$25,000 for eligible program expenses for the period ending June 30 annually. 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.

Application Deadline: On or around **April of each year**. Grant awards are typically announced each May.

More Information: Click on

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/R3GrantProgram.aspx>.

Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program

Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

State Wildlife Grant Program

Who May Apply: Any agency, organization, or entity desiring to participate in the planning or implementation of a state's strategy. Partners can include, but are not limited to, federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, industry groups, and private individuals.

Use: To develop and implement conservation actions identified in their State Wildlife Action Plan.

Funding Source: Federal Funding

Funds: Varies by award.

Application Deadline: **April 22, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/StateWildlifeGrantProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

Tulpehocken & Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program

Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

York and Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement Grant Program

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in these counties.

Pennsylvania Game Commission www.pgc.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's 2020–2023 strategic plan, in many ways, opens a new chapter in the agency's 125-year history, a history that is marked by successes, challenges, innovation, cutting-edge science and a team of employees second to none. It is because of this history the Game Commission is widely regarded as one of the leading wildlife conservation agencies in the United States.

Our new strategic plan lays out a roadmap to keep us focused and accountable to our goals. This plan has a strong focus on strategic communication and branding to deal with today's challenges. We have also focused on staff development to better help our employees deal with tomorrow's issues. Without question, as with previous strategic plans, we continue our steadfast commitment to the conservation of wildlife and creating opportunities to better connect people with the wildlife we are charged to protect

State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program

Provides federal monies to address high-priority conservation projects for Species of Greatest Conservation Need, or associated habitats, as identified in the [Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan](#) and [Conservation Opportunity Area Tool](#).

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides grants to local law enforcement agencies to investigate violations of, and enforce laws relating to, unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth. \$2 million is available annually through the Gaming Fund. The term “local law enforcement agency” shall include the Pennsylvania State Police when conducting unlawful gambling enforcement and prevention activities in a municipality which does not have a municipal police department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police provide the municipality with primary police coverage.

The program will receive funding in February, 2022. The Board will provide notice of the acceptance of grant applications shortly thereafter.

Contact: 717-346-8300, PGCB@pa.gov or www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov

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. This is expressed as a percentage of gross gaming revenues as defined in the pertinent sections of the Act. How much money – and where that money goes – is highlighted below:

Slot Machine Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility

The Local Share distribution is generally 4% (2% to host county and 2% to host municipality) of a Licensed Facility’s Gross Terminal Revenue^[1] 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, \$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)).
- **Rivers Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(i)).
- **Stadium Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(i)).
- **Rivers Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 2% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(b)); \$10,000,000 annually to the City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(i)).
- **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)).
- **Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 1.2% of the County 2% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA] and the remaining 0.8% being distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, and 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(d.1)); the municipal share is \$10,000,000 annually and is distributed as follows: 80% to City of Bethlehem and 20% to City of Allentown (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(iii.1)).
- **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)).
- **Lady Luck (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)).
- **Table Games Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility**
The Local Share distribution is 2% of a Licensed Facilities Gross Table Game Revenue^[iii] and is distributed as follows:
- **Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 1% to Delaware County; 1% to Chester City (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(ii)).
- **Mohegan Sun (Cat 1):** 1% to Luzerne County CFA; 1% to Plains Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(1)(i)).
- **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)).
- **Rivers Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(i)).
- **Stadium Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 2% to City of Philadelphia (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(i)).
- **Rivers Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 1% distributed as follows: 85% to Dept. of Education for school library grants in Allegheny County; 15% to the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville; 1% to City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(ii)).
- **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)).

- **Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 1% is distributed as follows: [60% to Northampton City, 20% to Easton, 10% to Lehigh City, 10% to Lehigh City CFA]; 1% to City of Bethlehem (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(3)(III)).
- **Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 1% to Montgomery County; 1% to Upper Merion Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(4)(i)).
- **Lady Luck (Cat 3):** 1% to Fayette County DCED; 1% to Wharton Township (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(b)(4)(ii)).

Category 4 Slot Machine Local Share

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 slot machine Gross Terminal Revenue is 4%, with 2% going to the host county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(i)) and 2% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(ii)). Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

- **Penn National:** Springettsbury Township, York County
- **Stadium Casino:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County
- **Parx:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County*
- **Penn National:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County
- **SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County*
- *While these locations have been reserved and applications have been filed, the Board is yet to grant the license at the time of publishing.

Category 4 Table Games Local Share

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 facility table games Gross Table Game Revenue is 2%, with 1% going to the host county and 1% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(a.1)). Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

- **Penn National:** Springettsbury Township, York County
- **Stadium Casino:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County
- **Parx:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County*
- **Penn National:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County
- **SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County*
- *While these locations have been reserved and applications have been filed, the Board is yet to grant the license at the time of publishing.

Interactive Gaming Local Share

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

- **Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 1% to an authority created by Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iii)).
- **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)).
- **Rivers Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).
- **Stadium Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).

- **Rivers Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 1% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
 - **Mount Airy (Cat 2):** 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
 - **Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 0.6% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA]; 0.4% is distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
 - **Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 1% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
 - **Lady Luck (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)).
- ***A list of currently operating interactive gaming certificates can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

Sports Wagering Local Share

The Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Sports Wagering Revenue^[iv] and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13C63(b)). A list of currently operating sports books can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

Video Gaming Terminal Local Share

The Local Share distribution is 10% of Gross Terminal Revenue^[v] and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §4103(a)(2)). A list of currently operating video gaming terminal establishments can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency www.pheaa.org

STATE PROGRAMS

Pennsylvania State Grant Program

The PA State Grant Program provides grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial aid to attend an approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student. Award amounts for the 2021-22 Award Year are as follows:

- Full-time: Up to \$5,000 per year for full-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$600 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$800 at an out-of-state school);
- Half-time: Up to \$2,500 per year for half-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$500 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$500 at an out-of-state school);
- Veterans: Qualified veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for special consideration for a PA State Grant while enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate student.
- Distance Education: Students who take more than 50 percent of their credits online or who are enrolled in programs structured to be more than 50 percent online are eligible for the same award amount as a classroom student – if they attend a postsecondary institution that is headquartered and domiciled in Pennsylvania.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and a PA State Grant

A student must complete the form by the announced deadline date each academic year.

Application Deadline: PA State Grant **deadlines are different for first-time applicants, renewal applicants, and summer-term applicants.**

First-time Applicants (May 1): First-time applicants enrolling in a degree program or a college transferable program at a junior college or other college or university (excludes community colleges) must file the FAFSA and PA State Grant Form by the May 1st deadline.

(August 1): Students planning to enroll in a community college; a business, trade, or technical school; a hospital school of nursing; a designated Pennsylvania Open Admission institution; or a two-year program that is not transferable to another institution must file by the August 1st deadline.

Renewal Applicants (May 1): Students must file a renewal FAFSA and appropriate PA State Grant documents indicating any changes that may affect their PA State Grant award, such as a change in marital status or a change in income by the May 1st deadline.

Summer-term Applicants (August 15): Students must submit the online Summer PA State Grant application by the August 15th deadline. Students must also have submitted the FAFSA and, if required, the PA State Grant Form.

Complete a FAFSA each year, available at studentaid.gov/fafsa

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or PHEAA.org/StateGrant

PA Forward Student Loan Program

Through the PA Forward Student Loan Program, PHEAA offers private student loan options for undergraduate students, graduate students, parents, and those looking to refinance existing student loans. More information can be found at PHEAA.org/PAForward.

Taking on a student loan is a significant financial commitment, and you should first consider your options for grants, scholarships, and other forms of free aid. At a minimum, be cautious not to borrow more than you'll be able to pay back.

More Information: visit www.MySmartBorrowing.org

Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program

The PA Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program is administered by PHEAA in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The program provides awards to high-achieving students whose annual family income does not exceed \$110,000. RTSS provides scholarships that, in combination with the PA State Grant Program, offer a total award up to \$2,000 for full-time and \$1,000 for half-time students. The minimum award is \$500.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or PHEAA.org/RTSS

Pennsylvania National Guard Educational Assistance Program

The PA National Guard Education Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial education assistance to students who enter into a 6-year service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. 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 in-state tuition plus technology fee charged at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution of enrollment. This program is jointly administered by PHEAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

Contact: 1-800-GO-GUARD or visit nationalguard.com/select-your-state/PA or PHEAA.org/EAP

Military Family Education Program

Together with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), PHEAA administers the PA National Guard Military Family Education Program (MFEP) to benefit the families of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard who completed an initial service obligation and enter into an additional 6-year service obligation with the Pennsylvania National Guard. MFEP awards full-time or part-time students a grant which is the lesser of the in-state tuition plus technology fee charged at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution of enrollment. The MFEP grant can be used for approved degree-granting curricula or certificate-granting courses of study, or training programs required for entrance into a specific career at an approved institution of higher learning for up to 5 academic years. The PA Guard Member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or divide it among multiple dependents.

Contact: 1-800-GO-GUARD or visit www.PHEAA.org/MFEP

Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program

The PA Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP) provides need-based awards to students enrolled in approved short-term programs that are not PA State Grant eligible in energy, health, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, or agriculture and food production. Awards may be up to the equivalent of the maximum PA-TIP award or the allowable program costs, whichever is less. Awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and specific living expenses.

Applications are available at PHEAA.org/PA-TIP

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Partnerships for Access to Higher Education

The PA Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program provides additional grant money to eligible needy students who may have been awarded a scholarship or grant by one of PHEAA's PATH Partners. These scholarships have the potential to be matched by PHEAA on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to an annual maximum amount.

Complete a FAFSA each year available at studentaid.gov/fafsa and review the list of participating PATH partners available at PHEAA.org/PATH

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or visit www.PHEAA.org/PATH

Pennsylvania Blind or Deaf Beneficiary Grant Program

The PA Blind or Deaf Beneficiary Grant Program provides grants of up to \$500 to blind or deaf students who are Pennsylvania residents attending a postsecondary institution and who are in need additional assistance with educational expenses. Completion of an annual application is required.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or visit www.PHEAA.org/BlindDeaf

Pennsylvania Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program

The PA Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program (PEGP) provides a tuition waiver opportunity to eligible children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue and ambulance squad members, correction employees, and National Guard members who died in the line of duty since January 1, 1976. The program also includes the birth and adoptive children of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, National Guard members, or other individuals who were on federal or state active military duty who have died in the line of duty after September 11, 2001, by providing a waiver of tuition, fees, room, and board not covered by other grants and scholarships at Pennsylvania community college, state-owned, or state-related postsecondary institution. Completion of an annual application is required.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or visit www.PHEAA.org/PEGP

Pennsylvania State Work-Study Program

The PA State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides Pennsylvania students with opportunities to gain career-related, on-the-job work experience, up to 40 hours per week, while earning money to help pay for higher education.

Applications are available at

PHEAA.org/funding-opportunities/work-study-employment/apply.shtml

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392 or visit www.PHEAA.org/SWSP

The Pennsylvania Internship Program

The PA Internship Program provides scholarships to Pennsylvania students who participate in The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) located in Washington, DC. Students that benefit from this program must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania public or private institution and complete an internship experience that complies with all requirements of their college.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.twc.edu/

PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Chafee Education and Training Grant Program

The Chafee Education and Training Grant (CHAFEE ETG) Program provides grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students who are aging out of foster care and are attending a postsecondary school approved for federal Title IV student financial assistance programs. Maximum awards vary per academic year depending on federal funding and are not guaranteed. This program is PHEAA-administered on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Applications are available at PHEAA.org/Chafee

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

Fostering Independence Through Education Tuition Waiver Program

While not federally funded, the PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver (FosterEd) Program provides a waiver for tuition and mandatory fees charged by most postsecondary institutions located in the Commonwealth for youth who are aging out of foster care. This waiver applies only to charges that remain after all other gift aid (federal, state, and other scholarships or grants) has been applied to the student's account.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Education

The gateway to federal student aid; the site offers a single source of free information not only on applying for federal aid, but on choosing a career, selecting a school, and identifying non-federal resources to pay for higher education.

More Information: www.studentaid.gov

Direct Loans Servicing Online

If you have questions about your Direct Loan, you can go online to find the answers.

More Information: www.studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

More Information: www.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study

Choosing a School

Explore college and university campuses by browsing through detailed profiles and key information of each school, including important financial aid information.

www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/students/choosing-schools#college-search

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Student Assistance Programs

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) provides a variety of scholarships, loans, and loan repayment programs for students in the health professions, through the Student Assistance Programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Visit their website for more information.

More Information: www.bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/schoolbasedloans

Federal Pell Grant Program

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides between \$650 and \$6,495 annually to students, depending on family income, cost of education, and enrollment status. Eligibility is limited to the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters.

Complete a FAFSA, available online www.studentaid.gov/fafsa

Contact: School's Financial Aid Office or U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program provides first-time undergraduate students grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,000 annually. Priority is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

Contact: School's Financial Aid Office

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants to students who agree to teach in an elementary or secondary school or education service agency that serves low-income families. Recipients must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which they received a TEACH Grant. IMPORTANT: If a student fails to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that a student received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. A student must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

Contact: www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach

Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Federal Direct PLUS Loans provide long-term loans to parents that provide funds to cover the difference between their dependent undergraduate student's educational costs and other financial aid.

Contact: www.studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus

Federal Direct Loan

Federal Direct Loans provide long-term, low-cost education loans to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree students enrolled at least half time.

Complete a FAFSA, available online at www.studentaid.gov/fafsa

Contact: www.studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized

LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS**Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program**

The Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program provides up to a combined total of \$17,500 in loan forgiveness to eligible full-time elementary and secondary school teachers who are teaching at low-income schools and meet other qualifications.

Contact: www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and continue in full-time public service employment. The program allows you to receive forgiveness of the remaining balance of your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full time for a qualifying employer. To receive forgiveness, you must remain employed with a qualifying employer at the time you apply for and receive forgiveness for your loans.

More Information:

www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program

The VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program provides funds to students who are the children of a parent who has a permanent disability or who died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Contact: Local Veterans Administration Office; directory available online at va.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight, and other disabilities.

Contact: Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office; directory available online at va.gov

OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Private Scholarships

Private scholarships are funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions, and private businesses. Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information

MySmartBorrowing.org

MySmartBorrowing.org is a FREE interactive tool where you can create up to four different scenarios to see how your career and college choices may affect how much you pay for college and if you are at risk for over borrowing.

YouCanDealWithIt.com

On YouCanDealWithIt.com, soon-to-be and recent college graduates find debt management and budgeting advice to get them started on the right financial foot after graduation. Parents and schools find information pertaining to them in separate sections.

EducationPlanner.org

EducationPlanner.org guides students through the entire college-planning process, from choosing a major and a career, to applying for admission and paying for it. Information is targeted at college-bound students, as well as returning students, nontraditional students, parents, and school counselors.

INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES

Institutional Assistance Grants Program

The PA Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG) Program provides block grants to Pennsylvania private, nonprofit institutions that do not receive a direct appropriation from the commonwealth. Award amounts are based on the annual commonwealth appropriation and the number of full-time equivalent PA State Grant recipients.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646 or visit www.PHEAA.org/IAG

Higher Education for Disadvantaged Students (Act 101) Program

The PA Act 101 Program provides state funding to institutions operating special support services for students who are educationally and economically underserved. Institutions must obtain PHEAA's approval for participation.

Contact: PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646 or visit www.PHEAA.org/act101

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commissions (PHMC) <http://www.phmc.pa.gov>

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, and Training.

Application Deadline: **April 11, 2022**

Who May Apply: Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLG's). 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 heritage preservation activities.

More Information: visit the CLG section of the PHMC website.

Contact: Elizabeth Rairigh, 717-705-4035. Email: erairigh@pa.gov

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 available on PHMC website.

Application Deadline: **The application deadline has not yet been finalized.**

Who May Apply: 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, PA Museums. Email: rusty.baker@pamuseums.org

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.

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2022**

Who May Apply: Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

Contact: Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927. Email: kaarnold@pa.gov

Keystone Historic Preservation 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.

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2022**

Who May Apply: Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

Contact: Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927. Email: kaarnold@pa.gov

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. Individual grants are funded up to \$5,000 while collaborative grants up to \$15,000 (\$5,000 per applicant) are available. 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.

Who May Apply: Historical societies, libraries, museums, nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, local governments, school districts.

Use: Surveying, inventorying, preserving, arranging and describing historical records relevant to Pennsylvania. Funding may also be requested for reformatting or the purchase of supplies and equipment.

Funding Source: Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund

Funds: Collaborative grants up to \$15,000 for a two-year project. Single entity grants up to \$5,000 for a two-year project. No match required.

Application Deadline: **August 1, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Records-Care-Grants.aspx>.

Contact: Josh Stahlman, 717- 772-3257. Email: jostahlman@pa.gov

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

2022 PA House of Representatives Scholarship

The 2022 PA House of Representatives Scholarship Program enhances educational opportunities for graduating high school seniors who reside in the Commonwealth of PA. The Program is administered through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) and provides four-year scholarships to two high school seniors per year. Each award consists of the value of one semester of tuition at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for each of four years. Students must maintain eligibility criteria in all four years in order to receive the ongoing award.

Who May Apply:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Legal Residency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Attendance at a PA College, university, or career school as a full-time student
- Academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA)
- Commitment to community and leadership qualities
- Extracurricular activities
- Financial need

***Children of Legislators and their staff are not eligible**

Details on how to apply and submit required documents are available online at www.tfec.org or by [clicking here](#).

Deadline: **March 1, 2022**

Contact: Nicole Brunner, CORE Human Resources Specialist, Pennsylvania House of Representatives at nbrunner@pabmc.net or 717-787-4458.

2022 James R. Roebuck Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) Scholarship

The PLBC administers this scholarship. It is open to any graduating High School Senior or current Undergrad College Students. Applicants must be a resident of Pennsylvania and apart of the BIPOC community.

Deadline: **April 30, 2022**

More Information: [James R. Roebuck PLBC Scholarship \(pahouse.com\)](http://James R. Roebuck PLBC Scholarship (pahouse.com))

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency www.phfa.org

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF)

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund, or PAHAF, is a housing-related program funded by the U.S. Treasury to assist Pennsylvania homeowners facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic that began after January 21, 2020, (including a hardship that began before January 21, 2020 and continued after that date). The program will provide financial assistance to homeowners for qualified mortgage and housing-related expenses to avoid delinquency, default, foreclosure, or displacement.

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund established through PA Housing Finance Agency with the support of the US Department of Treasury, **will begin taking applications on February 1, 2022.**

PHFA was allocated \$350 million under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to develop the PAHAF program to help Pennsylvania homeowners avoid mortgage delinquency, foreclosure, or displacement.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Funds: \$350 million in Federal Funds

Deadline: **No deadline; until funds are depleted.**

Who May Apply: Homeowners should register for updates by signing up on our website at <https://pahaf.org>.

More Information: and eligibility requirements, please visit <http://pahaf.org>

PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEBUYERS

Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Program

Who May Apply: Counties, cities, boroughs, townships, towns, and home rule municipalities; housing, redevelopment, and similar public authorities; economic and community development organizations, housing development corporations and similar development entities; business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts and similar organizations incorporated as authorities; homebuilders, contractors, and real estate developers.

Use: 4% tax credit projects, preservation/rehabilitation/renewal projects, rental housing creation, homelessness prevention, innovative housing solutions, homeownership programs, and housing counseling and financial education.

Funding Source: PHARE Fund

Funds: Awards are typically between \$200,000 and \$250,000. PHFA requires that all applicants target a minimum of 30% of their awarded PHARE funds to support households with incomes below 50% of median area income.

Proposal Deadline: **November 19, 2021**

More Information: Click on

https://www.phfa.org/forms/phare_program_phare_fund/2021_phare_rfp_final.pdf.

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 down payment 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

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 down payment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan of the Keystone Forgivable In Ten Loan Program (K-FIT).

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or

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 1-855-827-3466 or

www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

PHFA PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS**Keystone Forgivable in Ten Years Loan Program (K-FIT)**

The Keystone Forgivable in Ten (K-FIT) Years Loan Program provides a forgivable second mortgage loan to assist borrowers with the downpayment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to 5 percent of the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value, with no maximum dollar limit. The loan is forgiven at ten percent per year over a 10-year term. K-FIT can be utilized in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan only. It may also be combined with the Access Modification Loan Program.

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or

www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx

PHFA Grant

The PHFA Grant provides grant assistance of \$500 for borrowers approved for the HFA Preferred™ Loan Program. This grant is to assist with downpayment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. The grant can only be utilized in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ Loan Program. The PHFA Grant can also be combined with the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program as an additional downpayment and closing cost assistance resource.

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or

www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx

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 down payment/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

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 down payment 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.

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or
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 the assistance funds is not required as long as the buyer occupies the home as their primary residence.

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or
www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx

Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance

Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive down payment/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/homepurchase.aspx

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 down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead assistance funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMEstead program are at or below 80 percent of the county's median income.

Contact: PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or
www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

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 www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx

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: PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or <https://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx>

PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

HEMAP

Homeowners’ Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program

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

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 from an existing home. 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

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. See website for income limits and other requirements.

Contact: PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx

PHFA REFINANCE OPTIONS

HFA Refinance Option

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

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 1-855-827-3466 or

www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.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 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.

Contact: PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1-855-827-3466 or

www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx

PHFA MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: Danielle Rudy at 717-780-3960 or Drudy@phfa.org

Housing Counseling

This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget, foreclosure intervention counseling and financial education services generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling).

Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA approved and trained agencies.

Contact: PHFA's Counseling Division at 717-780-3907

www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx

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 <https://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 <https://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 <https://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 was made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws and through an annual RFP process.

Contact: PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3867 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

Home4Good

Home4Good is a collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and PHFA to provide grant funds to address systemic gaps in support and services to help make homelessness in the Commonwealth rare, brief and nonrecurring. Applications are accepted through an annual RFP process to support projects, programs or activities in Pennsylvania that lead to stable housing for individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Contact: Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/>

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.)

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.html

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.

U.S. Rural Development Agency (USRDA)

This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500. 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 at www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa

KeystoneHELP

Pennsylvania, in partnership with Renew Financial, offers home energy loans with fixed rates to help homeowners complete energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

More Information: <https://renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp>

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

Quick Start Housing Resources – 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.

More information: www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/ click on "Hot Topics" and scroll down to Quick Start Housing Resources to begin your search by county.

FOR ACCESSIBILITY ONLY

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.

More Information: <https://patf.us/>

Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP)

Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP) is a statewide organization that recently merged with Inglis as a program of their Community Services division. SDHP advocates for accessible, affordable, and integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth. SDHP leverages collective knowledge to connect stakeholders with information and resources to increase choice and affordability in housing for people with disabilities.

More Information: <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp>

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.

Contact: 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. See below regarding the three types of VA grants available.

More Information: <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/disability-housing-grants/>

The Specially Adapted Housing grant (SAH)

Currently limited to \$100,896 for FY 2021.

The Special Housing Adaptations (SHA) grant

Currently limited to \$20,215 for FY 2021.

The Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant

It 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, search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F. For more information about grants and other adaptive housing programs

More Information:

https://www.veteransunited.com/lp/?src=msn&adg=mholn&desc=2021-2&msclkid=6ee195b46ea51a9ac621f5b25ce50120&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=NS%20-%20Head%20Terms&utm_term=va%20home%20loan&utm_content=VA%20Home%20Loans%20-%20E

Contact: local VA regional office at 1-800- 827-1000

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 or find the local number directly by using the blue pages of your phone book.

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 persons with extremely low-incomes 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.

More Information: www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/

Contact: Kristen Nagel at 717-780-3816 or Knagel@phfa.org

The 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

More Information: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Services.aspx>

The 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

<http://www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources/Pages/AAA.aspx>

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 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program (pa.gov)

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

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

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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

Contact: Call 1-800-344-4867, option 1 for MS Navigator or www.nationalmssociety.org to find a chapter.

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Community Action (CA)

These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

Contact: your local agency, call 717-233-1075 or view Community Action Association of Pennsylvania : Agency Info : Introduction (www.thecaap.org)

Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

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

Contact: 800-442-6351 or view their website at www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/

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 accessibility upgrades, weatherization, health and safety upgrades, plumbing, electrical, and utility improvements, structural integrity upgrades and homeowner counseling services.

Contact: Bill Vandivier at 412-931-6996 Extension 6510 or BVandivier@chfmanor.org

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.

Contact: statewide hotline at 1-866-857-7095 or visit LIHEAP.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

More Information: Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants can found at

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>

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 for more information.

You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return.

More Information: www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798

Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) www.pahumanities.org

Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) Overview

Founded in 1973, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, one of 55 state and territorial humanities councils operating across the United States, has been the sole nonprofit in the Commonwealth dedicated to the humanities. A federal-state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), PHC's mission is to champion the humanities as a means to spark civic engagement, build community, educate, inspire, and make change that lasts.

We believe the humanities are accessible and useful to everyone. We put people first, ensuring the stories, values, assets, and perspectives of each community we serve impact the outcomes of our programs. We create and encourage spaces where everybody belongs and can find common ground, speak their truth, and work together for collective action. Our focus is on continually innovating and growing -- always looking for new and better ways to serve the people of Pennsylvania. Our work centers on sharing tools and building networks, working towards a future without barriers, where people take the lead in making meaningful change in their own communities.

Pennsylvania Humanities Council staff members are engaged grantmakers, innovative program designers, dedicated partners, and passionate advocates. Our programs and grants focus on areas of need where the humanities can have the greatest impact in Pennsylvania today: community engagement and education. We work with communities to build their capacity to achieve long-term goals, from engaging teens in strengthening skills for school and life, to coaching residents as they plan a better future for their town.

We also advocate for the crucial role the humanities play in our lives and our society--and for continued resources to keep them vital and visible.

PHC engages in research, education, and special projects in addition to its core programs: Teen Reading Lounge, Community Heart & Soul, and Chester Made. More recently, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, PHC began administering recovery and growth grants.

More Information: www.pahumanities.org

Teen Reading Lounge

Teen Reading Lounge is PHC's award-winning, nontraditional book club for youth ages 12-18. Participants work together to co-create the reading list for their program sites and, with support from trained facilitators, design creative projects that connect themes in their books to tangible action in their communities. Teens report stronger interpersonal, communication, literacy, and critical-thinking skills, and increased confidence.

The program is built on the belief that encouragement to choose creative pursuits and interest-driven programs is crucial to adolescent development. The humanities naturally push young people to ask questions and share ideas, activities that are vital as they begin to discover who they are, who they want to be, and their role in their community.

In bringing the Teen Reading Lounge to communities across Pennsylvania, PHC invests funds to improve outcomes for youth, but it also helps position libraries and out-of-school-time sites to innovate in the way they serve youth. In addition to the funding program sites receive to cover program expenses as well as an honorarium to pay a program facilitator, PHC also provides professional development to build facilitators and libraries capacity to strengthen and sustain youth engagement. PHC convenes sites in a monthly community of practice meeting, and presents both in-person and virtual trainings on topics such positive youth development, social emotional learning, and culturally responsive education.

Community Heart & Soul

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council works with residents across the Commonwealth to incorporate the humanities into community planning processes.

In 2015, PHC with the Orton Family Foundation to bring the [Community Heart & Soul®](#) model to Pennsylvania communities -- a proven process that empowers people to shape the future of their communities by creating a shared sense of belonging that improves local decision-making and ultimately strengthens social, cultural and economic vibrancy.

Key to the process is learning what matters most to the community. Communities work to understand the [demographics of their community](#) and tailor engagement opportunities to get residents involved in planning for the future - especially those who don't typically participate in public processes. [Residents learn how to gather stories from one another](#), which becomes the basis for articulating a community's shared values and developing a unique action plan.

Who May Apply: Resident-led groups in small cities and towns with populations of 2,500 to 30,000.

Use: Startup funding to implement the Community Heart & Soul model. Community Heart & Soul engages the entire population of a town to identify what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it.

Funds: Seed grants of \$10,000. Requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

Application Deadline: **Award determinations are made on a rolling basis until all grants have been awarded.**

More Information: Click on <https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

Chester Made

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council believes that humanities are crucial to civic life and that people's stories are a powerful foundation for civic engagement. [Chester Made](#) is a humanities-based initiative to recognize and promote arts and culture in Chester, Pennsylvania, and to harness their power as a force for community revitalization.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) www.pennvest.pa.gov

PENNVEST Loans & Grants

PENNVEST provides low-interest loans and grants for new construction or for improvements to publicly or privately-owned drinking water, storm water or sewage treatment facilities, as well as non-point source pollution prevention best management practices. PENNVEST also provides loan funding to remediate brownfields sites, as well as loan funding to individual homeowners for repair or replacement of their malfunctioning on-lot septic system or first time connection to a public sewer collection system.

Many of the wastewater, drinking water and non-point source construction (includes design) projects funded by PENNVEST use federal dollars that carry requirements that must be met to maintain eligibility for these funds.

PENNVEST conducts a financial analysis to determine the interest rates and the length of the repayment period on any loan, as well as whether any grant funding might be awarded for the project.

Eligibility: Any municipality, authority or private entity that is an owner and/or operator of a drinking water, wastewater, or non-point source pollution prevention project is eligible under the PENNVEST program.

Contact: Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); Robert Boos at 717-783-4493 or rboos@pa.gov

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Storm Water and Non-point Source Loans and Grants

Provides low-interest loans and grants to communities or private entities for designing, engineering and constructing publicly and privately-owned drinking water distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, storm water management systems and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Programmatic Financing – Provides low-interest loans to public or private entities to fund capital improvement plans (in entirety or in part) for a group of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Small Project Initiative – Provides a low-interest loan up to \$500,000 to public or private entities to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Brownfields Remediation – Provides low-interest loans to developers or other private entities, municipal or county governments or an affiliated industrial or economic development or redevelopment entity for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to local groundwater or surface water sources.

Advance Funding Program – Provides low-interest loans and grants to provide funding for the design and engineering needed to improve water and wastewater management systems.

Sub Level Revolving Loan Program – Provides 1% loans to counties or other regional entities with the ability to capitalize the funds as a revolving loan program to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

Growing Greener and Other Grants

PENNVEST has grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source projects. Consideration is given to each applicant depending upon their capacity to handle debt service. There is no special application to be considered for these funds.

Eligibility: Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible for Growing Greener or other available grants under the PENNVEST program.

Contact: Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); Robert Boos at 717-783-4493 or rboos@pa.gov

On-lot Sewage Disposal Funds

Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner-occupied property, which is the primary residence of the owner.

Eligibility: first time connection to a public wastewater system or lateral replacement

Contact: PHFA at 1-800-822-1174 or PENNVEST at www.pennvest.pa.gov

PFAS Remediation Program

Who May Apply: 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.

Use: To aid in the remediation and elimination of PFAS in water sources and systems.

Funding Source: Various state and federal funding sources

Funds: 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 Deadline: **June 30, 2022**

More Information: Click on

<https://www.pennvest.pa.gov/Information/Funding-Programs/Pages/PFAS.aspx>

PENNVEST REGIONAL CONTACTS

PV Region 1 – Northwest PA – Ken Anderson at kenanderso@pa.gov or 717-783-6799

PV Region 2 – Southwestern PA – Dan Mikesic at dmikesic@pa.gov or 717-783-6673

PV Region 3 – South Central PA – Tess Schlupp at tschlupp@pa.gov or 717-783-8618

PV Region 4 – Northeastern and Southeastern PA – Rebecca Kennedy at

rebkennedy@pa.gov or 717-783-4488

PV Region 5 – North Central PA – Leslie Cote at lecote@pa.gov or 717-783-4489

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) www.lcb.pa.gov

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.

More Information: www.lcb.pa.gov then click Education

Know When. Know How.

*Know When. Know How.*SM 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.

Conference – 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.

Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking (RUDD) Grant

Bureau of Alcohol Education's RUDD Grant is awarded biannually to offer additional resources and funding to eligible community partners - Pennsylvania colleges, universities, municipalities and community organizations – to develop and enhance the PLCB's mission to reduce underage drinking, reduce dangerous drinking by those who are of legal drinking age, and promote responsible alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age. 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.

Deadline: The **grant cycle is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022**. The grant application will reopen in early 2022.

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.

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.

Materials

The PLCB develops and disseminates numerous alcohol education materials. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and materials are distributed. Items, such as brochures, posters, stickers, pencils and coloring sheets, are available free of charge to Pennsylvania residents and liquor license holders. 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. They can be ordered through PLCB+ or printed online by going to www.lcb.pa.gov clicking on Education, then PLCB+.

Public Service Campaigns – The PLCB uses various media – television, radio, online, outdoor and print – to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues.

RAMP

Act 141 of 2000 established the *Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP)* as a voluntary certification that provides incentives for licensees that participate and complete all five components: Owner/Manager Training, Server/Seller Training, New Employee Orientation, Signage and Request for RAMP Certification through PLCB+. RAMP certification and/or one or both trainings may also be mandatory for certain licensees/servers. RAMP makes training and resources available to licensees and their employees, so that they may understand and employ responsible alcohol management practices.

Contact: 866-275-8237 or email ra-lbramp@pa.gov for more information

Training/Technical Assistance

The PLCB continues to coordinate statewide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics. The “Alcohol Awareness for Student Leaders and Influencers Training,” is offered to colleges and universities, free of charge, at their request, for all student leaders, including but not limited to Greek Life chapter leaders, team captains, resident assistants, tutors and club leaders. This comprehensive training is designed to provide student leaders with the resources and knowledge to educate and influence their peers to abstain from underage drinking and to inform responsible consumption for those over 21.

“Understanding the Liquor Laws and Alcohol Related Offenses in Pennsylvania Training” provides an overview of the commonwealth’s laws and immunities regarding underage drinking, the current environment of the liquor laws and the resources and authorities of the PLCB and Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. Since 2019, this training is required for all RUDD law enforcement grantees.

Contact: The Bureau of Alcohol Education at 800-453-7522 or email ra-lbeducation@pa.gov

Pennsylvania State University www.psu.edu

Penn State Extension

Penn State Extension is a modern educational organization dedicated to delivering science-based information to people, businesses, and communities. We provide access to face-to-face and online education to our customers—when they want it, where they want it, and how they want it—to help them address problems and take advantage of opportunities for improvement and innovation. Partnering with and funded by federal, state, and county governments, we have a long tradition of bringing unbiased support and education to the citizens of Pennsylvania. We make a difference locally through focused engagement, and more widely to customers connecting in the digital landscape.

Contact: Penn State Extension at 814-865-4028 or www.extension.psu.edu

Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP)

PennTAP is one of the nation's first technical assistance programs and is a valuable resource to help Pennsylvania companies compete and grow. A program of Penn State University, PennTAP is a federal-state-university partnership for economic development. PennTAP helps Pennsylvania companies improve their competitiveness by providing technical assistance and one-on-one consultation to resolve specific business needs. PennTAP serves the entire state of Pennsylvania through a network of Technical Advisers who provide unbiased technical advice and connections to other partners, expertise, resources, and programs. (<http://penntap.psu.edu/>)

Contact: Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-0427 or www.penntap.psu.edu

Invent Penn State

Invent Penn State is a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success. Entrepreneurs in all 21 Penn State undergraduate communities now enjoy free access to accelerator programs, co-working space, legal and IP advice, mentorship, rapid prototyping, pitch competitions and funding.

Contact: Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-4700 or <https://invent.psu.edu/>

Public Utility Commission www.puc.pa.gov

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 www.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.

To schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training, consumer education event, presentation or speaking engagement, please contact our specialist directly

Contact: Shari A. Williams at 215-560-6901, shariwilli@pa.gov - Christina Chase-Pettis at 717- 772-8884, cchasepett@pa.gov and Information Specialist, Juanita Gale at 412-423-9313, jgale@pa.gov

More Information: To learn about upcoming events

www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/consumer_ed_events.aspx

Follow us on Twitter @PA_PUC, www.facebook.com/PAPowerSwitch or PAGasSwitch.com

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.

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.

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.

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 levels at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines customers must meet in 2020 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 Guidelines:

Size of Household	150% of Poverty
1 person	\$1,595
2 persons	\$2,155
3 persons	\$2,715
4 persons	\$3,274
5 persons	\$3,835
6 persons	\$4,395
7 persons	\$4,955
8 persons	\$5,515

For each additional person, add \$560

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. 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).

LIHEAP & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – ELECTRIC & GAS

West Penn 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-WARM (9276) 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
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UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – WATER

Pennsylvania American (H2O-Help to Others) 888-282-6816
Water Administered By: Dollar Energy Fund Conservation Consultants 877-346-7384
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Bucks County 215-785-3296
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Delaware County 610-874-8451 or 610-583-9133 (Wed. Only)
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Montgomery County 610-277-6363
Aqua (A Helping Hand) Northumberland County 570-644-6570
Aqua (A Helping Hand) 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 717-564-3662
United Water (UW CARES) 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/

More Information: contact the Public Utility Commission

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For people with speech or hearing loss, dial 7-1-1 (Telecommunications Relay Service)

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