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I am pleased to provide the 2017-2018 Pennsylvania Grant & Resource Directory. It is a free resource available to the public that includes a general overview of helpful government programs along with deadlines and contact information.

While the directory is not a full, comprehensive listing of all government programs, it is intended to provide a snapshot of some of the popular and helpful grants and resources available through state government. If you need more information about a particular program, I recommend visiting that government agency's website.

I hope you find this directory helpful. If you have any questions or need assistance in securing information from any program, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Dermody". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "F" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Frank Dermody  
33rd Legislative District  
Democratic Leader



# Pennsylvania Grant & Resource Directory



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*It is important to note that grant and loan programs may change in a fiscal year. It is always best to check websites or contact the government agency to learn about the current status of any program.*

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## The Basics

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 about seven 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; and 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.

## Common Funding Terms

- **Appropriations – State** – Legislation requiring the governor's approval authorizing an agency, department, board, commission or institution to spend a specified amount of money for a state purpose during a particular period of time, usually a fiscal year. The state government fiscal year begins July 1 and ends on June 30 of the next calendar year.  
**Appropriations – Federal** – An appropriation of monies received from the federal government. All federal funding, regardless of source, is deposited in the state treasury and must be appropriated by the state legislature. Federal funds are appropriated for a specific period of time. The federal fiscal year (FFY) begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following calendar year.
- **Corporate Donations** – Corporate donors may set aside funds for public relations and philanthropic purposes. Companies often administer the donations directly or through their foundation. Check the corporate website to look at the philanthropic focus or to see which corporate foundations it is linked to.
- **Grants** – Government grants are usually competitive in nature and are administered by federal, state and local government entities. Government grants are used to carry out a government-authorized purpose.

## Common Funding Terms

- **Individual benefits** – The government provides assistance through benefit programs that serve an important purpose, such as job training, nutritional assistance, education, social security benefits, veterans assistance, Medicare and Medicaid. See [www.benefits.gov](http://www.benefits.gov) or [www.dhs.pa.gov/applyforbenefits/](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/applyforbenefits/)

- **Private Foundations** – There are private foundations (usually funded by an individual, family or corporation) and public charities (community foundations or other nonprofit groups).

The Department of State provides an annual report on charitable organizations. The report provides an overview of registration, investigations and audits of charitable organizations.

Some private foundations qualify for tax exemption under the IRS definition of 501(c)(3). Private foundations' annual IRS Forms 990-PF are available to the public. To request a copy of an application (including all supporting documents), or a tax return, an IRS Form 4506A is needed. More information is available at [www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/private-foundations](http://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/private-foundations)

- **Procurement: State** – The Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) defines procurement as buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any supplies, services or construction. DGS administers procurement activities through the Cooperative Purchasing Program or COSTARS program. Information is available at [www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/COSTARS/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/COSTARS/Pages/default.aspx)

## Grant Writing Guides & Other Grant Resources

- **Pennsylvania Government Portal website** – [www.pa.gov](http://www.pa.gov)

The state's main webpage links to all state agencies. Type in "grants" under the search feature, or visit an agency's homepage and search for a particular program name or enter the word "grant."

- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** – [www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) provides a full listing of all federal programs available to state and local governments.

- **EFFICIENTGOV** – [www.efficientgov.com](http://www.efficientgov.com)

EFFICIENTGOV is a free online resource designed to assist local leaders in search of grants, loans and other forms of federal assistance. There is a link to GrantFinder ([www.grantfinder.com](http://www.grantfinder.com)) showing funding opportunities for federal, state, corporate and foundation grants for municipalities and community nonprofits.

- **Foundation Center's Proposal Writing Short Course** has a short, self-paced free tutorial on how to start and organize a proposal. [www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/index.html](http://www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/index.html)

**GRANTSPACE** – <http://grantSPACE.org/training/courses/introduction-to-finding-grants>

GRANTSPACE is a service of the Foundation Center. It has several guides on how to develop and write a proposal, lists free webinars, has a grantseekers' blog, and staff suggestions of useful websites.

- **The Chronicle of Philanthropy** – [www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com)

The Chronicle of Philanthropy is a subscription news source in print and online for nonprofit leaders, fundraisers and grant makers. Along with news, it offers lists of grants, fundraising ideas and techniques, statistics, reports on tax and court rulings, summaries of books and a calendar of events.

## Grant Writing Guides & Other Grant Resources

- **Nonprofit Works, Inc.** – [www.nonprofitworks.com/resources/](http://www.nonprofitworks.com/resources/)

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## Foundations, Community Foundations, Libraries

- **The Foundation Center** – [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org)

The Foundation Center serves as a gateway to information about private funding sources, the grant process, and guidelines on writing a proposal. The Foundation Center has designated libraries that house reference collections and links to useful websites. The following Pennsylvania libraries participate:

Library	City
Albright Memorial Library	Scranton
Allentown Public Library	Allentown
Beaver County Library System	Aliquippa
Butler Area Public Library	Butler
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Nonprofit Resource Center	Pittsburgh
Chester County Library District Center	Exton
Citizens Library	Washington
Community Library of the Shenango Valley	Sharon
Dauphin County Library System – East Shore Area Library	Harrisburg
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	East Stroudsburg
Erie County Public Library	Erie
Franklin Public Library	Franklin
Free Library of Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Hazleton Area Public Library	Hazleton
James V. Brown Library	Williamsport
Lancaster Public Library	Lancaster
Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library	Bristol
Martin Memorial Library	York
Montgomery County Community College	Blue Bell
Nonprofit and Community Assistance Center	Pittston
Northampton Community College	Bethlehem
Pottstown Regional Public Library	Pottstown
Reading Public Library	Reading
William Jeanes Memorial Library & Nicholas & Athena Karabots Center for Learning	Lafayette Hill

- **Community Foundations**

Community foundations are nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly supported grantmaking organizations. These foundations are public charities, since they develop broad support from many unrelated donors with a wide range of charitable interests in a specific community. A community foundation has an independent board that is broadly representative

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## Foundations, Community Foundations, Library Resources

of the public interest. Foundations maintain diverse grants programs. In addition, they often play a leadership role in their communities, serve as a resource for grant information and broker training and technical assistance for local nonprofits.

The following is a list of community foundations in Pennsylvania:

### **Adams County Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 4565  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
717-337-0060

**Contact** – Ralph M. Serpa, President & CEO  
[rserpe@adamscountycf.org](mailto:rserpe@adamscountycf.org)

### **Community Foundation for the Alleghenies**

116 Market St., Suite 4  
Johnstown, PA 15901-1644  
814-536-7741

**Contact** – Michael E. Kane, Executive Director  
[www.cfalleghenies.org](http://www.cfalleghenies.org)

### **The Armstrong County Community Foundation, Inc.**

220 S. Jefferson St., Suite B  
Kittanning, PA 16201  
724-548-5897

**Contact** – Jodi Beers, Executive Director  
[www.accfound.org](http://www.accfound.org) and [www.servingtheheart.org](http://www.servingtheheart.org)

### **The Beaver County Foundation**

P.O. Box 569  
Beaver, PA 15009  
724-728-1331

**Contact** – Charles N. O'Data, President  
[www.beavercountyfoundation.com](http://www.beavercountyfoundation.com)

### **Berks County Community Foundation**

237 Court St.  
Reading, PA 19601  
610-685-2223

**Contact** – Kevin K. Murphy, President  
[www.bccf.org](http://www.bccf.org)

### **Bloomsburg Area Community Foundation**

3 E. 5th St.  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815  
570-784-7666

C. Cleveland Hummel, Esq., President

### **Bucks County Foundation**

60 E. Court St.  
P.O. Box 2073  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
215-997-8566

**Contact** – Linda L. Goodwin, Executive Director  
[www.buckscountyfoundation.org](http://www.buckscountyfoundation.org)

### **Central Susquehanna Community Foundation**

725 W. Front St.  
Berwick, PA 18603  
570-752-3930  
Toll Free: 1-866-454-6692

**Contact** – M. Holly Morrison, D.Ed., President & CEO  
[www.csgiving.org](http://www.csgiving.org)

### **Centre County Community Foundation, Inc.**

1377 Ridgemaster Drive  
State College, PA 16803  
814-237-6229

**Contact** – Molly Kunkel, Executive Director  
[www.centre-foundation.org](http://www.centre-foundation.org)

### **Chester County Community Foundation**

The Lincoln Building  
28 W. Market St.  
West Chester, PA 19382  
610-696-8211

**Contact** – Karen Simmons, President & CEO  
[www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org)

### **Clinton County Community Foundation, Inc.**

P.O. Box 652  
Lock Haven, PA 17745  
570-748-2481

**Contact** – Robert H. Lugg, President  
[www.clintoncountyfoundation.org](http://www.clintoncountyfoundation.org)

### **Crawford Heritage Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 933  
Meadville, PA 16335  
814-336-5206

**Contact** – Christian Maher, Executive Director  
[www.crawfordheritage.org](http://www.crawfordheritage.org)

## Foundations, Community Foundations, Library Resources

### Danville Area Community Foundation

*An affiliate of First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (Montour County)*

FCFP Philanthropy Center

201 W. Fourth St.

Williamsport, PA 17701

570-321-1500

Toll Free: 1-866-901-2372

Contact – Jennifer Wilson, President & CEO

[www.wlffoundation.org](http://www.wlffoundation.org)

### Delaware County Community Foundation

102 Chesley Drive, Suite 1A

Media, PA 19063

610-892-8620

Contact – Iris Mireya Leon, E.D.

[www.delcocf.org](http://www.delcocf.org)

### Elk County Community Foundation

32 S. St. Marys St., Suite 4

P.O. Box 934

Saint Marys, PA 15857

814-834-2125

Contact – Paula Fritz Eddy, Executive Director

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

### The Emporium Foundation, Inc.

EFI c/o E.W. Tompkins

P.O. Box 31

Emporium, PA 15834

814-486-3333

Contact – ewtompkinslaw@gmail.com

[www.emporiumfoundation.org](http://www.emporiumfoundation.org)

### The Erie Community Foundation

459 W. 6th St.

Erie, PA 16507

814-454-0843

Fax: 814-456-4965

Contact – Michael L. Batchelor, President

[www.eriecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.eriecommunityfoundation.org)

### Community Foundation of Fayette County

2 W. Main St., Suite 101

Uniontown, PA 15401

724-437-8600

Contact – Clara L. Pascoe, Director

[www.cffayettepa.org](http://www.cffayettepa.org)

### First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania

FCFP Philanthropy Center

201 W. Fourth St.

Williamsport, PA 17701

570-321-1500

Contact – Jennifer Wilson, President & CEO

[www.fcfpartnership.org](http://www.fcfpartnership.org)

### The Foundation for Enhancing Communities

200 N. Third St., 8th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17101

717-236-5040

Contact – Janice R. Black, President & CEO

[www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org)

### Community Foundation of Greene County, PA

108 E. High St.

Waynesburg, PA 15370

724-627-2010

Contact – Bettie B. Stammerjohn, Executive Director

[www.cfgcpa.org](http://www.cfgcpa.org)

### Lancaster County Community Foundation

24 W. King St., Suite 201

Lancaster, PA 17603

717-397-1629

Contact – Samuel Bressi, President & CEO

[www.lanfound.org](http://www.lanfound.org)

### Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania

650 Smithfield St., Suite 210

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-471-6488

Contact – Barbara Taylor, Executive Director

[www.gwpa.org](http://www.gwpa.org)

### Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania & Eastern Ohio

7 W. State St., Suite 301

Sharon, PA 16146

724-981-5882

Contact – Kyle English, Executive Director

[www.comm-foundation.org](http://www.comm-foundation.org)

### Lehigh Valley Community Foundation

840 W. Hamilton St., Suite 310

Allentown, PA 18101-2422

610-351-5353

Contact – Bernard J. Story, President & CEO

[www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org](http://www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org)

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### **The Luzerne Foundation**

140 Main St., 2nd Floor  
Luzerne, PA 18709  
570-714-1570

**Contact** – Charles M. Barber, President & CEO  
[www.luzfdn.org](http://www.luzfdn.org)

### **Montgomery County Foundation, Inc. (PA)**

4 Sentry Parkway East, Suite 302  
Blue Bell, PA 19422  
484-532-7387

**Contact** – Virginia Frantz, President & CEO  
[www.mcfoundationinc.org](http://www.mcfoundationinc.org)

### **Mt. Lebanon Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 24514  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234  
412-337-0225

**Contact** – Audrey Bode, Executive Director  
[www.lebofoundation.org](http://www.lebofoundation.org)

### **North East Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 327  
North East, PA 16428  
814-725-7107

**Contact** – Melissa Fisher, Executive Assistant  
[www.necommunityfoundation.org](http://www.necommunityfoundation.org)

### **Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation**

1330 11th Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16601  
814-944-6102

**Contact** – Jodi L. Cessna, Executive Director  
[www.centralpagives.org](http://www.centralpagives.org)

### **The Philadelphia Foundation**

1835 Market St., Suite 2410  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-563-6417

**Contact** – Pedro A. Ramos, President & CEO  
[www.philafound.org](http://www.philafound.org)

### **The Pittsburgh Foundation**

Five PPG Place, Suite 250  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
412-391-5122

**Contact** – Maxwell King, President & CEO  
[www.pittsburghfoundation.org](http://www.pittsburghfoundation.org)

### **Schuylkill Area Community Foundation**

216 S. Centre St.  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
570-624-7223

**Contact** – Sharon Koszyk, Program Manager  
[www.sacfoundation.com](http://www.sacfoundation.com)

### **Scranton Area Foundation, Inc.**

615 Jefferson Ave., Suite 102  
Scranton, PA 18510  
570-347-6203

**Contact** – Laura J. Ducceschi, President & CEO  
[www.safdn.org](http://www.safdn.org)

### **Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains**

*Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties*  
270 Lake Ave.  
Montrose, PA 18801  
570-278-3800

**Contact** – Peter Quigg, President  
[www.community-foundation.org](http://www.community-foundation.org)

### **Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, Inc.**

104 W. Lockhart St., Unit 2  
Sayre, PA 18840  
570-888-4759

**Contact** – Benjamin Olney, Chairman  
[www.twintierscf.org](http://www.twintierscf.org)

### **Union County Foundation (PA)**

*An affiliate of First Community Foundation  
Partnership of Pennsylvania*  
330 Pine St., Suite 400  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570-321-1500

Toll Free: 1-866-901-2372

**Contact** – Jennifer Wilson, President & CEO  
[www.wlffoundation.org](http://www.wlffoundation.org)

### **Bridge Builders Community Foundations**

*Clarion, Forest & Venango Counties*  
206 Seneca St.

National Transit Annex, Suite 10  
Oil City, PA 16301  
814-677-8687

**Contact** – Trenton Moulin, Executive Director  
[www.bbcf.org](http://www.bbcf.org)

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### Community Foundation of Warren County

310 2nd Ave.

P.O. Box 691

Warren, PA 16365

814-726-9553

Contact – John Lasher, Executive Director

[www.cfowc.org](http://www.cfowc.org)

### Washington County Community Foundation, Inc.

1253 Route 519

P.O. Box 308

Eighty Four, PA 15330

724-222-6330

Contact – Betsie Trew, President & CEO

[www.wccf.net](http://www.wccf.net)

### The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

Greensburg Garden & Civic Center

951 Old Salem Road, Penthouse Suite

Greensburg, PA 15601

724-836-4400

Contact – Phil Koch, Executive Director

[www.cfwestmoreland.org](http://www.cfwestmoreland.org)

### Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation

*An affiliate of First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania*

330 Pine St., Suite 400

Williamsport, PA 17701

570-321-1500

Toll Free: 1-866-901-2372

Contact – Jennifer Wilson, President & CEO

[www.wlfoundation.org](http://www.wlfoundation.org)

### York County Community Foundation

14 W. Market St.

York, PA 17401

717-848-3733

Contact – Jane M. Conover, President & CEO

[www.yccf.org](http://www.yccf.org)

### ● The State Library of Pennsylvania

The State Library of Pennsylvania is one of the largest research libraries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has information on almost every area of human concern. It provides information and materials from its collections and automated resources to state government, state institutions and the general public. It is also charged with maintaining a definitive collection of publications of all agencies of the commonwealth and serves as a regional depository for United States Government publications.

Need help in locating materials or information? You have options:

Call the State Library's Reference Desk at 717-783-5950 (General) or 717-787-3273 (Law/Government Publications)

Email the State Library using the online form [www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Pages/Reference-Form.aspx](http://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Pages/Reference-Form.aspx)

Chat online with a librarian at [www.askherepa.org/](http://www.askherepa.org/)

Chat online with a librarian about government information at <http://govtinfo.org/>

## Other Resources

- **The Council on Foundations** – [www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org)  
The Council on Foundations is a Washington, D.C.-area based nonprofit membership association. It provides the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good.
- **GuideStar** – [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)  
GuideStar gathers and publicizes information about nonprofit organizations. It has an expansive database and encourages nonprofits to share information about their organizations. It has a membership fee and offers a searchable database of U.S. nonprofit organizations to subscribing members.
- **The Grantsmanship Center** – [www.tgci.com](http://www.tgci.com)  
The Grantsmanship Center conducts workshops and grantsmanship training for a fee. It has training and publications to help organizations plan solid programs, write logical, compelling grant proposals and create earned income opportunities.
- **National Association of Counties** – [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)  
The National Association of Counties (NACo) has a grant clearinghouse [www.nacogrants.org](http://www.nacogrants.org) on its website for members who join the association.
- **Pennsylvania Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations** – [www.dos.state.pa.us/charities](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/charities)  
The Department of State provides an annual report on charitable organizations. The report provides an overview of registration, investigations and audits of charitable organizations. Consumers can access the site's searchable database of registered charities to confirm if a charity is registered or find more information about the organization.
- **Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO)** – [www.pano.org](http://www.pano.org)  
PANO is a statewide membership organization serving the charitable nonprofit sector with leadership, advocacy and education services. PANO helps charities become more efficient and effective through sharing of resources and information.
- **Women's Funding Network** – [www.womensfundingnetwork.org](http://www.womensfundingnetwork.org)  
Women's Funding Network is the largest philanthropic network in the world devoted to women and girls around the world. It has a large philanthropic network that helps charities, private foundations and community foundations.

## Key Federal Funding Sources

- **Grants.gov** – [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)  
Grants.gov is the main website to access for researching and registering for federal grant opportunities and programs. The site allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies.
- **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars** – [whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars](http://whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars)  
The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB circulars are cited in catalog program descriptions.
- **United States Government portal**  
The U.S. government's official web portal, [www.USA.gov](http://www.USA.gov), is the online guide to U.S. government information and services.

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## Key Federal Funding Sources

**Businesses and Nonprofits** – [www.usa.gov/business](http://www.usa.gov/business)

This section provides links and resources for starting and managing a business or nonprofit.

**Government-to-Government** – [www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans](http://www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans)

Government aid and programs that provide financial help for individuals and organizations.

- **USA Spending** – [www.usaspending.gov/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.usaspending.gov/Pages/Default.aspx)

USA spending is a publicly accessible, searchable website mandated by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to give the American public access to information on how their tax dollars are spent.

## Related Federal Sources

- **Federal Citizen Information Center** – <http://publications.usa.gov/USAPubs.php?catID=5>

The U.S. General Services Administration's Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) helps Americans find information through its websites, its National Contact Center and its publication distribution center. Call for points of contact about government agencies, programs and services by dialing 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). Order a catalog of federal consumer information by calling 1-888-8-PUEBLO (1-888-878-3256).

- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Services for the Public** – [www.usace.army.mil/About/](http://www.usace.army.mil/About/)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides many services for the public, including emergency response, flood damage reduction and environment stewardship.

- **U.S. Department of Justice – Americans with Disabilities Act** – [www.ada.gov/](http://www.ada.gov/)

The ADA Homepage provides information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- **U.S. Department of Labor – Disability.gov** – [dol.gov/odep/topics/disability.htm](http://dol.gov/odep/topics/disability.htm)

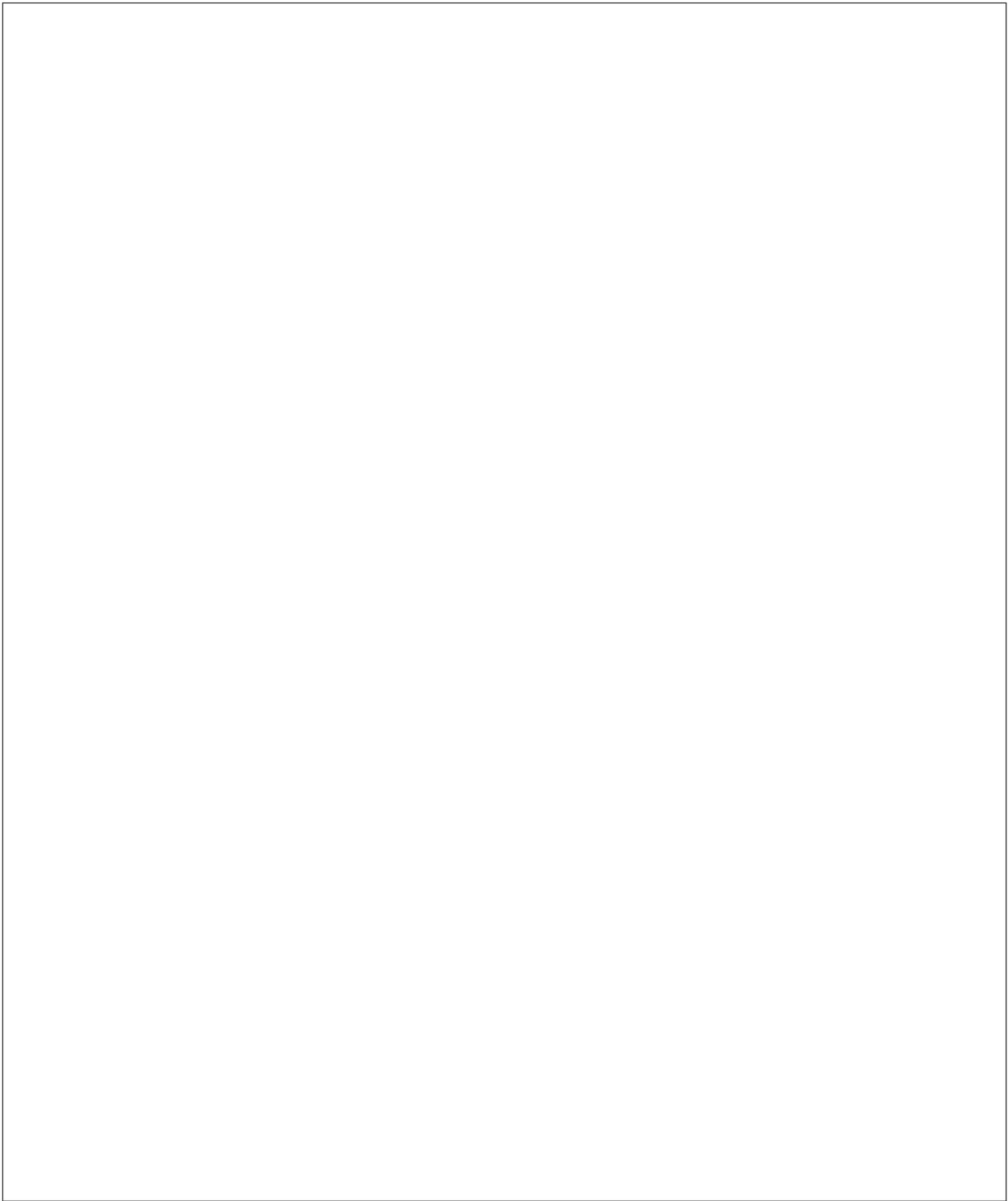
[Disability.gov](http://Disability.gov) is a comprehensive online resource designed to provide people with disabilities with the information they need to know quickly and easily. The site provides access to disability-related information and programs available across the government on numerous subjects, including civil rights, education, employment, housing, health, income support, technology, transportation and independent living.

- **U.S. Small Business Administration – Borrowing Money** – [sba.gov/funding-programs/loans](http://sba.gov/funding-programs/loans)

Resource for businesses considering a loan application.

- **Corporation for National and Community Service** – [www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants](http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants)

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is an independent, federal grant-making government agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. CNCS programs include Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF), and Social Innovation Fund (SIF). These programs have helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. CNCS provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering.



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

**APPRISE** – APPRISE is the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). APPRISE serves Medicare beneficiaries through a network of volunteers and staff at Area Agencies on Aging throughout Pennsylvania. The program helps people on Medicare understand their health insurance options to make sound decisions about both their physical and financial health care needs. The counselors who volunteer and staff the program are thoroughly trained in Medicare and insurance and can also answer questions about Medicaid, Medigap or Supplement Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans, Long Term Care Insurance and Prescription Drug Benefits. Counselors also understand appeal processes and can help beneficiaries file Medicare appeals.

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

**Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program** – The Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program helps caregivers reduce stress and burden through benefits and resource counseling. The program helps caregivers determine the needs of the care recipient and provides financial assistance as appropriate based on the caregiver's income. Specific benefits available to caregivers include: financial reimbursement for appropriate services and supplies, access to support groups, and caregiving skills training and education. Expenses eligible for reimbursement may include: transportation, consumable supplies, home modifications, assistive technology and additional care services so the caregiver can take a break. To be eligible, one must be the primary caregiver of an individual who falls within the following categories: an adult age 60 or over, an adult with chronic dementia, an individual between the ages of 19-59 with a disability, or a grandparent raising their grandchildren.

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

**Domiciliary Care (Dom Care)** – The Dom Care Program provides a home in the community for adults who need assistance with activities of daily living and are unable to live independently. A participant in the Dom Care program typically has a circumstance or a disability that makes it difficult to independently accomplish activities of daily living such as preparing meals, bathing or complying with medication administration. Because the Dom Care Program relies on caring community members to become certified and open up their existing homes, Dom Care residents become part of a stable, caring "family" and can enjoy a sense of belonging and independence.

For more information about receiving services or about becoming a funded Dom Care provider, visit the department's website at [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or call 717-783-1550.

**Level of Care Assessment** – The Level of Care Assessment is the first part of the process where a local Area Agency on Aging responds to a request by a consumer or family member to help them determine the most appropriate level of care. The assessment assists in determining location of care in a facility or a Home and Community-Based Service Program to address a consumer's needs.

For more information on a local Level of Care Assessment, contact your local Area Agency on Aging. Or, for general questions, call the department at 717-783-1550.

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For more information on Pennsylvania Department of Aging programs, please visit [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov).

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

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

**Nutrition Services** – The Department of Aging provides for quality nutrition services to older Pennsylvanians through: senior community center and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and personalized assessments, assistance with applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and information and online resources.

Nutritious meals are available to individuals age 60 or older and their spouses at various senior community centers across the state. These meals are available either on location at the center (congregate meals) or they can be delivered directly to a home-bound individual. Meals are provided free of charge but participants may give an anonymous donation to help offset the cost of the service.

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

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

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

**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: 1-800-490-8505. The reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

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

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**OPTIONS** – The Department of Aging’s OPTIONS Program provides in-home services to help Pennsylvanians who are 60 years of age and older remain in their homes and communities. A comprehensive interview is conducted by the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to determine each individual’s service needs. A care manager is then assigned to work with the individual to develop a plan of care as well as coordinate and arrange for the provision of services. Services available under the OPTIONS Program include: adult day care, counseling, care management, home health, personal assistance and care services, personal emergency response systems, home-delivered meals, transportation services and more. Depending on their income, participants may be required to pay some of the costs toward the services they receive.

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

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

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

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

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

Additional department resources for assistance with prescriptions include:

- **Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse (PA PAP)** – The department funds a statewide service center staffed by trained specialists, who can help uninsured and under-insured adults apply for prescription assistance through various programs. Anyone without PACE coverage or government-funded health insurance, including Medicare, can apply by calling 1-800-955-0989.
- **Pennsylvania Prescription Price Finder** – Anyone can access this free department-maintained resource that lists local prices on commonly used drugs, local pharmacy listings, information on low-cost generics, and drug information materials. To access the information, simply call 1-800-835-4080 or visit [www.parxpricefinder.com](http://www.parxpricefinder.com).

**Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCoA)** – The Pennsylvania Council on Aging serves as a statewide forum, clearinghouse, guardian and advocate for the rights and interests of the elderly in determining a comprehensive program of services for the elderly. The purpose of the council is to assure full participation of commonwealth seniors in developing a program of services for aging in accordance with the Older Americans Act.

The council is comprised of 21 members, at least 11 of whom must be 60 years of age or older. Sixteen members are nominated by the governor and must be confirmed by the Senate. Five additional members each serve on council by virtue of their service as regional council chair. Each council member serves without compensation.

For more information on the PCoA, call 717-783-1550.

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

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

**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)** – The SCSEP is a program that provides on-the-job training to unemployed, low-income individuals age 55 or older with the goal of transitioning them into employment. Eligible individuals who participate in the program receive a minimum hourly wage for approximately 20 hours per week.

In addition to receiving valuable on-the-job experience and preparing for employment, program participants are also providing services to the community that may not otherwise be provided. SCSEP is the only federal program that is specifically designed to assist low-income older Pennsylvanians by providing part-time community service positions and training to prepare these individuals for employment.

For more information on SCSEP, call the department at 717-783-1550.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

**Agritourism** – Find ways to attract consumers to your agritourism operation.

**Contact** – Ashlee Dugan at 717-783-8462 or [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

**Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund** – A grant designed specifically to provide Pennsylvania fairs with matching funds for capital improvement projects on fairgrounds.

**Contact** – Zachary Gihorski: [zgihorski@pa.gov](mailto:zgihorski@pa.gov), 717-772-3094, or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov)

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

**Contact** – Jared Grissinger: [jgrissinge@pa.gov](mailto:jgrissinge@pa.gov), 1-888-724-7697, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

**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** – Jordan Stasyszyn: [jstasyszyn@pa.gov](mailto:jstasyszyn@pa.gov), 717-787-6091, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

**First Industries Fund** – One of 19 programs in the June 2004 economic stimulus package. Funds are for Small Business First program (SBF), Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF), new loan guarantee program, business and marketing plans, and other pre-construction costs.

**No date specified.** Land, buildings, working capital, equipment, etc. per SBF and MELF guidelines; implementing best management practices; and energy-related activities impacting production agriculture or agribusiness.

**Contact** – Jared Grissinger: [jgrissinge@pa.gov](mailto:jgrissinge@pa.gov), 1-888-724-7697, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information or call 1-888-PAgrows

**First Industries Fund Loan Guarantees** – Provides private lenders with a risk management tool, and agricultural borrowers access to private credit sources at lower-risk rates and terms.

**No date specified.** Applicant must submit an application with the following: information about applicant and business; a description of the project; a description of all sources of financing; prior two years of financial statements; meet regulatory/permitting standards; and other information required by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Contact** – [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information or call 1-888-PAgrows

**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.

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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

**Next Generation Farmer Loan Program (NGFLP)** – Encourages lenders to finance beginning farmers. The loan is made at lender's credit standards and other terms and conditions.

**No date specified.** Terms for the loan, along with any additional conditions, will be at the discretion of the individual lender and will depend on the type of project. To qualify as a beginning farmer, one must be at least 18 years of age with no prior ownership of substantial farmland. The eligible parcel size must be greater than 30 percent of the median farm size in the county, and the net worth cannot exceed \$520,000, or \$1,040,000 for a partnership.

**Contact** – Jared Grissinger: [jgrissinge@pa.gov](mailto:jgrissinge@pa.gov), [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information, or call 1-888-PAgrows

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

**Contact** – Kyle Heffner at [kyheffner@pa.gov](mailto:kyheffner@pa.gov), 717-836-3973, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

**Good Agriculture Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Cost Share Program** – Reimbursement toward GAP/GHP certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

**Contact** – Kyle Heffner at [kyheffner@pa.gov](mailto:kyheffner@pa.gov), 717-836-3973, or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

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

**Contact** – 1-888-PAgrows or [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com)

**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** – [www.papreferred.com](http://www.papreferred.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.

**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 \$50k of net SBA 504 funds in the project within two years of disbursement.

**Contact** – [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov), [www.keppagrowing.com](http://www.keppagrowing.com) for more information, or call 1-888-PAgrows

**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](mailto:msheffield@pa.gov), 717-787-3568

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**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/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/), or [www.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com) for more information, or call 1-888-PAgrows

**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/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/), or [www.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com) for more information, or call 1-888-PAgrows

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED)

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**Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program (AMDATP)** – Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for abandoned mine drainage, abatement and treatment with the AMDATP. As one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania, billions of gallons of abandoned mine drainage (AMD) impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth. Funding is used for projects involving the reclamation of abandoned mine wells; construction of a new AMD site; remediation and repair of existing AMD sites; operation and maintenance of current AMD remediation sites; establishment of a trust fund to ensure ongoing maintenance is achieved; and monitoring of water quality to track or continue to trace nonpoint source load reductions resulting from AMD remediation projects.

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

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

**Baseline Water Quality Data** – Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA to be used for statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP).

**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. Its Challenge Grant funds joint research and development by private companies and universities along with technology training and entrepreneurial infrastructure.

**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 via a Request for Qualification (RFQ) (advertised in Pennsylvania Bulletin), through the CFA. 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 a range of investments demonstrated by experience and success with previous investments; and demonstrated capacity to attract additional investment for projects.

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**Business in Our Sites (BOS) Loans** – The Business in Our Sites Program provides loans for the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers and others. The program is administered through the CFA. The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities and others to prepare sites for future use. Projects that 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.

**Coal Refuse Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit** –The Coal Refuse Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit provides tax credits to eligible facilities that generate electricity through using coal refuse, control acid gas emissions, 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 who 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. Tax credit awards shall be equal to \$4 multiplied by the tons of qualified coal refuse used to generate electricity at an eligible facility in the previous calendar year. No more than 22.2 percent of the total amount of tax credits issued shall be awarded to a single facility in any fiscal year.

**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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, not through DCED.) Funds are used for community development needs such as infrastructure, housing and community facilities like senior centers, fire halls and recreational improvements. All activities must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income people (below 80 percent of area median income), eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need.

**Community 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 weather emergencies. There are 36 identified counties impacted by the storms. This program is designed to fit the needs identified from the disaster.

**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.

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

**Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)** – The Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program provides tax credits to operating business firms authorized to do business in Pennsylvania that are subject to one the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax or Retaliatory Fees under Section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1912. Such business firms include pass-through entities and special purpose pass-through entities. To receive tax credits, businesses must be approved to make contributions to scholarship organizations (SO) and/or

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educational improvement organizations (EIO) and/or pre-K scholarship organizations (PKSO) from a list published by the department. A business firm will be approved for a tax credit equal to 75 percent of its contribution(s) to listed organization(s), up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. The tax credit may be increased to 90 percent of the contribution(s) made, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year, if the business firm agrees at the time of application to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive tax years. The tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** – The ESG Program provides funds to assist homeless persons and prevent homelessness, including a full range of needs: the chronically homeless, victims of domestic abuse, veterans, youth, persons with disabilities, and displaced families. Funding is used for street outreach services, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing (placement in housing units), homelessness prevention (emergency payments to prevent eviction), and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS data system reporting). This program supports any homeless individual living in either an emergency shelter or location not suitable for habitation.

**Family Savings Account (Assets for Independence) (FSA)** – The program’s mission is to stimulate economic self-sufficiency and empowerment of individuals by helping qualified low-income participants to focus on long- and short-term financial skills and goals while encouraging savings and asset development. Participant savings are matched with both state and federal funds. At the state level, federal grants must be matched by state funds. Savings goals are now limited to home purchases, business entrepreneurship and post-secondary education as per a federal ruling.

**Film Tax Credit Program** – The Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit Program is an economic development tool to foster the growth and development of the commonwealth’s film industry. The program, authorized under Act 55 of 2007, provides a tax credit equal to 25 percent of a film production’s qualified Pennsylvania production expenses. An additional 5 percent tax credit, for a total credit of 30 percent, is available for productions that meet the minimum state filming requirements at a qualified production facility. 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. The eligible expenses include the total amount of wages and salaries of individuals employed in the production of the film, the costs of construction, editing, photography, sound synchronization, lighting, wardrobe and accessories, and the rental cost of the facilities and equipment. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

**First Industries Fund (FIF)** – The First Industries Fund is a loan, loan guarantee, and grant program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania’s agriculture and tourism industries. The program is administered by CFA and DCED. 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.

**Flood Mitigation (FMP)** – The Marcellus Legacy Fund provides monies 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.

**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, river conservation, parks and beautification projects using the GTRP.

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**High Performance Building Program (HPB)** – The High Performance Building Program provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost of premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the commonwealth. The program is administered jointly by DCED and DEP under the direction of the CFA.

\*An HPB is a building that adheres to the standards adopted by the Department of General Services, in consultation with DEP, that optimizes the energy performance of buildings.

**Historic Preservation Tax Credit** – 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 rehabilitation plan that is approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as being consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of an approved taxpayer, which can include 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 taxpayer shall not exceed 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures as determined by the application in connection with the completed project. The total tax credits awarded to a taxpayer may not exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year.

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

**Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP)** – The Industrial Sites Reuse Program promotes the reuse and redevelopment of former industrial land and sites by providing funding for public entities, private nonprofit economic development groups, and companies to perform Phase I, II and III environmental site assessment and remediation of hazardous substances. Entities cannot have caused or contributed to the environmental contamination in order to receive funding.

**Infrastructure & Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP)** – The Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP), established by Act 23 of 2004, provides multi-year grants for reimbursement of debt service relating to the debt issued for eligible infrastructure and facilities improvement project costs. Eligible projects include: convention centers, hospitals, hotels, industrial enterprises, manufacturers, retail enterprises creating at least 200 jobs and occupying over 200,000 sq. ft., and research and development enterprises.

**Innovate in PA** – Established by Act 52 in 2013. The DCED sold \$100 million of insurance premium tax credits to qualified insurance companies. Sale proceeds netted approximately \$85 million. The moneys have been transmitted to the commonwealth in six increments beginning August 2016 and ending January 2018. By authority of the BFTDA Board, revenues are scheduled to be utilized as follows:

**Ben Franklin Technology Partners (\$42.5 million)** – Innovate net proceeds are being deployed equally to the four regional Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTPs). BFTP regional offices are located in Bethlehem, Philadelphia, State College and Pittsburgh. The BFTPs offer seed investments to technology-oriented start-up companies in their respective territories.

**Venture Investment Program (\$38.25 million)** – In an effort to encourage follow-on funding for BFTP-backed companies, the Venture Investment Program (VIP) supplies money to venture capital firms doing business in PA. For the most part, these firms focus on early stage (A and B rounds) of technology-based start-up companies. VIP Program funding and venture fund screening is overseen by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA). A goal of the VIP is to promote economic modernization within Pennsylvania thereby allowing

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Pennsylvania to compete in the global market. Program support is administered in the form of loans to venture capital firms.

**Life Science Greenhouses (\$4.25 million)** – Innovate net proceeds are being deployed equally to the three regional Life Sciences Greenhouses (LSGs) through the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA). Offices are located in Philadelphia, Hershey and Pittsburgh. Companies in the life science and biotechnology industries are encouraged to reach out to their designated LSG to learn more about funding opportunities. LSG support may be in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, royalty/payback agreements, or other forms of financial support.

**Job Creation Tax Credits (JCTC)** – The Job Creation Tax Credit Program was established for the purpose of securing job-creating economic development opportunities through the expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of economic development prospects to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The JCTC program is available to eligible businesses that, within three years from a negotiated start date, create 25 or more jobs or increase employment by 20 percent. Every new full-time job, up to a set maximum which meets certain minimum wage standards, will result in a \$1,000 tax credit that the business can use to pay a number of state business taxes. The business may claim these credits only after the jobs are created. A minimum of 25 percent of all tax credits available to be awarded each fiscal year will be allocated to businesses that employ 100 or fewer employees.

**Keystone Communities** – This program supports physical improvements to both designated and other communities that are undertaking revitalization to restore deteriorated downtowns, residential neighborhoods and industrial/manufacturing sites. Keystone Communities also provides funding for accessible modifications for the homes of persons with physical disabilities. Within Keystone Communities there are five subdivisions:

**Development Grants:** This program provides grants for community improvements, such as housing, infrastructure, downtown revitalization and business improvement in distressed areas.

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

**Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)** – The program provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Projects in KOZ are given priority consideration for assistance under various community and economic building initiatives. Pennsylvania businesses relocating to a KOZ must either:

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increase their full-time employment by 20 percent within the first full year of operation, or make a 10 percent capital investment in the KOZ property based on their prior year's gross revenues. Eligibility for benefits is based upon annual certification. In order to receive benefits, any entity applying must be compliant with all local and state taxes and building and zoning codes.

**Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ)** – The Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ) program was established for the purpose of providing incentives to for-profit businesses that locate and operate in designated geographic zones. Pennsylvania continues to have a surplus of abandoned, deteriorated commercial and industrial sites in need of revitalization. The KSDZ program is an incentive-based tax credit program to foster redevelopment of these former industrial and commercial sites. To be eligible, sites must be located within a Special Industrial Area as of July 1, 2011. Businesses that provide job-creating economic development opportunities in these sites through the expansion of existing operations or the relocation of operations to the commonwealth may be eligible for tax credits under this program.

**Life Science Greenhouses** – Three regional greenhouses are the only state organizations focused exclusively on growing the life sciences sector in Pennsylvania by creating new companies, investing in emerging companies, accelerating transfer of new discoveries from labs to companies, and building collaborations between academic, entrepreneurial, corporate, financial and government partners. Greenhouses also develop and attract CEO talent to create and grow Pennsylvania-based companies. Equity investments, or loans, are made to seed and early stage companies within competitive bioscience sectors: new therapeutics, biomedical devices, drug delivery systems, platform technologies, bionanotechnology applications and bioformatics.

**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 that find the cost of borrowing at conventional rates to be prohibitive an opportunity to secure needed funds at an interest rate of 2 percent per annum. Requests for assistance may be submitted anytime throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 DCED.

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

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

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

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

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**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.

**NAP – Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NAP/NSP):** Under the Neighborhood Assistance Program, communities can apply for grants to address the housing foreclosure crisis created by subprime and other problematic mortgage lending. Authorized under the Federal CDBG Program.

**New American Development Fund** – This program provides low-interest private loans through foreign investment to finance economic development projects within the state’s federally designated EB5 regional center that are projected to create a significant number of new, full-time, direct or indirect jobs. Funds are used to support the costs associated with new construction, the acquisition of plant, property and equipment, building rehabilitation, and tenant improvements. Loan funds can also be used as working capital.

**Next Generation Farmer Loan Program** – The Next Generation Farmer Loan Program assists beginning and first-time farmers in the purchase of land, farm equipment, farm buildings and breeding livestock. The Next Generation Farmer Loan Program uses federal tax-exempt mortgage financing to reduce a farmer’s interest rate for capital purchases, such as the purchase of farm land or agricultural machinery and equipment.

**Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)** – The program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used by Opportunity Scholarship Organizations to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students residing within a low-achieving school district to attend a nonpublic school or a public school outside of their district. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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 and building acquisition; building renovation and new construction; machinery and equipment acquisition and installation; and designated infrastructure. Loan amounts for manufacturers can be between \$400,000 and \$10 million.

**Pennsylvania 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 the Governor's Action Team. Funds may be used toward job training, land and building acquisition and construction, purchase and upgrade of machinery and equipment, construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure, working capital, environmental assessment, and remediation.

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

**Pennsylvania Infrastructure 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.

**Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)** – PITA is a collaboration of DCED, Lehigh University's Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS), and Carnegie Mellon University's Institute for Complex Engineered Systems to support advanced manufacturing research, improve the global competitiveness of Pennsylvania companies to launch new companies, and retain engineering talent in Pennsylvania. DCED funding supports a matching program for manufacturing research and development projects with Pennsylvania university graduate students, faculty and companies. A call for proposals in specific technology areas is released to support competitive and collaborative research projects with manufacturing companies and universities.

**Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)** – The Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority 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.

**Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE)** – The Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) provides grants to construct the last few miles of natural gas distribution lines to business parks, existing manufacturing and industrial enterprises, which will result in the creation of new economic base jobs in the commonwealth while providing access to natural gas for residents. The maximum grant amount of any Pipeline Investment Program project shall not exceed \$1 million or 50 percent of the total project costs, whichever is less. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site

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

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

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

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

**Second Stage Loan Program** – This program offers a guarantee program for lending institutions to undertake projects for second stage manufacturers (companies between 2 and 7 years old), advanced technology and life sciences businesses. Funds are used for loan guarantees primarily for working capital, but also to assist in asset financing needs.

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

**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

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(CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. The SDBCA program finances a portion of total eligible project costs. The maximum participation amount is determined by a variety of factors, such as the proposed use of the SDBCA funds, the amount of matching financing from sources outside of SDBCA and the number of full-time jobs to be retained or created. The maximum term loan amount is \$200,000. The maximum line of credit amount is \$100,000.

**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.

**Water Supply & Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PennWorks)** – The Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PennWorks) was established by the General Assembly subsequent to the overwhelming approval by the electorate of a referendum in May 2004. The program provides single-year or multiyear grants to municipalities and municipal authorities and loans to municipalities, municipal authorities, industrial development corporations and investor-owned water or wastewater enterprises for projects that construct, expand or improve water and wastewater infrastructure related to economic development. The PennWorks Program is administered by the CFA.

**Watershed Restoration Protection Program (WRPP)** – Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund, which allocates funds to CFA for watershed restoration and protection projects. The overall goal of the WRPP is to restore and maintain stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff and ultimately to remove these streams from DEP's Impaired Waters list. Funds are used for projects involving watershed restoration/protection; refurbishing, restoring or creating stabilization of stream banks or channels; repairing and maintaining existing watershed protection; creating best management practices (BMP); and monitoring water quality.

**Weatherization & LIHEAP Crisis** – This program reduces energy consumption in low-income eligible households. The LIHEAP Crisis Program is coordinated through Department of Human Services County Assistance Offices to provide assistance to low-income eligible clients who have a heating emergency. For the Weatherization Program, an energy audit of the home is conducted, which determines air flow and leakage. A priority list of measures is followed to determine what should be done in a home to reduce energy usage. Measures may include weather-stripping, insulation, and window or door repair. For LIHEAP Crisis, furnaces may be repaired or replaced. LIHEAP funds, if available after the crisis season is over, are also used to weatherize homes.

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

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

Please refer to the website at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/index.aspx> for grant specifics and up-to-date information on each grant program.

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

More information can be obtained at <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/LearnMore.aspx?GrantProgramId=68>.

**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 percent match via either cash or a land donation of equal non-cash value.

More information can be obtained at <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/>.

**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 can be found at <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/>.

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

More information can be found at <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/LearnMore.aspx?GrantProgramId=71>.

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

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

More information can be found at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riverresourceprogram/riversconservation/index.htm>.

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

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

**Circuit Rider** – The Circuit Rider grants are awarded to initiate new programs and services for counties, councils of government and/or multi-municipal entities that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional full-time staff person. The circuit rider’s purpose is to initiate new programs and services in the designated service area. The intended result of this project is to increase the ability of the grantee to more efficiently and effectively meet their recreation, park, greenway, open space and/or natural resource conservation needs. The grantee will be responsible for the long-term financial commitment and maintenance of this professional position. This is a four-year commitment of funding. Match is variable based on the year of funding. Eligible project costs include the circuit rider’s salary only and bureau-approved technical assistance and training expenses as follows:

1. **Year One:** up to 100 percent of gross salary.
2. **Year Two:** up to 75 percent of gross salary.
3. **Year Three:** up to 50 percent of gross salary.
4. **Year Four:** up to 25 percent of gross salary.

More information can be found at [http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr\\_017037.pdf](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_017037.pdf).

**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 (which is a high priority for DCNR); improving management of a specific facility like a community center, trail or pool; conducting an overall management assessment of an agency’s park and recreation services; park and recreation board training and development, etc. The applicant must provide at least a 10 percent local cash match. Non-cash match is not accepted for peer-to-peer projects.

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

## VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

**Bureau of Forestry Grants** – This grant provides financial and technical assistance to State Foresters in cooperative efforts to organize, train and equip local forces in rural areas or communities with a population under 10,000 to prevent, control and suppress fires that threaten human life, livestock, wildlife, crops, pastures, orchards, woodlands,

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farmsteads or other improvements in rural areas. The key objective of this program is to save lives and protect property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas.

More information can be found at [www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/LearnMore.aspx?GrantProgramId=45](http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/LearnMore.aspx?GrantProgramId=45).

**Contact** – Charles C. Choplick, Program Manager, at 717-787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/wildfire/vfd/index.htm](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/wildfire/vfd/index.htm).

### WILD RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM (WRCP)

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

**Contact** – Ellen Shultzabarger at 717-705-2817 or visit [www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Biodiversity/WildResourceConservationProgram/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Biodiversity/WildResourceConservationProgram/Pages/default.aspx).

DDAP allocates state and federal grant monies to the 47 drug and alcohol offices statewide, also known as “single county authorities” or SCA. Drug and alcohol treatment providers, who must be licensed by the Department of Health, may contact their local SCA to find out if any grant opportunities are available.

<https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/gethelpnow/CountyServices.aspx> helps people locate services by a SCA by county or ZIP code.

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**Search for the resource and services agency in your county.** Use either your zip code, or your county to help you find your local agencies.

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**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006** – The act authorizes the legislation through Fiscal Year 2012, for a total of six years. While the bulk of the law is very similar to the 1998 Perkins Act, there are some significant changes in content and focus. Several themes are evident throughout; accountability for results and program improvement at all levels, increased coordination within the CTE system, stronger academic and technical integration, connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and links to business and industry. This regulation has not been reauthorized and the state and local recipients continue to request extensions to the grant.

**Nine Required Uses of Funds:**

- Strengthen the academic and career and technical skills of students participating in CTE programs through the integration of academics with CTE programs
- Link CTE at the secondary level and the postsecondary level
- Provide students with strong experience in and understanding of all aspects of an industry
- Develop, improve or expand the use of technology in CTE
- Provide in-service and pre-service professional development programs to teachers, faculty, administrators, and career guidance and academic counselors who are involved in integrated CTE programs
- Develop and implement evaluations of the CTE programs carried out with Perkins funds
- Initiate, improve, expand and modernize quality CTE programs, including relevant technology
- Provide services and activities that are of sufficient size, scope and quality to be effective
- Provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers for high-skill, high-wage or high-demand occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency

**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 717-346-9735

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

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

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

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**Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants** – The purpose of the 2017-18 Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase equipment that meets industry standards. Funds must be used to purchase equipment that: (a) supports student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs; (b) meets industry standards; (c) costs \$3,000 or more per unit; and (d) has been recommended by the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) with a recommendation date that is PRIOR to submission. If funds remain after purchases of equipment that costs \$3,000 or more, the remaining funds can be used to purchase equipment that costs less than \$3,000, but otherwise meets the criteria for eligible expenditures.

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

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

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

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

**Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** – This is a multifaceted grant program that supports local and statewide library programs that are aligned with one or more of five federally approved goal areas: (1) improving library services to support individuals' lifelong learning and literacy needs; (2) improving Pennsylvanians' access to, knowledge of, or ability to use and share digital library services; (3) providing training and support of library staff and leadership; (4) improving library services for people who live in poverty or who have a disability; and (5) improving library workforce development services.

Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, projects that have already started or operating expenses.

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

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

## CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION

**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 the 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

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programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement; and (3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

**Application Deadline** – No application for funding will be available until 2018, date to be announced.

**Contact** – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Division of Student Services at 717-783-6466

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

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction/Division of Student Services at 717- 772-2066

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Community Innovation Zones Grants** – Federal investment through Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge funds to enhance services to vulnerable young children in high-needs communities. Applicants are eligible for up to \$75,000 annually for three years of grant funding. Grants are for school-community collaboration development to improve school readiness. Over the course of the funding, a total of 50 three-year grants will be awarded. Twelve grants will be awarded in FY 2014-15 with an anticipated procurement of 38 additional grants in FY 2015-16.

Annual renewals in April are available to school districts and community-based providers. Funding is made available by Race to the Top Early-Learning Challenge Grant and will expire in 2017-18.

**Contact** – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-346-0650

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

Annual renewals in April, limited to Federal Head Start Programs.

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

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

**Application Deadline** – Annual renewals in April, limited to child care programs participating in Keystone STARS at a STAR 3 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs and school districts.

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Innovative and Sustained Pathways Designed Specifically to Meet the Needs of Pennsylvania’s Current Early Learning Childhood Workforce: Building Capacity for Early Childhood Educators to Help All Young Children Learn and Develop – Funded by Race to the Top** – The grant’s focus is to establish and ensure that early care and education professionals have the requisite knowledge and skills required to help all young children learn and develop. As a result, these guidelines provide direction to partnerships as they submit applications focusing on building new innovative and sustained career-oriented pathways for current early childhood workers to earn the following early childhood education (ECE) industry-recognized credentials:

- A credit-bearing Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate;
- An associate’s degree;
- A bachelor’s degree; and/or
- A Pennsylvania ECE PreK-4 instructional certificate.

**Project Dates** – October 2016 through May 2018

**Contact** – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-265-8911

## 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

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

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

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

**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

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**Summer Food Service Program** – This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for meals served by nonprofit, public and governmental agencies to children through age 18 attending activities at approved SFSP sites. The primary intent of the program is to improve the diets of children so that they may return to school in the fall ready to learn.

Submitted and approved prior to start of applying agency’s summer program.

**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

### MIGRANT EDUCATION

**Child Care for Migrant Children** – Support child care 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** – Support 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** – Support 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

### OTHER VARIOUS MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

**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 Teaching and Learning/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 educationally deprived children.

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part A – School Improvement** – 100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental resources dedicated to enabling Pennsylvania’s lowest-achieving schools to provide children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/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 Teaching and Learning/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 Teaching and Learning/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. Funding may not be used for construction.

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title II, Part B – Mathematics and Science Partnership Program** – 100 percent federally funded program to increase academic achievement of students in mathematics and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title III – Language Acquisition** – 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. Services are also provided for immigrant children and youth.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/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.

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**Application Deadline** – July 1

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**School Improvement Grants** – 100 percent federally funded grant that State Educational Agencies (SEAs) use to make competitive subgrants to LEAs that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to substantially raise the achievement of students in their lowest-performing schools.

**Application Deadline** – July 1

**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

**Application Deadline** – Late winter/early spring 2018, competitive grant round will be for a four-year 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** – Three-year grants were awarded in 2017-18; next competitive round will be 2020 for next three-year 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.)

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**Application Deadline** – Three-year grants were awarded in 2017-18; next competitive round will be 2020 for next three-year cycle.

**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** – Late winter/early spring 2018, competitive grant round will be for a four-year 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** – Late winter/early spring 2018, competitive grant round will be for a two-year grant cycle

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

### PREGNANT AND PARENTING

**Pregnant & Parenting Teens ELECT (Education Leading to Employment Career Training)** – Assist 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.

**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** – Division of Student Services at 717-346-9399

**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 Curriculum and Instruction/Division of Planning, 717-783-9542

**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER QUALITY**

**Eligible Partnerships of Title II – Higher Education** – Program that focuses on Future Principals who can support elevated instructional performance in schools through added preparation program focus in grades PK-4, to increase student achievement in subsequent grades, and on equipping teachers and principals. This grant has a targeted focus to build the capacity of principals to reduce achievement gaps, and help more children grow and learn by focusing on the early learning years as a foundational time to build student success.

**Project Dates** – September 2, 2016-September 30, 2018

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

**Partnerships for Innovative Troops to Teachers Programs to Expand Pennsylvania’s Teacher Workforce in Subject Shortage Areas – Department of Defense – Higher Education** – The focus is to establish and provide direction to certification program providers and LEA partners interested in implementing an innovative, alternative program to prepare cohorts of retired military personnel to teach in one or more of Pennsylvania’s subject shortage areas as a result of their completing a Pennsylvania instructional certification program. Pennsylvania’s goal is to recruit at least 50 veterans to enroll in alternative certification pathways created under a Pennsylvania Troops to Teachers (TTT) grant and to be hired in a high-need school to teach in critical shortage areas.

**Project Dates** – September 2016-May 30, 2018.

**Contact** – Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality at 717-783-9252.

**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 717-750-5186

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**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 717-783-6882

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

**Application Deadline** – July 1, prior to each school year. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds 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

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

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## ENERGY

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance at 717-783-8411

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov), search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

**Contact** – AFV Rebate Program at 1-866-294-3854

**Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants** – In general, 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.

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

**Contact** – PA Energy Development Authority at 717-783-8411

**Small Business Advantage Grant Program** – Provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$9,500, to enable Pennsylvania small businesses to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.

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

**Contact** – DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND BROWNFIELDS

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation, at 717-787-0886

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov), search: Storage Tank Cleanup Program

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation, at 717-787-0886

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov), search: Storage Tanks and link to Financial Assistance.

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Storage Tanks at 717-772-5599; 1-800-42-TANKS

### GENERAL

Provides reimbursements for schools and school districts, nonprofit organizations, universities and colleges, county conservation districts, municipalities and municipal authorities and business for environmental education programs up to \$50,000.

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Vector Management at 717-346-8242

### 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 percent to 100 percent. Eligible applicants include businesses (with some restrictions), incorporated nonprofits (with some restrictions), school districts, municipal governments and municipal authorities, and other state agencies. Approximately \$100,000 is available for funding annually.

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

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495

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## WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Waste Management at 717-787-7381

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Review** – Reimbursement for independent review of permit application or modification for a commercial hazardous waste disposal facility.

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov), search: Compacts and Commissions Office.

**Contact** – Coastal Resources Management Program at 717-772-5622.

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – DEP Bureau of Conservation and Restoration, Division of Conservation at 717-772-5618

### 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** – [wren.palwv.org/](http://wren.palwv.org/)

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

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### 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](http://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/](http://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. Areas of assistance: Drinking Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Loans; On-Lot Sewage Disposal Funds; Brownfield Redevelopment.

Contact – [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

## DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

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**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.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us).

**Contact** – 1-866-768-7827, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/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 concrete block, DGS can help meet your needs while saving money with surplus. Property available in inventory is viewable at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. Requests for any specific property that may not be in current inventory are also accepted so the department can find it elsewhere and arrange for its direct allocation to your location.

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

**Contact** – 1-800-235-1555, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Federal-Surplus-Property/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. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night-vision goggles, vehicles and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the federal government and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers (starting at \$400/year) enables agencies to acquire property all year without a charge.

**Contact** – 717-787-6197, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1033-Property/Pages/default.aspx>

## DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

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**The 1122 New Property Program** – Enables Pennsylvania local law enforcement, emergency response and Homeland Security agencies to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counter drug activities from federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes. A service charge of 4 percent of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.

**Contact** – 717-787-6197, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1122-Property/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, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Fixed-Price-Sales-Vehicles/Pages/default.aspx>

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

Additionally, semi-annual Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) heavy equipment sales of off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other road maintenance equipment are conducted. A private municipal sale is held first prior to the items being offered to the general public. To register for the private municipal heavy equipment sale, please register online at <http://auctionsbygov.com/General/VenueIndustry/IndustryID/37/CompanyID/3569>.

**Contact** – 717-787-9068, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/State-Surplus-Property/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 [www.GovDeals.com](http://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, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Vehicle-Management/Pages/Auto-Auction-Information.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, <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Businesses/Minority,%20Women%20and%20Veteran%20Businesses/Pages/default.aspx>

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov) 1-877-PA-HEALTH / 1-877-724-3258

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 department's 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.

### PRIMARY CARE SITES

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

[www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1)

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

[www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/search\\_HCC.aspx](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/search_HCC.aspx)

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

[www.nncc.us](http://www.nncc.us)

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

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

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

[www.vimi.org](http://www.vimi.org)

### DENTAL SITES

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

[http://www.padental.org/Online/Resources\\_Programs/Dental\\_Clinic\\_Directory/Online/Directory/Clinic\\_Directory.aspx?hkey=d0bc44d4-c2de-46fd-a31a-b647519d9973](http://www.padental.org/Online/Resources_Programs/Dental_Clinic_Directory/Online/Directory/Clinic_Directory.aspx?hkey=d0bc44d4-c2de-46fd-a31a-b647519d9973)

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

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

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[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov) 1-877-PA-HEALTH / 1-877-724-3258

### 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).

<http://www.chipcoverspakids.com>

**Mental Health Services** – Do you have questions about how to get mental health or substance abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it in 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).

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/mentalhealthservices/>

**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).

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

### PA HEALTH PROGRAMS

**Arthritis** – This program strives to reduce the burden of arthritis in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of those Pennsylvanians affected by arthritis by preventing and controlling its complications.

**Contact** – Bureau of Health Promotion & Risk Reduction, 717-787-6214

**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, 717-787-6214

**Breast and Cervical Screening & Diagnostics – HealthyWoman 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; 215-685-6560, [www.PAHealthyWoman.com](http://www.PAHealthyWoman.com)

**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, 717-772-2763 or online at <http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Womens%20Health/Breastfeeding%20Awareness/Pages/default.aspx#.V7H-0aDD-Uk>

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

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

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**Child Orthopedics Program** – This program supports medical centers which provide service including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, inpatient surgery, orthopedic/prosthetic appliances, and durable medical equipment to children with orthopedic conditions.

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143

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

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

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

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143

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

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762, Toll-free – 1-866-412-4755

**Hemophilia Program** – This program provides comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143

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

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

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

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

**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 HIV/AIDS health care and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Part B grants include a base grant and an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) award. Pennsylvania's ADAP is also known as the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP).

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

**Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)** – This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program funds may also be used to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of drug treatments.

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-703-9170

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)** – This program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, resource identification, operating costs, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, permanent housing placement, and supportive services (case management).

**Contact** – Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572

**Home Ventilator Program** – This program provides services for children under 21 years of age with chronic respiratory failure who require ventilator assistance and live at home rather than in institutional or long-term care facilities.

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763

**Immunization Program for Children, Adolescents and Adults** – All recommended immunizations are made available to children, adolescents and adults. Children and adolescents must be eligible for the Vaccines for Children program or have no insurance. Adult vaccines are available only if they are uninsured. Vaccines are made available through a network of public clinic sites.

**Contact** – Division of Immunizations, 717-787-5681

**Lead Hazard Control Program** – This program creates lead safe homes for low-income families with children under age 6. This includes conducting inspections, risk assessments and lead hazard control.

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

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**HelpinPA Call Center** – Houses three statewide informational and referral help lines. The Healthy Baby Line, 1-800-986-BABY (2229), provides information and referrals for pregnancy testing, prenatal care, breastfeeding, immunization clinics, the WIC program, and referrals for baby supplies. The Healthy Kids Line, 1-800-986-KIDS (5437), provides parents with information about where to obtain primary health care for their children and information about infant care and breastfeeding. The LeadLine, 1-800-440-LEAD (5323) provides information about lead poisoning prevention, treatment, resources, and information on classes for lead risk assessors and inspectors.

**Contact** – Bureau of Family Health, 717-221-7996

**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.donatelife-pa.org](http://www.donatelife-pa.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; [www.donatelife-pa.org](http://www.donatelife-pa.org)

**Pennsylvania Cancer Education Network** – This program provides free public education about prostate, skin, ovarian and colorectal cancers.

**Contact** – Toll-free: 1-877-PA-Health / 724-3258

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

**Contact** – Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, 717-346-0640, <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/Bureaus/Pages/Bureau-of-Public-Health-Preparedness.aspx#.V7SquKDD-Uk>

Visit [www.ReadyPA.org](http://www.ReadyPA.org) for information about how to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency.

**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

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

**Contact** – Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143.

**Special Kids Network System of Care** – This is a statewide program that connects individuals and families of children with special health care needs with needed services, systems navigation, and local programs. The toll-free helpline number is 1-800-986-4550. Information is also available online at [www.gotoskn.state.pa.us](http://www.gotoskn.state.pa.us).

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

**Spina Bifida 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

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**Tobacco Prevention and Control** – This comprehensive program provides statewide, regional, community and school-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and the PA Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition, free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 14-17 years) through the PA Free Quitline – 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669). This quitline, along with a companion website [www.determinedtoquit.com](http://www.determinedtoquit.com), provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.

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

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

**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

**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 package for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems.

**Contact** – Will Cramer or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-1289, 1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467)

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

Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs .....	Amy Slaherty
Disease Control Immunization .....	Cindy Findley
Nutrition and Physical Activity .....	Amy Slaherty
PHHSBG – Block Program Services.....	Brian Wyant
Preventive Health Special Projects.....	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment .....	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up – STD.....	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner .....	Brian Lentes
Loan Repayment Program.....	Brian Lentes
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program .....	Brian Lentes
J-1 Visa Waiver Program.....	Brian Lentes
Primary Care Community Challenge Grant Program.....	Brian Lentes
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program .....	Brian Lentes
Health Work Force Reports.....	Brian Lentes

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State Health Improvement Plan.....	Brian Lentes
Health Equity.....	David Saunders
Cancer Programs .....	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV/AIDS Programs.....	Lana Adams
Maternal and Child Health .....	Carolyn Cass
Adolescent Health .....	Carolyn Cass
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants.....	Michelle Connors
Child Health.....	Carolyn Cass
Children with Special Health Care Needs .....	Michelle Connors
Environmental Protection Program .....	Michelle Connors
Health and Human Services Call Center.....	Peggy Forte
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement.....	Carolyn Cass
MCHSBG – Program Services.....	Carolyn Cass
Women, Infants and Children (WIC).....	William Cramer
Family Health Special Projects.....	Carolyn Cass
Newborn Screening and Follow-up.....	Kelly Holland
Newborn Hearing Screening .....	Kelly Holland
Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment .....	Beth Butler
Tuberculosis Control Program.....	Beth Butler
Renal Dialysis .....	Michelle Connors
Services for Children with Special Needs .....	Michelle Connors
Adult Cystic Fibrosis .....	Lou Ann Cartwright
Cooley’s Anemia .....	Uyen Nguyen
Asthma Program.....	Melissa Bronstetter
Hemophilia .....	Uyen Nguyen
Lupus .....	Jan Miller
Sickle Cell .....	Uyen Nguyen
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation .....	Jay Mast
Health Research.....	Dr. Hughes
Traumatic Brain Injury.....	Brian Wyant
Public Health Preparedness.....	Andrew Pickett

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

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

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

**Contact** – The Children’s Trust Fund at 717-265-8910

**Evidence-based Home Visiting and Nurse Family Partnership Program** – Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide 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

**Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative Grants** – Grants that 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. Funding for Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative grants is available through a combination of state and federal funds. The department issues request for funding on a three-year cycle.

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

**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 717-787-1302

**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 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 closes March 31 or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.

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

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

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

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

**Pennsylvania 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** – 717-214-2490, [www.paehealth.org](http://www.paehealth.org)

**Support Services Waiver** – Better known as “waiver,” which is a shortened term for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Program. This program provides funding for supports and services to help people live in their home and community. Waivers 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 10 Medical Assistance/Medicaid waivers and the Living Independence for the Elderly Program.

Each waiver has its own unique set of eligibility requirements and services.

**Ageing Waiver** – Provides long-term care services to qualified older Pennsylvanians living in their home and community.

**Attendant Care/Act 150** – Information for mentally alert Pennsylvanians with physical disabilities.

**COMMCARE Waiver** – Home and community-based program developed for individuals who experience a medically determinable diagnosis of traumatic brain injury.

**Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities** – Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

**Independence Waiver** – Provides services to persons with physical disabilities to allow them to live in the community and remain as independent as possible.

**Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver** – Provides services to children from birth to age 3 in need of Early Intervention services who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).

**LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)** – Managed care program for frail, elderly recipients who have been determined to need “nursing facility level of care” but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible. LIFE is not available in all areas throughout the commonwealth.

**OBRA Waiver** – Provides services to persons with severe developmental physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy or similar conditions.

**Pa. Adult Autism Waiver** – Provides services to adults with autism including those who also have intellectual disabilities to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.

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**The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)** – Provides physical, behavioral and community services to adults with an autism spectrum disorder to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.

**Person/Family Directed Support Waiver** – Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$33,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

**Community Living Waiver** – To be effective January 1, 2018, will provide services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities and autism up to \$70,000 per person to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.

**Contact** – The Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or if you live in Philadelphia 215-560-7226.

A complete listing of all the county assistance offices is available at: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/countyassistanceofficecontactinformation/index.htm>

**Home and Community-Based Services Loan Program** – Provides loans to support the Office of Long-Term Living's (OLTL) network of long-term services and supports providers as they prepare to successfully transition to managed care in Community HealthChoices (CHC) with the goal of improving the quality of care for seniors and adults living with disabilities through managed long-term services and supports.

The program is administered jointly by OLTL and the Department of Community and Economic Development's Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA). Financing in the form of loans through the program can be used in support of projects approved by the OLTL and PEDFA, which will help the commonwealth achieve its goal of supporting the expansion and access to home and community-based services as part of the development of the commonwealth's CHC program.

**Contact** – The OLTL Provider Enrollment line at 1-800-932-0939, or email [RA-oltstreamlining@pa.gov](mailto:RA-oltstreamlining@pa.gov), <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/longtermcareprov/>

**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 at [www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov) or calling the Auto CAT Fund at 717-787-4919.

**Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund** – The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989, created the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) to assist owners and operators in meeting insurance requirements.

The USTIF makes claim payments, presently up to \$1,500,000 per tank per occurrence, to eligible underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators for damages caused by a release from their UST.

To be eligible, the release must have occurred on or after February 1, 1994 and meet other eligibility requirements set forth in the act. The USTIF also indemnifies tank owners for third party liability that may occur when the release from a UST has injured another person or that person's property.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

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**Industry Partnership Grant Program** – An Industry Partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that helps connect and meet the needs of both workers and businesses. Effective partnerships facilitate companies in the same industry cluster and region to come together to aggregate training and address common educational needs. Partnerships can help companies identify and work together to address common 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 will help support worker skills training to better position workers and employers to remain competitive in the global marketplace. The program places a heavy emphasis on outcomes such as the attainment of industry-recognized credentials, wage gains, career advancement, and retention within the workplace.

**Contact** – Michael Leister at 717-705-7650

**Individual Training Account (ITA)** – An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is 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.

The specific parameters for ITAs are established by each Local Workforce Investment Area, which may include a maximum duration of training, cost of training, or other requirements.

**Pell Grants** – Pell grants, as well as most federal student aid, are awarded on the basis of financial need. The amount that an individual receives is based on a formula that includes the cost of attendance minus the expected family contribution. The student 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.

For more information, visit: [www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/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 percent 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.

**TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances** – The TAA program can also assist with workers' expenses incurred in seeking employment outside a certified worker's normal commuting area if a suitable job is not available in the area. Job search allowances reimburse 90 percent 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 percent 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.

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**Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)** – The 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. The 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, the 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.

Additional information, forms and instructions can be downloaded from [www.dli.pa.gov](http://www.dli.pa.gov). Click on “Businesses” (upper right hand corner); click on “Workforce Development;” click on “Employment Tax Credits;” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink® office, or call Tax Credit Services at 1-800-345-2555.

**AmeriCorps State Program Grants** – The Governor’s Office of Citizen Service 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 typically serve full-time (1,700 hours per year) and receive a stipend and an education award. Stipends begin at \$12,530 for full-time members; the full-time member education award is \$5,775 for 2016-2017.

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 late November/early December; the second opens in the spring, with grant applications typically due in late May. Visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve), 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 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 to live independently in their community. In addition, 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

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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:** Assistive technology includes a wide range of devices and services that can empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, independence and integration into society. OVR also operates and maintains the Center for Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology (CART) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center.

**Counseling:** Vocational counseling will help you to better understand your potential, to rely on your abilities, to set realistic vocational goals, to change them when necessary, to develop successful work habits, and to begin a satisfying career. Counseling is available throughout your rehabilitation program.

**Diagnostic Services:** Medical, psychological and audiological examinations and tests used to better understand your disability and your needs for specific types of services.

**Placement Assistance:** Counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs and job development are used to increase your ability to get a job. You will receive ideas, practice and advice on finding job leads, filling out applications, getting interviews for a job and how to interview. Your counselor may also give you job leads or contact employers about available tax credits and hiring incentives. The more contacts with employers you make, the better your chances are of finding a job.

**Restoration Services:** Medical services and equipment such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs, and automobile hand controls can be provided to enable you to pursue and achieve employment.

**Training:** Education to prepare you for a job including, but not limited to, basic academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training.

**Vocational Evaluation:** Aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance and “hands-on” job experience used to understand your vocational potential.

**Support Services:** Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary for you to start and maintain employment. Such services may include:

1. Room, board and transportation costs during an evaluation or while completing a rehabilitation program
2. Occupational tools, licenses or equipment
3. Home modifications, adaptive or special household equipment in order to help you get ready to go to and be on time for your job, van or car modifications, including special driving devices or lifting devices to enable you to travel to your job
4. Personal care assistance provided to help you with your daily needs in order to enable you to participate in a vocational rehabilitation program
5. Job site modifications that will enable you to get and keep a job
6. Independent living training to provide the means for you to become more self-sufficient and thereby make it possible for you to participate in employment
7. Text Telephone (TT), signaling devices, hearing aids, and interpreters services may be provided to help you communicate

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8. Specialized services such as Rehabilitation Teaching, and Orientation and Mobility Training for persons who are blind or visually impaired

Contact the OVR Central Office at 800-442-6351 (Voice) and 866-830-7327 (TTY), [www.dli.pa.gov/ovr](http://www.dli.pa.gov/ovr)

### OVR Business Services

**Staffing:** Pre-screened candidates, consultation services and accommodation solutions

**Accessibility analysis:** Job analysis and worksite modification consultation; reasonable accommodations consultation and assistive technology information

**Financial incentives:** OJT Training reimbursement; 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

Contact the OVR Business Services and Outreach Division at 717-787-3940 (Voice) or 800-442-6351 (Voice) or email [rrroach@pa.gov](mailto:rrroach@pa.gov).

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

**Burial Honors Grant Program** – The law for this program authorizes the department to pay up to \$150 per day to each veterans group who conducts burial detail at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

Administering for the Burial Detail Honor Guard program falls under the purview of the DMVA, 51 Pa.C.S. §705, which currently authorizes burial detail services at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. Act 38 of 2011 authorizes burial detail services at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

To be eligible for payment there must be at least three members 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](mailto:Ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov)

**Education of Veterans Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans** – Under this program educational grants up to \$500 per semester are provided for children of honorably discharged veterans who have been certified as having wartime service-connected disabilities, rated as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled, or children of veterans who die or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict or hostile fire in peacetime as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Pursuant to 51 Pa.C.S. Ch 87 law, children must be between 16 and 23 years of age and living in Pennsylvania five years prior to application. They must also attend a school within Pennsylvania and demonstrate financial need.

Contact the Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-eg@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-eg@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 USDVA.

Administering this program falls under the purview of the DMVA pursuant to section 7701 of the Military Code, 51 Pa.C.S. § 7701.

Contact the Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-bvp@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-bvp@pa.gov)

**Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension** – Under this program, pensions of \$150 per month are provided to Pennsylvania veterans who have at least a 40 percent disability rating by the USDVA with a service-connected loss or loss of use of two or more extremities.

Administering this program falls under the purview of the DMVA pursuant to section 51 Pa.C.S. § 7702.

Contact the Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-pvp@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-pvp@pa.gov)

**Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Program** – Veterans and beneficiaries of deceased veterans may receive compensation of a one-time benefit of \$75 per month for each month of active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater of Operations (August 1990 – August 1991). The maximum compensation is \$525. An additional one-time benefit of \$5,000 will be received if the service member was declared a prisoner of war while on active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict. Beneficiaries of deceased veterans may also receive an additional \$5,000 if the service member died while on active service or died as a result of injury or illness sustained in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater. Administration of this program falls under act 51P.S. 20301-20315

Contact the Program Manager at 866-458-9182 (toll free) or email [Ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov)

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**Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program** – This program provides a real estate tax exemption for any honorably discharged veteran who is determined by the USDVA to be 100 percent permanently disabled. The veteran must be a resident of the commonwealth 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 that such person is in need of the exemption.

**Legislation:** 51 Pa.C.S. § 1702.

**Contact** the Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-retx@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-retx@pa.gov)

**Military Family Relief Assistance** – The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance, in the form of 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 a grant is based on documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500.

This legislation added a new provision to the Pennsylvania Military and Veterans Code, 51 Pa.C.S. 7319.

**Contact** the Program Manager at 717-861-6500 or email [Ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov)

**Educational Assistance Program (Act II of 2000)** – The PA National Guard Education Assistance Program (EAP) provides funding for eligible members who enroll in an approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree or certification course of study and are Pennsylvania residents. The course of study may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis at a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved school. This award provides the “flat rate” tuition for full-time students at a state system of higher education university or the equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergrad award for members who do not possess a bachelor’s degree is the tuition or \$3,619, whichever amount is less per semester. The part-time award for members who do not possess a bachelor’s degree is the tuition or \$2,412, whichever amount is less per semester. The part-time award for members possessing a bachelor’s degree is one half of the tuition or \$1,206, whichever amount is less per semester.

Members who were deployed to a combat zone will have their eligibility for EAP extended for a period of one year or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members who were ordered to active federal service or active state duty will have the deadline for making grant payments extended for one additional month for each month of service after the member is discharged or released under honorable conditions from the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Eligible members discharged after September 11, 2001 because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for six years from the date of the “medical” discharge.

Administering the Educational Assistance Program falls under the purview of the DMVA pursuant to 51 Pa.C.S. § 3201 et seq.

**Contact** the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Education Center at 1-866-920-7902

**Medical and Health Officer Incentive Program (Act 78 of 2014)** – This public service stipend provides assistance to eligible Pennsylvania National Guard members who agree to serve as a medical officer or health officer in the Pennsylvania National Guard after completion of residency or initial service obligation for a period of one month for each monthly stipend received. 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 Pennsylvania National Guard. 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 Pennsylvania National Guard.

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Administering the Educational Assistance Program falls under the purview of the DMVA pursuant to 51 Pa.C.S. § 3201 et seq.

**Contact** the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Specialty Branch/Guard's Army Medical Department (AMEDD) at 717-861-2067

**Veterans Trust Fund (VTF)** – Monies deposited in the Veterans' Trust Fund will be expended exclusively for purposes described in 51 Pa.C.S. § 1721(c). These include providing assistance to veterans in temporary need (see Veterans Temporary Assistance (VTA)), and making grants to the statewide charitable and veterans' service organizations that support and assist veterans, and making grants to veterans' service organizations and county directors of veterans' affairs. The department issues a Notice of Funding Announcement along with application instructions and a timeline for receipt, consideration and award of grants during the each grant season.

**Contact** the Assistance Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov)

**Veterans Temporary Assistance (VTA)** – The Veterans' Trust Fund is utilized to provide temporary financial assistance to eligible veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of eligible veterans when they face adverse financial circumstances and need assistance to provide themselves with the necessities of living. In general, assistance is provided under this section to replace or supplement income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living.

If eligible, a veteran or their beneficiary can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 in a 12-month period.

**Contact** the Assistance Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email [Ra-vta@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-vta@pa.gov)

\*See also – Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services

# DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** – The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of social security income is excluded. Nearly 560,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from the program this year.

**Homeowners can receive:**

**Renters can receive:**

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

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program’s 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$6.7 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

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

**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, capital stock/foreign franchise and personal income tax liabilities. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to 15 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$55 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated by business status: 80 percent of the credit or \$44 million will be allocated to large businesses and 20 percent 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** – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

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

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

**Mobile Telecommunications Broadband Investment Tax Credit** – A taxpayer that is a provider of mobile telecommunication services may apply for a tax credit equivalent to 5 percent of the purchase price of the qualified broadband equipment placed into service in the commonwealth during the applicant’s taxable year that ended in the prior calendar year. The amount of the tax credit that may be taken in a taxable year is limited to an amount not greater than 50 percent of the taxpayer’s corporate net income tax liability. Unused tax credits may be carried forward for up to 5 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$5 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 prorated.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

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**Computer Data Center Equipment Incentive Program** – The program provides a tax refund for sales and use tax paid on qualified computer data center equipment utilized within a facility certified by the Department of Revenue. The computer data center owner or operator must apply for certification within the program. Certification is valid for a period of 15 full calendar years. To become certified, an owner or operator of a computer data center must meet a \$25 million to \$50 million new investment requirement based on location or an annual payroll compensation requirement for the term of the certification. Once certification is established, a single application per owner, operator and qualified tenant(s) may be submitted to the department's program office for a tax refund of sales or use tax paid on qualified computer data center equipment used within the certified data center. The total amount of refunds available from the program each fiscal year is \$5 million. If the total amount of tax refunds approved for all applicants in a fiscal year exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax refunds in a fiscal year, the department shall prorate the refund to be received by each applicant.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

**HAVA County Grant** – The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) includes substantial funding to assist states and their potential subdivisions to accomplish many of HAVA’s mandates. The Department of State received Pennsylvania’s share of these funds. The department has established guidelines for the disbursement of these federal subsidies.

Only counties may apply. Funding can be used for the procurement and replacement of voting systems and for polling place accessibility.

Under the Commonwealth’s State Plan, each county must complete a County Plan before it can receive a grant from the commonwealth’s share of requirements payments under Title II of HAVA, which by far represents the largest pool of federal funding under HAVA.

**Contact** – Jonathan M. Marks, Commissioner, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Pennsylvania Department of State, 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-783-2035, Fax: 717-705-0721

\*\*\*The Department of State developed *A Guide To Business Registration In Pennsylvania*, which is a useful tool to help businesses and potential businesses. The guide is available through the department’s webpage at [www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov), click on the Corporations tab (on the left), and the document appears as a pdf document.

In addition, the Department of State is a part of the “PA Open for Business” website at: <http://www.paopen4business-briefcase.state.pa.us/>. The website is a one-stop source for companies to start, sustain and/or expand their businesses.

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

[www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

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

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

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

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

## BUREAU OF AVIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – Brian Hare, 717-783-9359. Email: [bhare@pa.gov](mailto:bhare@pa.gov)

### BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

**Highway Safety Grant Program** – This federally funded program provides funds for behavioral highway safety initiatives. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units unless otherwise identified. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA.

Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSP.

**April** – Grant programs are identified by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) for the pending federal fiscal year beginning October 1st. Non-state governmental units are required to utilize the dotGrants online grant management system ([www.dot34.state.pa.us/](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/)).

Additional Highway Safety Grant Program information can be found at: <http://www.penndot.gov/safety>

Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to include: concise problem identification, agency qualifications, and a detailed action plan. Additionally, all grantees must comply with all reporting requirements as well as participation in intermittent and final performance assessments.

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

**Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program** – In October 2010, PennDOT established as identified within the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [75 Pa.C.S. §§3116(1)(2), 3117(m)(2), and 3117(m)(2.1)], an Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. Details regarding the ARLE Funding Program can be found in the Pennsylvania Code (Title 67; Chapter 233; Transportation Enhancement Grants from Automated Red Light Enforcement System Revenues). The ARLE Funding Program is focused to low-cost safety and mobility improvements.

**May** – Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement specifying the acceptance of applications between June 1 and June 30. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

Additional ARLE Funding Program information can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals>

**Program Email Address** – [RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov)

**Contact** – Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: [dfarley@pa.gov](mailto:dfarley@pa.gov)

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

Annual program announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin specifying the acceptance of applications. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

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Additional GLG Funding Program information can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals>

**Program Email Address** – [RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov)

**Contact** – Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: [dfarley@pa.gov](mailto:dfarley@pa.gov)

### 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.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at: [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov).

Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight)

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

**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.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov).

Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight)

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

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

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

[www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

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

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application, is available at:

<http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>.

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

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

**Application Deadline** – Annually between January 1 and June 30

**Contacts** – Elizabeth Bonini, 717-787-1207. Email: [ebonini@pa.gov](mailto:ebonini@pa.gov)

Tatjana Over, 717-705-1332. Email: [tover@pa.gov](mailto:tover@pa.gov)

### BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Public Transportation Operating Assistance** – State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 36 transit systems offering fixed-route public transportation in the commonwealth. Routine maintenance of facilities and vehicles is also eligible under this program. Funding is distributed based on a legislative formula. Local matching funds must be provided in order to receive funding.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – June 30.

**Contact** – Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: [dspila@pa.gov](mailto:dspila@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** – Colton Brown, 717-787-1203. Email: [coltbrown@pa.gov](mailto:coltbrown@pa.gov)

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

[www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

### PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

State funding is provided to local operators of public transportation systems to cover the cost of capital improvements which include the purchase/overhaul of public transportation facilities and vehicles, including buses, rail passenger vehicles, administrative and maintenance facilities, shop tools, equipment, two-way communication systems, transfer centers, bus shelters, etc. All capital projects must be included in the state capital program to be eligible for funds. Funds are distributed based on need in the following programs:

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.

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

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – July 31

**Contact** – John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: [jlevitsky@pa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.

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

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

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

**Application Deadline** – Flexible

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

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – No deadline

**Contact** – Colton Brown, 717-787-1203. Email: [coltbrown@pa.gov](mailto:coltbrown@pa.gov)

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – No deadline

**Contact** – Steven Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto:stepanko@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.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – June 30

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

**Contact** – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: [tjohn@pa.gov](mailto:tjohn@pa.gov)

**Shared-Ride Program for Senior Citizens** – This program enables senior citizens 65 and older to use shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of the regular shared-ride fare and State Lottery proceeds administered by the department are used to reimburse the participating service provider up to 85 percent of the fare. There are no restrictions on the hours of use other than the service hours of the transportation providers.

A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for reduced-fare transportation on a participating transit system. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay any fare remaining after the lottery and sponsor contributions.

**Application Deadline** – June 30

**Contact** – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: [tjohn@pa.gov](mailto:tjohn@pa.gov)

**Transit Research and Demonstration Projects** – Funding is available for technical assistance, research projects and short-term demonstration projects. Local transportation organizations and municipalities/counties are eligible to

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

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apply for this funding. Local funds equal to at least 3.33 percent of the state grant must be provided.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – N/A

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

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013.

**Application Deadline** – June 30

**Contact** – John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: [tjohn@pa.gov](mailto:tjohn@pa.gov)

### BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

**Agility Program** – This innovative, streamlined program is designed to make the most of limited resources by exchanging services between PennDOT district and county maintenance offices and public procurement units such as municipalities, charitable hospitals, school districts, metropolitan and rural planning organizations, volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state and federal government agencies, community colleges, etc. Agility allows the exchange of services, instead of money, between PennDOT and eligible partners. For example, PennDOT may patch potholes along a township road in exchange for having the township's crew mow along state roads. The program enables local governments to accomplish more than they could have with their own limited resources and increases our collective effectiveness and efficiencies for the general public.

Agility agreements have a contract life of five years with a three-year renewal clause for a total of eight years. The exchange of services must be of a reasonably equal value, detailed on a single-page work plan, and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

**Contact** – Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772. Email: [bfields@pa.gov](mailto:bfields@pa.gov)

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

**Contact** – Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772. Email: [bfields@pa.gov](mailto:bfields@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** – Lou Ferretti, 717-787-2598 or 1-800-FOR-LTAP. Email: [lferretti@pa.gov](mailto:lferretti@pa.gov) or [LTAP@state.pa.us](mailto:LTAP@state.pa.us)

**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).

## PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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

**INVEST Program** – The INVEST program provides cash management for local governments and nonprofits. Similar in concept to money market funds, INVEST offers two highly rated short-term investment pools and custom pools for longer-term investment needs. INVEST's portfolios are managed by Pennsylvania Treasury investment professionals, who also oversee the investment and custody of nearly \$80 billion in public funds. While INVEST funds are never commingled with state funds, Treasury can negotiate better rates by leveraging its purchase power for INVEST as well as its investment pool for state agencies. Treasury does not seek a profit from INVEST, further helping to minimize costs to participants.

More information is available at [www.painvest.gov](http://www.painvest.gov) or [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov). Call 866-300-4603 for the Local Government Investment Pool application form or the Community Investment Pool application form. All applications should be directed to Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Room 120 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

**Unclaimed Property** – Each year, the Pennsylvania Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property and works hard to return it 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, depending on the property type. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury. The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, or items abandoned in safe deposit boxes. As of August 2017, the Treasurer and staff currently possess approximately \$3.1 billion in unclaimed property, which is ready and available to be claimed by its rightful owners

Individuals can search for unclaimed property at [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov) or by calling 800-222-2046. Claimants may also use the Treasury website to check the status of an unclaimed property claim. Holders needing information about reporting unclaimed property reporting forms, or reporting software, may call Treasury at 800-379-3999 or visit [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov). Holders must report all unclaimed property by April 15 each year.

**The Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance program, or PennSEF**, provides sophisticated technical assistance and access to low-cost capital to municipalities, universities and colleges, schools, hospitals and nonprofit institutions. PennSEF enables them to implement energy and water conservation measures that are guaranteed to pay for 100 percent of the improvement cost through savings. The program design allows for easy compliance with Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy Savings Act.

The Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment, an internationally recognized nonprofit, administers the PennSEF program for Treasury.

More information is at <http://freefutures.org/pennsef/about/> or from Ann Lawson at 717-772-1830.

**KeystoneHELP** – The Keystone Home Energy Loan Program (KeystoneHELP) offers affordable financing options to help commonwealth homeowners conserve energy and save money on their utility bills. Eligible homeowners can obtain loans to purchase and install energy-efficient equipment or to implement whole-house improvements.

Information about applying for a KeystoneHELP loan is available at [www.KeystoneHELP.com](http://www.KeystoneHELP.com) or by calling 844-734-6631.

**\*\*\*Note\*\*\*** KeystoneHELP is different from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides grants to help low-income families pay their heating bills. More information about LIHEAP and about determining eligibility is available from the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 866-857-7095.

## PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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

The PA 529 College Savings Program is a tax-advantaged way for families to save and pay for higher education.

Sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and administered by the PA Treasury, the PA 529 College Savings Program offers two distinct 529 plans. 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 rates. The PA 529 Investment Plan (IP) allows families to choose from 15 investment options from The Vanguard Group.

The PA 529 College Savings Program has representatives available to help educators, businesses, community groups, and other organizations make the PA 529 college savings plans available to their students, staff, families and friends by providing presentations, webinars and information tables.

Join us for a webinar to learn more: <http://www.pa529.com/plan/webinars/>. To read important program disclosures, visit [www.PA529.com](http://www.PA529.com) or call 800-440-4000.

*The Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program sponsors two plans – the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) and the PA 529 Investment Plan (IP). The guarantee of the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan is an obligation of the GSP Fund, not the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any state agency. Before investing in either plan, please carefully read that plan's Disclosure Statement (available at [PA529.com](http://PA529.com) or by calling 800-440-4000) to learn more about that plan including investment objectives, risks, fees, and tax implications.*

The Pennsylvania Treasury also offers PA ABLE, a savings plan for people with disabilities and their families.

This low-cost saving vehicle allows people with disabilities and their families to have greater control of their finances and to plan for a more financially secure future while maintaining their needs-based benefits.

Saving with a PA ABLE account helps people to save and pay for a wide range of disability-related expenses including basic living expenses without jeopardizing government benefits. Plus, PA ABLE savings benefit from several great tax advantages, including tax-free growth when used for qualified disability expenses.

The PA ABLE Savings Program has representatives available to help educators, disability advocates, support professionals, businesses, community groups and other organizations learn about the important features and benefits of this program.

Join us for a webinar to learn more: <http://www.paable.gov/webinar/>. To read important disclosures visit [PAABLE.gov](http://PAABLE.gov) or call 855-529-ABLE (2253).

## CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

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

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The center works with the legislature, educators, state and federal executive branch agencies, and national, statewide, regional and local organizations to maximize resources and strategies that can better serve Pennsylvania's nearly 3.5 million rural residents.

The center promotes and sustains the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities by awarding grants for applied research and model projects, publishing research and project results, maintaining and disseminating information on rural trends and conditions, and sponsoring local, state and national forums on rural issues.

The center's Research Grant Program is available to faculty at Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. The center encourages cooperation and collaboration between these faculties and other public or private organizations.

Mandated research areas include: rural people and communities, economic development, local government finance and administration, community services, natural resources and environment, educational outreach, rural values and social change, agriculture, and health and welfare concerns.

Examples of recently published research are: Wealth Transfer in Pennsylvania, which estimated and documented the magnitude of assets present in every county of the commonwealth and the opportunities to invest a small portion of those assets toward community betterment projects; and The Economic Impact of Pennsylvania Heritage Areas, which determined the economic impact of five Pennsylvania Heritage Areas and the potential economic impact of all heritage areas statewide.

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, is also available online. This data, used in conjunction with other population data, is a valuable resource for public and private agencies that are responsible for policy development, project planning and program evaluation.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also sponsors forums on issues impacting rural Pennsylvania, the most recent of which is the public health crisis of heroin/opioid abuse and overdose. The center sponsored public hearings over the past several years to raise greater awareness of this public health crisis within state government. It published two reports, Heroin: Combating this Growing Epidemic (2014 and 2015), that describe how the epidemic is affecting rural and urban counties and offer recommendations on what can be done in terms of treatment, education and prevention, and law enforcement. The hearings and the center's continued work with the legislature, executive branch agencies and nonprofits have helped to build the foundation for a more comprehensive response to the crisis.

**Contact** – The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 625 Forster St., Room 902, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-9555.

Email: [info@rural.palegislature.us](mailto:info@rural.palegislature.us), website: [www.rural.palegislature.us](http://www.rural.palegislature.us), [www.facebook.com/RuralPennsylvania/](https://www.facebook.com/RuralPennsylvania/), @[CenterRuralPa](https://www.instagram.com/CenterRuralPa).

## GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs – The GACAAA serves seven main functions:

- Advising the governor on policies and legislation that affect the African American community;
- Developing, reviewing and recommending to the governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and other relevant areas;
- Providing appropriate assistance and advice to state agencies to strengthen the enforcement of the commonwealth’s anti-discriminatory hiring, retention and promotion policies;
- Serving as a liaison to federal, state and local agencies to ensure that programs impacting African Americans are effectively utilized;
- Serving as a resource for community groups and provide forums for developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural and economic status of the African American community;
- Identifying programs, scholarships, mentoring programs, sources of funding or other resources and compliance requirements for the benefit and advancement of African Americans; and
- Promoting the cultural arts of the African American community throughout the commonwealth.

For more information regarding the Governor’s Advisory Commission on African American Affairs, please contact: Jalila Parker, Executive Director, 200 S. Broad St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-965-4603.

## GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

The Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that state government is accessible and accountable to the diverse Asian Pacific American communities in Pennsylvania. The commission is composed of 20 volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information about the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, please contact: Tiffany Chang Lawson, Executive Director, 508E Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-5825.

## GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS

The Governor’s Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA) is dedicated to advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact Latino American communities. GACLA and its commissioners have proficiently served Pennsylvania’s growing Latino community since 1971. Our aim is to contribute to the governor’s goal of government that works, schools that teach, and jobs that pay.

The commission is composed of 20 volunteer members appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

For more information, contact: Luz B. Colon, Executive Director, 200 S. Broad St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-560-2640.

# GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES

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.

Contact – Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Office for Veterans Affairs, Bldg. 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003; 1-800-547-2838, Fax: 717-861-8589; email: [RA-VA-info@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VA-info@pa.gov)



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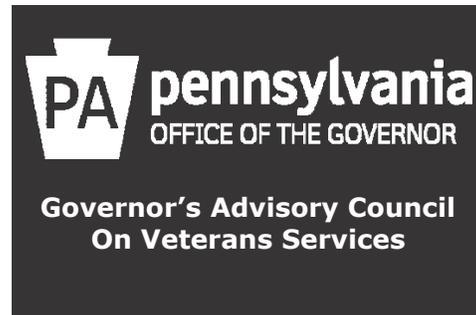
## COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery for Veterans Program
- Justice Outreach Program
- Veterans Courts
- Financial Assistance Workshop
- Learn to Access Recreation Program
- Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services

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

**T**he **Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services** was established on Veterans Day 2013. This council is Pennsylvania's first interagency cooperative approach to Veterans services. This initiative will review, evaluate and assess state Veterans programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions. It will increase information sharing, ensure program fidelity, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to Veterans benefits and services within Pennsylvania.

**VETERANS BENEFITS/SERVICES LISTED BY AGENCY**



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF AGING

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

- Veterans Directed Home and Community-Based Service Program
  - Only offered in Philadelphia at this time.



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

- Trees for Troops - Donates Christmas trees to deployed troops and their families



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

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

- Making \$ense of Finance events
- Financial Field Manual for Military Families
- Free, in-person helpline for financial questions/complaints 1-800-PA-BANKS



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

- Veterans recreation events and adaptive equipment
- Active duty discounts at the Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park (10% discount on weekday reservations)
- Accommodations and facilities for disabled Veterans and their families (searchable on an



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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

- Newly appointed DOC Veteran Coordinator
- Verifying Veterans through the DOD
- Two specialized Veteran Service Units
- Veteran's Coordinators identified at each facility
- Contracted Community Corrections



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

**BUREAU OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
[www.smallbusiness.pa.gov](http://www.smallbusiness.pa.gov)

- Small Business Program
- Small Diverse Business (SDB) Program
- Online Self-Certification and SDB Third Party Verification
- Veteran & Service Disabled Veteran prime and subcontracting opportunities
- Veteran & Service Disabled Veteran Business Outreach and Training

# GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES



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

- 630 educational institutions approved for Veterans programs
- 615 Apprenticeships/On-the-Job Training Program
- Outreach Activities - Outreach and direct support from offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg
  - ⇒ Informational brochures for Veterans
  - ⇒ Governor's Welcome Home Program
  - ⇒ Mass mailings to returning Veterans
  - ⇒ Training at Army War College for Transition Assistance
  - ⇒ Job fairs
  - ⇒ Annual Meeting for Educational Institution Officials
  - ⇒ New student/employee orientations on GI Bill
  - ⇒ Support the PA Advisory Council for Military/Veterans Education



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

- Disabled Veteran outreach program specialists (40 statewide)
- Local Veterans employment representatives (31 statewide)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - ⇒ Specialized Counselors serving Veterans with disabilities
  - ⇒ Veterans Coordinator in each of the 15 OVR District Offices
  - ⇒ Special Veteran designation and military-to-civilian occupation translator on JobGateway.pa.gov



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

- Smoking Cessation Program at 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Free certified copies of birth and death certificates for Veterans
- Arthritis Foundation Program at Philadelphia VA Medical Center



- Blind Veterans Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans Pension
- Disabled Veterans Transportation
- Burial Detail Honor Guard
- Educational Gratuity
- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Act
- Outreach and Reintegration
- Two mobile Veterans outreach vans
- Military Family Relief Assistance Program
- Veterans in Need of Temporary Emergency Assistance
- Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund
- Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program
- Veterans' Trust Fund
- State Veterans' Homes
- Veterans Service Officer Accreditation Program
- DD 214/215 Program
- State Veterans' Commission: A commission of Pennsylvania Veterans organizations, providing policy guidance on Veterans issues

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

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**pennsylvania**  
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

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

- Veterans Reentry Program
- Veterans Service Units within State Correctional Institutions
- Staff education on Veterans issues
- Veterans Outreach Services



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

- Special ballot delivery options for hospitalized or bedridden Veterans. For more information call the toll free election hotline at 1-877-VOTESPA



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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

- PA Family & Behavioral Health Coalition
- Behavioral Health Veteran Forum
- Certified Peer Specialist Training
- Military Suicide Prevention Symposium
- Suicide Prevention Plan
- Veterans Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery
- Compeer of Central Susquehanna Valley



**pennsylvania**  
STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

- Veterans recruitment
- Veterans job fairs
- Veterans resume evaluations and other job-related services
- Veterans hiring preference and extra points on Civil Service exam



**pennsylvania**  
STATE POLICE

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

- Targeted Veteran recruitment
- Credit hour waivers from educational requirements for applicants to become state troopers



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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

- In collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, taxpayers can donate all or a portion of their state income tax refunds to the Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP)

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



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

- "Honoring Our Veterans" Special Fund License Plate
- Veterans Designation on PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Military Commercial Driver's License Skills Test Waiver
- U.S. Military Veteran License Plates
- Military and Veterans Organization Specialty License Plates

\*See also – Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

## OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

[www.budget.pa.gov](http://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, 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 percent participation in non-state match.

The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line item authorization for a specific project in the state’s Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project.

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” from receipt of an e-RACP application until an award can be made. Once the initial review of all the projects has been completed and the public comment period has closed, the Office of the Budget will forward a complete listing of projects and summaries to the administration for grant award consideration.

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 percent 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.

**Contact** – Office of the Budget at 717-787-2542, [www.budget.pa.gov](http://www.budget.pa.gov)

## OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

[www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov) Email: [ra-fire@pa.gov](mailto:ra-fire@pa.gov)

**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.

For additional information, go to the U.S. Fire Administration website [www.fema.gov/firegrants/](http://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 more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov). Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at [ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov).

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

For more information, contact Scott Steffen, Financial Assistance Coordinator at 717-651-2207, [rsteffen@pa.gov](mailto:rsteffen@pa.gov) or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.

**Act 13 of 2012 Unconventional Gas Well Drilling Grant Program** – 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.

Application deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov). Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at [ra-emacl3grant@pa.gov](mailto:ra-emacl3grant@pa.gov).

# PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

[www.pccd.pa.gov](http://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.

**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 Criminal Justice System Improvements, Robert Merwine at 717-265-8542

**Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs)/Act 28 of 2014** – Provides funding for National Children’s Alliance-member CACs and developing CACs and multidisciplinary investigative teams.

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

**County Intermediate Punishment Program** – Provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in treatment and supervision programs in lieu of incarceration.

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

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

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

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services, Daisy Pagan at 717-265-8516

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

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

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Mike Pennington at 717-265-8461

**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

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correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Matching fund requirements: Requires a 25 percent match.

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Charla Plaines at 717-265-8501

**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, Natalie Novotny-Goles at 717-265-8735

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services, Victoria McCloskey at 717-265-8746

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Victim Services, Debbra Rollo at 717-265-8733

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Robert Merwine at 717-265-8542

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

**Contact** – PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Mike Pennington at 717-265-8461

**\*\*Useful resource\*\***

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

## PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

[www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-for-women/](http://www.governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-commission-for-women/)

The **Commission for Women**, which was created by Executive Order and consists of volunteer members, is responsible for advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact women; supporting economic and civic opportunities for women; encouraging mentoring programs for girls and young women; identifying programs and opportunities for the benefit and advancement of women; and serving as a resource center for Pennsylvania women. The commission also acts as an advocate for policies and legislation it feels serves the best interest of women and girls in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Commission for Women, contact [women@pa.gov](mailto:women@pa.gov) or 717-831-3224. Andrea Mead, Executive Director; Catherine Stetler, Deputy Director

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

## PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)

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

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 foster the excellence, diversity and vitality of the arts in Pennsylvania and to broaden the availability and appreciation of those arts throughout the commonwealth. The PCA accomplishes this mission through a combination of 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 and Arts Programs (AOAP) and Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream** – 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.

**Deadline** – AOAP: January 2018. PPA Program Stream: January 2018 (Please confirm date online.)

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

**Entry Track** – 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** – Generally, an organization is eligible to apply if at the time of application the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size over \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts programming; nonprofit 501(c) tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: planning to conduct a one-time only arts project; or is currently funded or will apply to a PPA Partner within the same funding period. Organizations who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the Entry Track may be eligible for application to the PPA regional funding program. PPA offers both ongoing support and arts projects funding opportunities.

Potential applicants interested in the Entry Track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

**Contact** – Matthew Serio, 717-787-1523. Email: [mserio@pa.gov](mailto:mserio@pa.gov)

**Deadline** – January 2018 (Please confirm date online.)

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

**Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) – Project 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; visit-

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ing 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.

Applications for funding are available in the spring from your regional PPA Partner. To determine the appropriate regional partner organization for your project, go to [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov).

**Who can apply** – Nonprofit arts organizations that have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; emerging arts organizations, including those that have applied for but have not yet received 501(c)(3) status; community-based organizations, entities of local government; churches or faith-based organizations that present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation for commonwealth residents; individual artists (age 18 or older) or a consortia of artists who present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation to residents of the commonwealth. Eligible projects must include a public component. (Please confirm eligible projects online.)

*Note* – For additional consultation as to whether your project is eligible for PPA funding, contact your local PPA Partner organization for additional information and application assistance.

**Deadline** – June 2018 (Please confirm date online.)

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

**Preserving Diverse Cultures Division** – The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizations working in the arts whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of 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.

**Contact** – First-time applicants are encouraged to contact PDC Program Director, Dana Payne, at 717-525-5544 or [danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov) prior to completing an application.

**Deadline** – March 2018 for Strategies for Success funding for organizational development, April 2018 for Community-Based Engagement projects (new pilot) (Please confirm dates online.)

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

**Arts in Education** – The Arts in Education Division 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](http://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. For additional information and application assistance, contact your local AIE Partner organization.

**Deadline** – Regional Partners have rolling deadlines. Early school year application is encouraged as funding is limited.

The AIE Division also supports a limited number of Teacher and Artist Partnership (TAP) projects and 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.

For more information on TAP/LTRs, contact: Jamie Dunlap, 717-525-5542. Email: [jadunlap@pa.gov](mailto:jadunlap@pa.gov)

**Deadline** – January 2018 (Please confirm date online.)

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

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

**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. Regional Folk & Traditional Arts Centers and apprenticeships are administered by FolkArtPA at Jump Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Contact** – Sally Van de Water or [pafolkarts@gmail.com](mailto:pafolkarts@gmail.com)

**Deadline** – Apprenticeship applications: April 2018 (Please confirm date online.)

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

**Professional Development & Consulting** – Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania manages an application process and grants program for the PCA to make available a limited pool of funds to arts organizations throughout the year to address the following types of projects: professional development opportunities for arts organization staff; consultation; and busing. Activities must take place between March and December 2018.

**Contact** – Jenny Hershour, Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania at [jlh@citizensfortheartsinpa.org](mailto:jlh@citizensfortheartsinpa.org)

**Deadline** – Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all grant funds have been expended. Typically, applications are accepted in December 2017 for activities that will occur during the 2018 calendar year. (Please confirm date online.)

Guidelines and applications are available at [www.citizensfortheartsinpa.org/professional-development-consulting-grant/](http://www.citizensfortheartsinpa.org/professional-development-consulting-grant/)

# PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

[www.paddc.org](http://www.paddc.org)

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDCC) 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. PADDCC 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.

Harrisburg Office – Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council  
Room 561 Forum Building  
605 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Voice: 717-787-6057  
TTY: 717-705-0819  
Toll-free: 1-877-685-4452

## 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 Grassroots Advocacy and Multicultural Outreach Programs. 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 Grassroots Advocacy and Multicultural Outreach Programs.

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

# PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)

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

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) 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.

Applicants must obtain a DUNS number.

For additional information go to the U.S. Fire Administration website, [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

**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.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/disaster\\_assistance/4687](http://www.pema.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/disaster_assistance/4687)

**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 percent of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50 percent county match.

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 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 percent county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a “soft-match,” such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

**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 non-

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profit organizations. The NSGP provides support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the urban areas.

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-7075

**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

**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 deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

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

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

For more information, contact Scott Steffen, Financial Assistance Coordinator at 717-651-2207, [rsteffen@pa.gov](mailto:rsteffen@pa.gov) or the VLAP staff at 1-800-670-3473.

# PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION (PFBC)

[www.fishandboat.com](http://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](http://www.fishandboat.com). Each grant has appropriate links for program description and grant details.

**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.

**Coldwater Heritage Partnership** – Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

**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.

**Erie Access Improvement Grant Program** – Provides funding to assist nonprofit and government organizations in the acquisition and development of angler access in the Erie watershed.

**Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program** – Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

**State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program** – Provides federal monies for high-priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.

**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 GAMING CONTROL BOARD

[www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://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. This program is subject to change pending any amendment to Title IV.

**Contact** – Max Flessner: 717-214-4733, [mflessner@pa.gov](mailto:mflessner@pa.gov) or [www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)

Applications will be accepted until all available funds have been committed.

*\*No information on Local Share has been included due to the Supreme Court’s invalidation of that provision. If an amendment to Title IV is signed into law that fixes this provision, please contact the PGCB or the Department of Revenue websites for more details.*

## PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY (PHEAA)

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### STATE PROGRAMS

**Pennsylvania 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 2017-18 Award Year are as follows:

- **Full-time:** Up to \$4,318 per year for full-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$551 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$735 at an out-of-state school);
- **Half-time:** Up to \$2,159 per year for part-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 Pennsylvania State Grant while enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate student.

A student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and a State Grant Form by the announced deadline date each academic year. The 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 Pennsylvania 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 State Grant documents indicating any changes that may affect their 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 State Grant application by the August 15th deadline. Students must also have submitted the FAFSA and, if required, the State Grant Form.

Complete a FAFSA each year, available at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

**Pennsylvania National Guard Education Assistance Program (EAP)** – Provides financial education assistance to students who enter into a six-year service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. The maximum award for a full-time student is equivalent to the actual tuition for a full-time course of study or 100 percent of the flat-tuition charged to a Pennsylvania resident, whichever is less. This program is jointly administered by PHEAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

**Contact** – 1-800-GO-GUARD or visit <https://state.nationalguard.com/pennsylvania>

**Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)** – Provides need-based awards to students enrolled in short-term programs that are not State Grant eligible in energy, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, or agriculture and food production. Awards may be up to the equivalent of the maximum State Grant award or 75 percent of the allowable program costs, whichever is less, per award year. Awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and specific living expenses.

Applications are available at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

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**Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH)** – 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 <https://fafsa.ed.gov>; and review the list of participating PATH partners available at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

**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 State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

**Postsecondary Educational Gratuity 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.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

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

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

**The U.S. Department of Education's Student Aid on the Web** – 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.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**Direct Loans Servicing Online** – If you have questions about your Direct Loan, you can go online to find the answers.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**Federal Work-Study (FWS)** – The Federal Work-Study program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**Student Aid on the Web Campus Tour** – Explore college and university campuses by browsing through detailed profiles and key information of each school, including important financial aid information.

<https://www.benefits.gov/student-aid-web-campus-tour> <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

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**Student Finance Calculators** – Figure out how much you need to borrow for the school year and what it will cost to pay back your student loan. There are interactive calculators for budgets, consolidation and monthly repayment calculations from the U.S. Department of Education.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Student Assistance Programs** – 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.

<https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/schoolbasedloans>

**Federal Pell Grant** – Provides between \$606 and \$5,920 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 at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

**Contact** – School's Financial Aid Office or U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** – 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

**Chafee Education and Training Grant Program** – Provides grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students who are aging out of foster care and are attending a postsecondary school approved by 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 [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-692-7392

**TEACH Grant** – Provides grants to students who agree to teach in an elementary or secondary school or education service agency that serves low-income families. Recipient must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which he or she 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 Stafford 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** – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**Federal Direct PLUS Loan** – Provides 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** – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

**Federal Direct Stafford Loan** – Provides long-term, low-cost education loans to undergraduate, graduate and professional degree students enrolled at least half-time.

Complete a FAFSA, available online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

**Contact** – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

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### LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

**Federal 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** – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>

**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (PSLF)** – 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.

For more information visit: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

**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 [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

**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 [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

### OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

**Private Scholarships** – Funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions and private businesses. Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information.

**EducationPlanner.org** – A one-stop career and college planning website, providing practical and easy-to-understand advice to help prepare students for the important decisions they will face in the future; information and tools for parents and counselors to help them motivate and prepare today's youth for a successful tomorrow; and a smart borrowing interactive tool.

**MySmartBorrowing.org** – An online interactive tool that allows students to compare how their college and career choices will affect their future finances, aiding them in making smart decisions about how they can afford to borrow – and repay – on their expected future salary.

**YouCanDealWithIt.com** – Learn to manage money, student loans, budget and credit cards.

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### INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES

**Institutional Assistance Grants** – 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 State Grant recipients.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646

**Education for the Disadvantaged Student (Act 101)** – Provides state funding to institutions operating special support services for students who are educationally and economically disadvantaged. Institutions must obtain PHEAA's approval for participation.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1-800-443-0646

## PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/default.aspx>

### GRANTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

**Certified Local Government Grant Program** – This program provides funding for: Planning, Design Guidelines/Design Assistance, National Register Nominations/Multiple Property Documentation, Cultural Resource Survey, Revitalization/Reuse Studies, Public Education, Training and Municipal Program Administration.

**Application Deadline** – January 12, 2018

**Eligibility** – Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Applicants must consult with their Community Preservation Coordinator prior to making an application to ensure that projects fall within one or more of the above eligible heritage preservation activities. For information on the CLG program, please visit the CLG section of the PHMC website.

**Contact** – Bryan Van Sweden, 717-772-5071. Email: [bvansweden@pa.gov](mailto:bvansweden@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 the PHMC website.

**Application Deadline** – December 1, 2017

**Eligibility** – Applicants are limited to two categories of organizations. First, museums located in Pennsylvania with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services) and at least one full-time professional staff person (or approved equivalent) and meet additional requirements. Second, official county historical societies must be designated as the official county historical society for the county and meet additional requirements.

**Contact** – Scott Doyle, 717-783-6012. Email: [midoyle@pa.gov](mailto:midoyle@pa.gov)

**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, 2018

**Eligibility** – 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](mailto: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, 2018

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# PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

## PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEBUYERS:

**HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan Program** – The HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate first mortgage loan with no mortgage insurance. Typical conventional loans will add a premium to the monthly mortgage payment to cover the cost of this insurance. Since this additional payment is not required with HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, the total monthly mortgage payment is typically lower than a loan with mortgage insurance included, even though the interest rate may be slightly higher.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>.

**HFA Preferred™ Loan Program** – The HFA Preferred™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with private mortgage insurance provided by a Fannie Mae-approved mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer makes a downpayment of 20 percent or more, then mortgage insurance is not required. Private mortgage insurance payments on the loan will also end as soon as the homeowner pays off 20 percent of their home loan.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

**Keystone Home Loan (KHL)** – The Keystone Home Loan provides a 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loan to eligible homebuyers. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Veterans’ Administration (VA), Rural Development (RD), and conventional loan types are available. The program has a first-time homebuyer requirement in much of the state, although there are 39 targeted counties and 13 counties with targeted census tracts where the first-time homebuyer requirement is waived. The first-time homebuyer requirement is also waived for eligible veterans. Homebuyers may also qualify for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

**Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov)** – The Keystone Government Loan Program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), guaranteed by Rural Development (RD), or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA). Homebuyer eligibility is determined by using the guidelines of the respective federal agency insuring or guaranteeing the loan. There are no income or purchase price limits specific to PHFA and there are no first-time homebuyer requirements.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

## PHFA PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS:

**Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)** – A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from 20 to 50 percent of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner’s federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for downpayment/closing cost assistance. Due to the source of funds, an MCC cannot be used in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan program. The tax credit is available for the 30-year life of the loan and only expires if the home is sold or the homeowner fails to occupy the home as their principal residence.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx>

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**Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program (KAAL)** – The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to 4 percent of the purchase price or market value of the home, up to a maximum of \$6,000. The assistance loan is interest free and is repaid monthly over a 10-year term. The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan can be used to cover the downpayment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan (FHA, VA or RD loan types only), or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx>

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

**Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance** – Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive downpayment/closing cost assistance through the Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance Loan Program. Eligible homebuyers may receive between \$1,000 and \$15,000 in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan with no monthly payments. These assistance funds become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or if the homebuyer fails to occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at 80 percent of the statewide median income.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.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 downpayment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead assistance funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMEstead program are at or below 80 percent of the county’s median income.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or [www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.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 Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://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 upgrade their individual on-lot sewage disposal system OR make a first-time connection to public sewer. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20-year low-interest loan. As of 1/1/2017 there is no household income limit.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx>

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**Renovate & Repair Loan** – PHFA product that allows homeowners or homebuyers to borrow up to \$35,000 to make home repairs and improvements, as well as accessibility modifications to their home. Interest rates range from 6.375 percent to 8.875 percent depending on whether the term of the loan is 10, 15 or 20 years. This program is available in limited counties based on local organization participation.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/randr.aspx>

**Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP)** – This PHFA product permits specific energy-related home improvements (roof replacement; caulking, sealing and insulation; heating/cooling systems repair/replacement; window and door replacements; and limited other repairs that permit federal weatherization assistance or replicate its assistance for non-eligible households). Loans are up to \$10,000 for a term of 10 years.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx>

### PHFA REFINANCE OPTIONS:

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

**Contact** – PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center, 1-855-827-3466 or <http://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 <http://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 <http://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, handicapped individuals and homeless persons.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3870 or Tax Credit Program Department at 717-780-3948

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**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 717-780-3870

**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 717-780-3870

**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 717-780-3870

## OTHER PHFA PROGRAMS:

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

**Contact** – Gelene Nason at 717-780-3874 or [Gnason@phfa.org](mailto:Gnason@phfa.org)

**Housing Counseling** – This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget counseling and education generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling). Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA-approved and trained agencies.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Office of Strategic Planning and Policy at 1-800-635-4747 or <http://www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx>

**Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)** – As part of the Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 budget, language was included establishing the MUDTC program for which it will receive a tax credit allocation of \$2 million beginning in FY 2017/2018. PHFA will use proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to fund mixed use projects in communities as part of a comprehensive revitalization plan. Program guidelines are currently being developed and will be made available for public comment in preparation for the FY 2017/2018 credit allocation.

**Contact** – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924

**Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitations 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, rehabilitations and support of affordable housing throughout the commonwealth. The PHARE Act did not specifically allocate funding but did specify the process to be used when funds became available. Since enactment, the following sources of funds have become available for utilization under the PHARE Program:

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**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** – Melissa Grover at 717-780-3947

**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 capped at \$25 million annually. Funding will be made available statewide through an annual RFP process.

**Contact** – Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924

**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 low and extremely low-income households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the commonwealth. The initial round of funding 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 as well as the PHARE Act.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3860

## 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](http://www.phillynhs.org).

**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.

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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](http://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. Additional information regarding this program can be found at <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](http://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. For more information, go to <http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/> click on **Helpful Information** and scroll down to **Quick Start Housing Resources** to begin your search by county.

## FOR ACCESSIBILITY ONLY:

**PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)** – The foundation is committed to providing borrowers with low-interest loans so they can afford home modifications and devices that make their lives easier, more productive and more independent. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for loans of at least \$1,500 and up to \$60,000. Loans of \$1,500 or less are interest free. Call 1-888-744-1938 or go to their website: [www.patf.us/](http://www.patf.us/). A comprehensive list of Assistive Technology providers can be found at [www.disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/atlend/atrc.shtml#atrc](http://www.disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/atlend/atrc.shtml#atrc).

**Self Determination Housing Project (SDHP)** – This nonprofit organization works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. SDHP promotes self-determination and control for people with disabilities and operates the PA Accessible Housing Program in many counties of the state.

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

**Centers for Independent Living (CILs)** – Nonprofit organizations that serve throughout Pennsylvania, each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provides four core services including information and referral, advocacy, peer mentoring and independent living skills training. CILs can offer home evaluations and help you find resources to pay for home modifications and assistive technology. To locate your local CIL, go to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) website at <http://pasilc.org/independent-living/find-a-cil/>.

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

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

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

The **Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant** 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.

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

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

**Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)** – Each agency offers a wide array of programs to help disabled Pennsylvanians age 60 and older and their families to get the help and information they need.

To contact your local AAA, use the search function on the Pennsylvania Department of Aging website [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or find the local number directly by using the blue or government 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 aged 18-61 with disabilities, at selected developments throughout the commonwealth. Funding for this program is made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PHFA and the Department of Human Resources (DHS) jointly administer these funds in an effort to encourage supportive independent living. Additional information is available at <http://www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/>.

**Contact** – Kristin Nagel at 717-780-3816 or [Knagel@phfa.org](mailto:Knagel@phfa.org)

**Department of Human Services and The Department of Aging's Office of Long Term Living** – These organizations have programs available to help with home modifications for accessibility and daily activities such as home maker services, attendant care and food security.

Visit the Department of Human Services' website at <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/> or call 1-800-692-7462 for more information. Visit the Office of Long Term Living's website at <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/index.htm> or call 1-800-753-8827 for more information.

**Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)** – This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash. For more information regarding this program, contact a HECM counselor at 1-800-569-4287. For an approved FHA lender, view HUD's website at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

To receive additional information on reverse mortgages, contact the National Council on Aging's counseling entity at 1-855-899-3778 or view the AARP website at [www.aarp.org/revmort](http://www.aarp.org/revmort).

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

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

### FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – The program assists individuals with low income in paying their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or Community Action Agencies.

For more information, call the LIHEAP Hotline at 1-866-857-7095. Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants are available at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

**Federal Tax Credits** – These credits may be available for energy efficiency work, depending on the type of work and the year completed. PHFA does not provide tax guidance; however, we encourage you to determine if your home qualifies for these credits by viewing [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return. Learn more at [www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en\\_US\\_publink100014798](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798).

## PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

[www.pahumanities.org](http://www.pahumanities.org)

The **Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC)** is an independent partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and part of a network of 56 state humanities councils that spans the nation and U.S. jurisdictions. Today, across the commonwealth, PHC puts the humanities in action to create positive change, through programs and grants that bring Pennsylvanians together to build avenues for civic involvement and community development, and for youth and adult learners to strengthen skills for school, work and personal improvement.

Among its core programs, PHC's Teen Reading Lounge is an award-winning, interactive book discussion series that encourages teens ages 12-18 to read and talk about popular young adult literature. The Pennsylvania Heart & Soul program supports humanities-focused approaches to community development in partnership with the Orton Family Foundation.

For more information on PHC, visit [www.pahumanities.org](http://www.pahumanities.org).

## PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST)

[www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 also includes first time connection to a public wastewater system.

**Contact** – PHFA at 1-800-822-1174 or PENNVEST at [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Nutrient Credit Trading** – Provides a platform for trading nutrient credits within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Contact** – Robert Boos at [rboos@pa.gov](mailto:rboos@pa.gov) or 717-783-4493

**PENNVEST REGIONAL CONTACTS:**

**PV Region 1** – North Central and Northwest PA – Dave Henning at [dahenning@pa.gov](mailto:dahenning@pa.gov) or 717-783-4490

**PV Region 2** – Southwestern PA – Dan Mikesic at [dmikesic@pa.gov](mailto:dmikesic@pa.gov) or 717-783-6673

**PV Region 3** – South Central and Southeastern PA – Tess Schlupp at [tschlupp@pa.gov](mailto:tschlupp@pa.gov) or 717-783-8618

**PV Region 4** – Northeastern PA – Rebecca Kennedy at [rebkennedy@pa.gov](mailto:rebkennedy@pa.gov) or 717-783-4488

## PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD (PLCB)

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

**Act 85** – The PLCB released the first biennial report to the General Assembly on underage and dangerous drinking in the commonwealth in March 2007. Mandated by Act 85 of 2006, the report presents current information on levels and trends of underage consumption, existing state prevention programs and science-based proven prevention strategies that could impact future programming. This report was delivered to the General Assembly in the spring of 2017.

**Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest** – This contest challenges students in grades K-12 to create a poster about the facts, consequences and alternatives to underage drinking and/or drinking and driving. The winning entries and student artists are honored in a ceremony in Harrisburg. Some of their designs are reproduced by the PLCB throughout the year and disseminated to schools and the public.

**Alcohol Education Websites** – A section of the PLCB website is dedicated to alcohol education and provides information and resources to the public. Parents, students, professionals and licensees can check out the latest statistics, find county resources, research current alcohol-related laws, order prevention materials through PLCB+, and link to state and national organizations working to address underage and high-risk alcohol consumption. Visit [www.lcb.pa.gov](http://www.lcb.pa.gov), then click **Education**.

**Annual Conference** – Each spring, the Bureau of Alcohol Education hosts 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 Grants** – Grants are awarded biannually to Pennsylvania colleges, universities, municipalities and community organizations for environmental management strategies to address the issues of underage and binge drinking. This includes funding for such things as establishing campus and community coalitions, reducing the availability of alcohol, increasing enforcement efforts and creating a local environment that reduces excessive and underage consumption of alcohol.

**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.

**Facebook** – The Bureau of Alcohol Education has a Facebook page to keep stakeholders apprised of PLCB initiatives and share news and information about issues relating to alcohol. Search for us at PLCB Alcohol Education.

**Prevention Materials** – The PLCB develops and disseminates numerous alcohol education materials. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and materials are distributed. More than 200 different items (including brochures, posters, stickers, pencils and coloring sheets) are available free of charge to Pennsylvania residents. Most items are printed in-house by the PLCB Graphics Department. Materials are developed based on current trends or the needs of our target populations and regularly updated. They can be ordered through PLCB+ or printed online by going to [www.lcb.pa.gov](http://www.lcb.pa.gov), clicking on Alcohol 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** – The Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) was created by the PLCB to help licensees and their employees serve alcohol responsibly. RAMP offers practical advice for licensees operating restaurants, hotels, clubs, distributors and even special occasion permit holders.

Call 1-866-275-8237 for more information.

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**Training/Technical Assistance** – The PLCB continues to coordinate statewide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics. One of the trainings is the Resident Assistant Training available at no charge to institutions of higher education. This nationally recognized program teaches those on the front lines of colleges and universities how to prevent and deal with underage and dangerous drinking on campus. The PLCB also helps communities create comprehensive coalitions to address underage and dangerous drinking.

For more information about the above resources, please contact the Bureau of Alcohol Education at 1-800-453-7522 or email [ra-lbeducation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-lbeducation@pa.gov).

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

[www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu)

**Keystone Agricultural Innovation Center** – This partnership is designed to help Pennsylvania’s agricultural producers and small processors explore the marketing and manufacturing feasibility of value-added opportunities. Partnership of Penn State and Pennsylvania Departments of Agriculture and Community and Economic Development, PENNTAP, Keystone Development Center, Kutztown Small Business Development Center, USDA Rural Development, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Pennsylvania Horticultural Association, Pennsylvania State Grange, Pennsylvania Retail Farm Market Association, Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania, Penn Ag Industries, Phillips Mushroom Farm, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Amsterdam Produce Enterprises, Capital RC&D, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Regional Economic Development District Initiatives of South Central Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-9542 or [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

Offers a combination of education, technical assistance and support to producers who want to explore value-added possibilities, start a value-added business, expand entrepreneurial capabilities, or join together in a cooperative, farmer’s market, marketing alliance, or other type of value-added venture.

**Penn State Cooperative Extension** – This educational network gives people in Pennsylvania’s 67 counties access to Penn State’s resources and expertise. Courses, workshops and other programming are made available to individuals and communities requesting assistance, and are tailored for local needs.

**Contact** – Penn State Cooperative Extension at 814-865-4028 or [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

**Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)** – Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness with technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs that can be addressed within a limited amount of time.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-0427 or [www.penntap.psu.edu](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

**Plastics Technology Center** – Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University at 814-452-0094 or <http://news.psu.edu/story/216181/2004/04/22/Keystone-ideas-brings-new-plastics-products-light>

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)

[www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov) [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com) [www.PAGasSwitch.com](http://www.PAGasSwitch.com)

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](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com) and [PAGasSwitch.com](http://PAGasSwitch.com). Both websites allow consumers to enter their ZIP code to see the competitive offers and prices available in their area. Other features include: a Spanish language companion site, consumer alerts emails, weekly updates on suppliers and prices available; a printable version of the ZIP code-searchable supplier list; brochures and ways to save energy are available on the website, and this information can be mailed upon request.

PAPowerSwitch and PAGasSwitch are just some of the many educational tools the PUC offers. PUC fact sheets, brochures, speaking engagements, roundtable discussions and conferences are other successful ways to help consumers shop wisely for utility services or learn about energy assistance programs and are conducted by our Senior Communications Specialists, Shari A. Williams at 215-560-6901, [shariwilli@pa.gov](mailto:shariwilli@pa.gov) and Christina Chase-Pettis at 717-772-8884, [cchasepett@pa.gov](mailto:cchasepett@pa.gov).

For more information or to schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training, consumer education event, presentation or speaking engagement, please contact our specialist directly. To find more information on upcoming events, check out the **Consumer Education Events Schedule** on the web at [www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer\\_ed/consumer\\_ed\\_events.aspx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/consumer_ed_events.aspx).

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For informal complaints or termination issues, please contact the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) toll-free hotline at 1-800-692-7380.

### 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

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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 2017 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.

### Household Size Monthly Income Guidelines:

Size of Household	150 percent of Poverty	Size of Household	150 percent of Poverty
1 person	\$1,508	6 persons	\$4,120
2 persons	\$2,030	7 persons	\$4,643
3 persons	\$2,553	8 persons	\$5,165
4 persons	\$3,075		
5 persons	\$3,598		For each additional person, add \$523

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – LIHEAP is a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to pay energy bills. In Pennsylvania, LIHEAP is administered by the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) and consists of three components:

- **Cash Benefits:** Helps low-income customers pay their home energy bill.
- **Crisis:** Helps low-income customers meet home emergency situations and restore services if service has been shut off.
- **Weatherization:** Helps qualified low-income customers reduce their energy consumption through home improvements.

*Note:* Low-income customers who qualify for Cash and Crisis can receive both. Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on DHS’ website at [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov). If you have more questions about LIHEAP, you may call your local county assistance office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886).

## LIHEAP & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – ELECTRIC & GAS

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs	LIHEAP Referral
West Penn Power (LIPURP)	1-888-282-6812	Refer directly to county assistance office
Duquesne (CAP)	1-888-393-7600	Refer directly to county assistance office
Met-Ed (PCAP)	1-800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
PECO (CAP Rate)	1-800-774-7040	1-800-34HELP4 (344-3574) LIHEAP program
Penelec (PCAP)	1-800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
Penn Power (PCAP)	1-800-720-3600	Refer directly to county assistance office
PPL (OnTrack)	1-800-358-6623	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI-Electric (CAP)	1-800-844-9276	1-800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

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Utility	Utility Assistance Programs	LIHEAP Referral
Columbia (CAP)	1-800-537-7431	1-800-272-2714
Peoples Natural Gas (CAP)	1-800-400-WARM (9276)	1-800-400-9276 (WARM)
Equitable (CAP)	1-877-577-8735	1-800-644-8090
NFG (LIRA)	1-800-365-3234	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Penn Natural Gas (CAP)	1-800-490-8605	1-800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
PGW (CRP)	215-235-1000	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Central Penn Gas (CAP)	1-800-652-0550	1-800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Peoples TWP (EHF)	1-866-276-4055	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI-Gas (CAP)	1-800-844-9276	1-800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

**UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - WATER**

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs	Phone Numbers
Pennsylvania American Water	(H2O-Help to Others) Administered By: Dollar Energy Fund	1-888-282-6816
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	
Aqua	(A Helping Hand) All Other Counties and For ALL Questions	1-800-360-2998
York Water Cares	(YWC)	1-800-750-5561 or 717-845-3601
United Water	(UW CARES) Cumberland/Dauphin	717-564-3662
United Water	(UW CARES) Columbia/Luzerne/Perry/ Schuylkill/Wyoming/York	1-888-299-8972

To view each utility's Universal Service Plan in detail, please go to: [www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer\\_ed/energy\\_asst\\_progs.aspx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/general/consumer_ed/energy_asst_progs.aspx) and select the appropriate utility company.

For further information, contact the Public Utility Commission:

**Call:** 1-800-692-7380 – For people with speech or hearing loss, dial 7-1-1 (Telecommunications Relay Service)

**Write:** PA Public Utility Commission Bureau of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265







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