



Local Business Resource Newsletter

November/December 2024

November 4, 2024

Greetings Neighbor,

My office continues to be invested in your success by ensuring your access to viable, well-vetted state, local, and federal funding sources.

This month's categories include *Community Development & Public Interest*, *Education & Workforce Development*, and a robust offering of *Health & Human Services* grant opportunities. We have also included important information about FREE administrative and operational support for community-based organizations (CBOs)!

Opportunities are organized by due date, per category. We have **highlighted** opportunities with upcoming deadlines! If you see any resources that you intend to apply for, or if you have any related questions, please contact my office by calling (215) 242-7300 or by emailing C. Jemille Edwards at cedwards@pahouse.net. My office may be able to provide you with additional supports to strengthen your application.

In Service,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST

Department of Community and Economic Development: Mixed-Use Housing Development Pilot Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Economic Development Organizations, Redevelopment Authorities, Municipal Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities, For-Profit organizations.

Use: Mixed-use site development, conversion projects, rehabilitation projects, a combination of the three afore-mentioned projects.

Funds: \$10 million in PA Sites funding has been allocated for this program. There is no limit on the amount of grant funding that may be awarded to an applicant.

Application Deadline: December 6, 2024

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: PA SITES

Who May Apply: Municipalities, economic development organizations, redevelopment authorities, municipal authorities, industrial development agencies, and for-profit organizations.

Use: To develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within Pennsylvania.

Funds: \$400 million in funding is available.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and approved on a quarterly basis

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: Global Access Program (GAP)

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania companies that meet specific criteria (criteria available at link below)

Use: Valid uses include: overseas and domestic trade show participation, overseas trade mission participation, foreign market sales trip, subscription to US DOC services, translation/interpreter fees, website internationalization, shipping sample products, and compliance testing.

Funds: \$800,000 in grant funding is available. Companies are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 grants.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted.

More information: [DCED website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: Main Street Matters

Who May Apply: Units of local government, redevelopment and/or housing authorities, nonprofits, economic development organizations, housing corporations, community development corporations, business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts, and similar organizations incorporated as authorities.

Use: A flexible tool for use in community and economic development for a variety of uses including planning activities, façade grant programs, business improvement grant programs, accessible housing programs, and district development grants.

Funds: \$20 million was allocated for this program in the 2024/25 budget. Individual grant awards vary depending on the type of grant.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant

Who May Apply: Farmers, prospective farmers, and others may apply.

Use: Strategic business planning to expand or diversify farms or support transition of ownership.

Funds: \$500,000 in funding is available. Grants shall not exceed \$7,500.

Application Deadline: Applications will be received until funds are exhausted.

More information: [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania residents whose total household income is below 400 percent of the Federal Income Poverty Level.

Use: This program provides a rebate to Pennsylvanians who purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles.

Funds: Rebates vary depending on type of vehicle purchased.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted and evaluated on a first come, first served basis as long as funds remain available. Please note applications must be received within six months of the date of the vehicle purchase.

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program

Who May Apply: Qualified well pluggers

Use: Funds are to be used to plug orphaned gas wells.

Funds: Grants of \$40,000 are available for plugging wells 3,000 feet deep or less. Grants of up to \$70,000 are available for plugging wells deeper than 3,000 feet.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted.

More information: [DEP website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Local Business Advantage Grant Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania-based Local Businesses

Use: Adopt processes or acquire equipment which results in energy efficiency, pollution prevention, and natural resource protection.

Funds: Funding can range from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) and will vary depending on environmental impact and project location.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2025

More information: [DEP website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Methane Emissions Reduction Program

Who May Apply: An Operator of 10 or less wells, a Qualified Well Plugger, or a Third Party may apply.

Use: Funds are to be used to plug an eligible Marginal Convention Well.

Funds: Grants of \$20,000 are available for plugging wells 3,000 feet deep or less. Grants of up to \$35,000 are available for plugging wells deeper than 3,000 feet.

Application Deadline: December 16, 2024

More information: [DEP website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant

Who May Apply: Non-profit organizations

Use: Procurement of equipment (refrigerators, freezers, refrigerant and nonrefrigerated box trucks, cargo vans, pallet jacks, dollies, hand forklifts, stoves, ovens and microwaves) to reduce food waste disposal from food retailers, wholesalers, agriculture organizations, farms and cooperatives and redistribute that food to the

public.

Funds: Grants up to \$50,000 are available.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2025

More information: [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#)

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

Who May Apply: Local law enforcement agencies, campus or university police, railroad or street railway police, airport authority police, and county park police.

Use: Funding is explicitly to support Act 120 training and recruitment activities for law enforcement officers that will take place between Oct. 19, 2023 and June 30, 2025.

Funds: \$14 million in federal COVID Relief (ARPA) is available. PCCD anticipates this funding being able to support approximately 2,000 new fulltime officers statewide.

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding is committed, at which point the application period will close.

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Who May Apply: Technical and trade schools, school districts, post-secondary academic institutions, workforce investment boards, economic development organizations, and nonprofit organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible.

Use: Projects must focus on the development and deployment of workforce training programs for individuals with barriers to employment, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of manufacturing career opportunities, and advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers that cannot be met through existing programs such as WEDnet and Industry Partnerships.

Funds: Funds are available on an annual basis and vary based on recommendations and constraints set in the annual budget.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Environmental Education Grants Program

Who May Apply: Public schools and school districts (including intermediate units and charter schools), private schools, conservation and education organizations and institutions, universities and colleges, county conservation districts, incorporated nonprofit organizations, businesses.

Use: Funding is intended for non-formal and formal environmental education projects that ensure an environmentally literate citizenry to take positive actions to help ensure the safety of the state's natural resources.

Funds: Funding is supported by five percent of the money collected from environmental fines and penalties, to be appropriated to DEP and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)*

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More Information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/manufacturing-pa-training-career-grant-program/>

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs: Recovery Support Services (RSS)

Who May Apply: Applicant must have at least two years of experience as of July 1, 2024, providing RSS and demonstrate the capacity to provide RSS to individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder (OUD) and other concurrent substance use disorder (SUD).

Use: Expand or enhance RSS to individuals in recover from OUD and other concurrent SUD.

Funds: Approximately six grants totaling \$1,500,000 each will be awarded.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

More information: [DDAP Website](#)

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OTHER RESOURCES

FREE Administrative Support for Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits

The [Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub](#) is a partnership with the national [Catchafire](#) volunteer network that pairs community-based and nonprofit organizations with industry professionals that possess the right skills for your unique organizational needs. The *Key Skills Hub* volunteers can augment your existing marketing, development, operational, and strategic needs, and so much more! We strongly encourage organizations who are going after grant opportunities or interested in growing or strengthening their service deliver partner with *The Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub*.

More Information: <https://philafound.catchafire.org/>

Community Development Financial Institutions that Serve Philadelphia County

What is a *CDFI*? Community Development Financial Institutions are federally contracted financial institutions that provide credit and financial services to underserved communities and markets. There are 10 CDFI's that serve Philadelphia Counties. They are listed below:

<p style="text-align: center;">Community First Fund 1301 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (267) 236-7000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Affinity Group Lending</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commercial Real Estate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Housing Project Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nonprofit Financial Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First-Time Homeownership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Market Tax Credits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lender Support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reinvestment Fund 1700 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 574-5800</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Scale Real Estate Development Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) Reema Fakhri, Sr. Director of NMTC Reema.fakhri@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors) Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer *Contact our office for support with this resource</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Food Systems Grants and Supports</p>
<p>Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)</p>	<p>Impact Loan Fund 1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134</p>

<p>1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102 (215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Support Services</u></p> <p><u>Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Commercial Real Estate Development</u></p> <p><u>Tax Exempt Bonding</u></p> <p><u>Grants Administration</u></p> <p><u>New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)</u></p> <p><u>Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)</u></p>	<p>(215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u></p> <p><u>Landlord Working Capital</u></p> <p><u>Rental Improvement Fund</u> 19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY</p>
<p>Beech Capital 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; info@beechinterplex.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u> Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending info@bcvc.com</p> <p><u>Revitalization Project Funding</u> Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation inforabf@beechinterplex.com</p>	<p>VestedIn (Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution) 3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; info@vestedin.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Grants</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Entrepreneur Programs</u></p> <p><u>Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Technical Support</u></p>
<p>Enterprise Center Capital 45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (215) 895-4000; info@theenterprisecenter.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)</u></p> <p><u>Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)</u></p> <p><u>Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses</u></p>	<p>Neighborhood Progress Fund Liberty Square, West Tower 1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 232-0516; contact@npfp.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Microloans</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Commercial Real Estate Loans</u></p> <p><u>Flexible Financing</u></p>

<p><u>Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and Consumer Packaged Goods.</u></p>	<p><u>Local Business & Entrepreneur Support</u></p>
<p>Entrepreneur Works 400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Loans</u> <u>Women-Owned Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Group/Individual Coaching</u></p>	<p>Women's Opportunities Resources Center 2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 564-5500, info@worc-pa.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Credit Builder Loans</u> <u>Direct Loans</u></p> <p><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Credit Lines</u></p> <p>Expansion Loans</p> <p><u>Near Equity Loans</u></p> <p>Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p>Advising & Technical Support</p>



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