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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 seven components to a proposal:**
  - introduction of the organization
  - summary of the project or need
  - problem/needs assessment
  - project objective
  - project design
  - funding needs and project budget
  - project evaluation or review
6. **Review and edit the grant application(s).**
7. **Check regularly.** Keep records, follow up as needed, and thank everyone for their help. Sign up for notifications and check websites weekly for updates and new grant postings.

## How Your Representative Can Be of Further Assistance

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

# DEPARTMENT OF AGING

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

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).

## PA MEDI

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

## Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program

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

- A caregiver age 18 and older who is the primary caregiver for a functionally dependent individual age 60 and older or an individual of any age who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease or related disorder.
- A caregiver age 55 and older caring for an individual age 18-59 who is related by blood, marriage or adoption, with a non-dementia disability.
- A caregiver age 55 and older who is not the biological parent but is the primary caregiver for, and related by blood, marriage or adoption to, a child under the age of 18. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

For more information, visit [aging.pa.gov](http://aging.pa.gov) or contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

## **Domiciliary Care (Dom Care)**

The Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) program provides a supervised, homelike living arrangement for adults age 18 and older who are unable to live independently in the community. Dom Care homes are certified by the local Area Agency on Aging for three or fewer residents. Area Agencies on Aging match eligible residents to Dom Care providers with consideration of their mutual needs, preferences, and interests. Area Agencies on Aging also provide ongoing care management services to residents and conduct annual Dom Care home inspections. Residents of the Dom Care home receive assistance with self-help activities such as bathing, grooming, and laundry.

Dom Care providers assure the resident receives nutritious meals, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance with self-administration of medication, when needed.

Dom Care providers are typically individuals who open their homes and are willing to provide residents with housing, support, care, and encouragement in a family-like setting. They participate in a certification process to make sure their home meets health and safety requirements. The success of the Dom Care program is dependent upon these nurturing individuals who have the desire to give daily, personalized care and attention to residents and encourage a sense of belonging and independence in their own home.

For more information, visit [aging.pa.gov](http://aging.pa.gov) or contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

## **Health & Wellness Program**

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

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

## **Senior Community Centers**

Area Agency on Aging-supported Senior Community Centers are community settings that

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

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

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

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

## **Modernization of Senior Community Centers**

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

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

## **Nutrition Services**

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

Nutritious meals are available to individuals age 60 or older and their spouses at various senior community centers across the state. Meals are available either on location at the center

(congregate meals) or they can be delivered directly to eligible individuals who have nutritional needs or are nutritionally at-risk through the Department's OPTIONS Program. Meals are provided free of charge, but participants may give an anonymous donation to help offset the cost of the service.

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

## **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: (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.

## **OPTIONS**

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

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

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

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

- Emergent Services
- Home Health Services
- Home Modifications
- Home Support
- Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Devices
- Pest Control - Fumigation
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Specialized Medical Transportation

\*Not all services are available in every county.

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

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

## **Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

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

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

## **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 (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 (800) 955-0989.
- Pennsylvania Prescription Price Finder – Anyone can access this free department-maintained resource that lists local prices on commonly used drugs, local pharmacy listings, information on low-cost generics, and drug information materials. To access the information, simply call (800) 835-4080 or visit [www.parxpricefinder.com](http://www.parxpricefinder.com).

## **Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) assigns unemployed low-income individuals age 55 and older to part-time community service positions with public and private nonprofit agencies such as social service agencies, public housing facilities, senior centers, public schools, etc. SCSEP strives for participants to obtain an unsubsidized job through the work experience obtained from the community service assignment. Participants usually work an average of 20 hours a week for which they are paid the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher.

If you live in Clinton, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Philadelphia, Northampton, Washington, Westmoreland, or Wyoming counties, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging. If you live in a county that's not listed in the previous sentence, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's SCSEP contractor, The AARP Foundation. In addition to the 7 AAAs and The AARP Foundation that operate SCSEP in the commonwealth through contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, there are other national organizations that operate the SCSEP Program through direct contracts with the U.S. Department of Labor.

SCSEP participants must be unemployed, age 55 or older, and meet income requirements.

**More Information:** Contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

## **PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources**

The PA Link assists older adults (over 60) and individuals with disabilities by providing information and connecting them to the supports and services they need (non-medical and

medical) to live safely in their homes and communities. It is a coordinated network of partners that allows an individual to initiate contact with any PA Link partner and access needed information, assistance, resources, or next step in the process. The No Wrong Door approach attempts to minimize duplication of efforts by both individuals and providers, thereby streamlining access, reducing confusion, preserving resources, and creating a safety net for the most vulnerable.

The PA Link:

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

For more information, please call the PA Link Call Center: (800) 753-8827.

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# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

## Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program

**Who May Apply:** An individual, partnership, association, firm, corporation, cooperatives or any other legal entity.

**Use:** To support projects that grow agricultural infrastructure in urban food deserts to improve access to fresh, local food and provide opportunities for hands-on learning, community-building, and for people to become social entrepreneurs. Community gardens are eligible projects.

**Funding Source:** General Fund

**Funds:** \$2,500 micro grants or up to \$50,000 for collaboration grants.

**Application Deadline:** September 6, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/Farmbill/Pages/Urban-Ag-Grant.aspx>.

## Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program

**Who May Apply:** An individual, partnership, association, firm, corporation or any other legal entity.

**Use:** To support the development and expansion of current or future very small meat and poultry processing operations.

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

**Funds:** Grants are limited to no more than \$100,000 per applicant.

**Application Deadline:** August 2, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/Farmbill/Pages/Very-Small-Meat-Processor-Grant.aspx>.

## Agriculture and Youth Grant Program

**Who May Apply:** Agriculture and youth organizations.

**Use:** To help fund projects, programs and equipment purchases conducted or made by an organization composed mainly of youth, or an organization with programs that benefit youth, and organized to promote development in the areas of agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship.

**Funding Source:** General Fund

**Funds:** Direct, non-matching reimbursement grants of up to \$7,500 to defray costs of an eligible project, other than a capital project; Matching reimbursement grants of up to \$25,000 to defray the costs of an eligible capital project or equipment purchase, where the grant

covers no more than 50% of the project cost.

**Application Deadline:** September 27, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/Farmbill/FuPages/Ag-Youth-Grants.aspx>.

## **Agritourism**

Find ways to attract consumers to your agritourism operation.

**Contact:** Gwyn Rowland at [growland@pa.gov](mailto:growland@pa.gov) at (717) 783-8462 or [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

## **Beginning Farmer Tax Credit**

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

**Contact:** Ashley Fehr at [ashfehr@pa.gov](mailto:ashfehr@pa.gov)

## **Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund**

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

**Contact:** Tracy Barone at [tbarone@pa.gov](mailto:tbarone@pa.gov) at (717) 510-8037, or visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov)

**Application Deadline:** June 30, Annually

## **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:** [RA-AgBusiness@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AgBusiness@pa.gov)

## **Land Trust Reimbursement Grant Program**

An individual grant will reimburse a qualified land trust up to \$5,000 of expenses incurred in acquiring an “agricultural conservation easement,” as defined in the Agricultural Area Security Law. Expenses include appraisal costs, legal services, title searches, document preparation, title insurance, closing fees and survey costs. A land trust must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and include the acquisition of agricultural

conservation easements or other conservation easements in its stated purpose. An eligible land trust seeking reimbursement grants under the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

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

### **Organic Cost Share Program**

Reimbursement toward organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

**Contact:** Michele Brookins at [mbrookins@pa.gov](mailto:mbrookins@pa.gov) at (717) 787-5319

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2024

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

Reimbursement toward GAP/GHP certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

**Contact:** Michele Brookins at [mbrookins@pa.gov](mailto:mbrookins@pa.gov) at (717) 787-5319

### **PA Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Board Grants**

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

**Uses:** To conduct promotion, marketing, and research projects to increase quality and sale of malt and brewed beverages. Concept papers and budget must be emailed to [RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AGCommodities@pa.gov).

**Funding Source:** State Stores Fund

**More Information:** PA Bulletin (<http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/>).

**Contact:** Holly Zarefoss at [hzarefoss@pa.gov](mailto:hzarefoss@pa.gov) at (727) 783-8461

### **PA Wine Marketing and Research Board Grants**

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

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

**Funding Source:** State Stores Fund

**More Information:** PA Bulletin (<http://pacodeandbulletin.gov/>).

**Contact:** Holly Zarefoss at [hzarefoss@pa.gov](mailto:hzarefoss@pa.gov) at (727) 783-8461

### **PA Preferred® Program**

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

**Contact:** Gwyn Rowland at [growland@pa.gov](mailto:growland@pa.gov) at (717) 783-8462 or [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

### **Small Business Administration 504**

The CDC/504 loan program is a long-term financing tool for economic development within a community. The program provides growing businesses with long-term fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

**No dates specified.**

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

**Contact:** [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

### **Federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program**

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

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

**Funding Source:** Federal Funds

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

**Application Deadline:** Not specified

**More Information:** Click on [Specialty Crops Grant Program](http://pa.gov) (pa.gov)

**Contact:** Lauren Stackhouse at [lstackhouse@pa.gov](mailto:lstackhouse@pa.gov) at (717) 772-5207

### **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:** Bureau of Food Assistance at [RA-Fooddist@pa.gov](mailto:RA-Fooddist@pa.gov) at (717) 787-2940

### **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/)

## **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/)

## **Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program**

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

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

**Funding Source:** General Fund

**Funds:** The maximum micro grant amount for these applications is \$2,500, not to exceed 85% of project costs.

**Application Deadline:** September 6, 2024

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

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol52/52-31/1149.html>

## **Very Small Meat Processor Federal Inspection Reimbursement Grants**

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

**Contact:** Visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) for more information or contact Corinne Elliot at [corielliot@pa.gov](mailto:corielliot@pa.gov)

## **Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program**

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

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

**Use:** Educational programs, workforce development programs, seminars and field trips, agricultural safety training programs, capital projects, equipment purchases, and projects

approved by the board, as well as projects addressing biosecurity and illness prevention and containment practices in agricultural and food production operations, food processing operations, and charitable food distribution networks.

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

**Funding Source:** General Fund

**Application Deadline:** September 27, 2024

**More Information:** Visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill) or contact Sara Gligora at [sgligora@pa.gov](mailto:sgligora@pa.gov)

Click on [Ag and Youth Grant Program \(pa.gov\)](#).

### **Farm to School Grant Program**

**Who May Apply:** Any school district, charter school, or private school with pre-kindergarten classes, kindergarten, or elementary through fifth grade is eligible to apply– regardless of offering in-person, virtual, or hybrid instruction?

**Use:** To educate pre-kindergartners through fifth graders and their families about the importance of choosing healthy, locally produced foods through nutrition education in the classroom, field trips, and other activities.

**Funding Source:** General Fund

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

**Application Deadline:** June 7, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/Farm-to-School-Grant-Program.aspx>.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED)

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## COVID-19 ARPA Whole-Home Repairs Program

**Who May Apply:** Eligible applicants are county governments or a nonprofit entity, who will then subsequently re-grant these funds to individuals in a future application period. No more than one applicant per county shall be awarded funds by DCED.

**Use:** To provide funding for county-wide agencies to address habitability and safety concerns, provide measures to improve energy or water efficiency and make units accessible for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, this program provides funding to the counties for construction-related workforce development.

**Funding Source:** American Rescue Plan Act Funding

**Funds:** Varies by award

**More Information:** Click on <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/covid-19-arpa-whole-home-repairs-program/>

## Statewide Local Share Account

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

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

**Funding Source:** State Gaming Fund

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

**Application Deadline:** November 30, 2024

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

## Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities (Berks, Cumberland, Westmoreland, & York Counties)

**Who May Apply:** Municipalities, counties, redevelopment authorities, or economic development agencies located within a county hosting a Category 4 licensed gaming facility.

**Use:** Projects in the public interest that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.

**Funds:** Funding is distributed from gaming revenues from Category 4 licensed facilities.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**More Information:** [DCED Website](#)

## **Local Share Account Monroe County**

**Who May Apply:** Municipalities, economic development agencies or redevelopment authorities within Monroe County or one of the five contiguous counties to Monroe (Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne).

**Use:** Public interest projects, community improvement projects, economic development projects, or roadway improvement projects.

**Funds:** Funding is distributed from gaming revenues from licensed facilities in Monroe County.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**More Information:** [DCED Website](#)

## **Local Share Account Luzerne County**

**Who May Apply:** All Luzerne County municipalities or the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority.

**Use:** Projects in the public interest that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.

**Funds:** Funding is distributed from gaming revenues from licensed facilities in Luzerne County.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**More Information:** [DCED Website](#)

## **Local Share Account Northampton & Lehigh Counties**

**Who May Apply:** Municipalities, economic development agencies or redevelopment authorities within Northampton and Lehigh Counties

**Use:** Public interest projects, community improvement projects, and economic development projects.

**Funds:** Funding is distributed from gaming revenues from licensed facilities in Northampton & Lehigh Counties.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**More Information:** [DCED Website](#)

## **Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program (AMDATP)**

Act 13 of 2012 (Act of February 14, 2012 (P.L. 87, No. 13) (58 Pa.C.S. §2315(a) and (a.1)(1)(i)) establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for abandoned mine drainage abatement and treatment. Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) is one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania. Billions of gallons of AMD impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth. The overall goal of the AMD Abatement and Treatment Program (AMDATP) is to restore and maintain restored stream reaches impaired by AMD and, ultimately, to remove these streams from the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Impaired

Waters list. This may be accomplished by reclamation of abandoned mine lands to abate AMD and by treating AMD, either passively or actively. Another important goal of this program is to encourage the use of treated AMD for deep well hydrologic fracturing for oil and gas development. The primary focus of these grants is abatement of AMD and/or treatment of AMD through treatment facility system construction. Grants may also be awarded for treatment system repair, upgrade or operation and maintenance of existing passive and active treatment systems. Priority will be given to projects that treat AMD for use in oil and gas drilling operations.

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

## **Act 47 – Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (MFRA)**

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

**Eligibility:** Financially distressed local governments.

## **Alternative and Clean Energy Program (ACE)**

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

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

## **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**

The commission was established by Congress in 1965 to support economic and community development throughout the Appalachian Region. ARC, as defined in ARC's authorizing legislation, is a 205,000-square-mile region that follows the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. It includes all of West Virginia and parts of 12 other states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The projects funded in the program areas create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase school readiness, expand access to health care, assist local communities with strategic planning and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.

**Eligibility:** Technical assistance projects, Industrial site development, Local access road, Local government assistance demonstration projects, Acquisition and development business incubator or multi-tenant facilities, Destination or asset-based tourism, and Not-for-profit entities.

## **Baseline Water Quality Data**

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA to be used for statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP). Funding is used for projects involving water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.

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

## **Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program**

Program provides tax credits to owners of agricultural assets who sell or rent agricultural assets to beginning farmers. The program is administered in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue.

Those eligible to apply for a Beginning Farmer Tax Credit must:

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

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

## **Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Technology Development Grant**

Technology is broadly defined and consists of industry sectors, including, but not limited to, information technology, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and materials, and alternative energy/environmental technology. Regardless of its form, technology can transform communities, empower citizens, and stimulate business growth. The BFTDA Technology Development Grant (Tech Development Grant) program helps to ensure that all regions of Pennsylvania share in those benefits. The Tech Development Grant program provides grant funding to not-for-profit entities to implement regional or statewide strategies that advance the adoption and use of technology, foster innovation, and support the creation of companies and high-wage, high-skilled jobs to strengthen Pennsylvania's economy.

## **Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority: Venture Investment Program**

The Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Venture Investment Program (VIP) is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania initiative intended to address the financing needs of technology-oriented businesses by increasing the amount of risk capital available. The VIP operates pursuant to the statutory authority of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority ("BFTDA"). The goal of the VIP is to assist in establishing a technology-based economy within Pennsylvania, allowing Pennsylvania to compete in the global marketplace.

Venture Capital Firms possessing the following are eligible: Resources, expertise and intent to invest in companies that are primarily located (or companies that maintain a majority of their business) in PA. Those that target investment sectors that are technology related or high growth oriented (i.e., life sciences, advanced manufacturing, information technology). Focus the majority of their investments in startups that are in seed stage or early stage of development. Those interested in applying need to complete Appendix A and will be issued an invitation to apply if deemed eligible to participate in the program. See guidelines for additional details.

## **Ben Franklin Technology Partners Challenge Grant Program**

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

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

## **Building PA**

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

**Eligibility:** Industrial, Commercial and multi-use projects.

## **Business in Our Sites (BOS) Grants/Loans**

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

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, Municipal authorities, Redevelopment authorities, Industrial development agencies, Private developers.

## **City Revitalization & Improvement Zones**

The City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) Program was created by Act 52 of 2013. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue (Revenue Department), the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Governor's Office of Budget are tasked with administration of the CRIZ Program. These guidelines provide information for municipalities looking to apply to the CRIZ Program. A CRIZ is an area of up to 130 acres, comprised of parcels designated by a contracting authority, which will provide economic development and job creation within a political subdivision. State and local taxes collected within the CRIZ will be used to repay debt service to stimulate economic development projects within the CRIZ. The CRIZ Program also permits one pilot zone to be designated. A pilot zone is an area of not more than 130 acres designated by a contracting authority within a township or borough with a population of at least 7,000 based on the most recent federal decennial census. Program guidelines apply to both zones.

## **Coal Refuse Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit**

The Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit provides tax credits to eligible facilities which generate electricity by using coal refuse for power generation, control acid gases for emission control, and use ash produced by the facilities to reclaim mining-affected sites. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes a person

that owns an eligible facility, or is a transferor, purchaser, affiliate or assignee of a person to which a Coal Refuse Tax Credit certificate is issued. The commonwealth shall issue no more than \$7,500,000 in tax credits in fiscal year 2016-2017 and \$10,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Eligible applicants are Qualified Taxpayers and must be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Institutions Tax.

## **Community Development Block Grant-CARES (CDBG-CV)**

Community Development Block Grant – CARES (CDBG-CV) – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided for a supplemental appropriation of Community Development Block Grants as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. Grants and technical assistance for eligible municipalities as identified under Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984 as amended, for any eligible community development activities for COVID-19 relief related activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. These funds were made available and released in three tranches:

**Tranche 1:** Entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities and the Competitive program is available to all municipalities that are not direct federal recipients of CDBG funds and state Act 179 entitlement municipalities with a population less than 10,000.

**Tranche 2 and 3:** Competitive program is being made available to any unit of local government in the commonwealth, including those that qualify as direct federal entitlement communities or urban counties under the CDBG program and the Partnership for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) Networks to apply for the Economic Development Assistance Funds.

## **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

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

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

## **Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**

The CDBG-DR program provides grants to units of local government for federally designated disaster areas impacted by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene. There are 36 identified counties impacted by the storms. This program is designed to fit the needs identified from the disaster.

**Eligibility:** Units of local government, consortia and nonprofit entities in the 36 counties impacted.

## **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**

The mission of (CSBG) is to provide a full range of services and activities having a measurable impact on the causes of poverty in a community or those areas of a community where poverty is a particularly acute problem. Funding is used for community engagement and activism to remove obstacles that block the achievement of self-sufficiency; employment and training resources; literacy activities; obtaining adequate housing; grassroots activities that provide intervention to the causes of poverty; addressing the needs of youth through programming or coordination; and making more use of or coordinating with welfare reform efforts.

Eligible applicants must be a federally recognized Community Action Agency.

## **Early Intervention Program (EIP)**

See Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP)

## **Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)**

Tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization. Pass-through entities, such as S-Corporations, Partnerships, LLCs, etc., can now apply the same day as C-Corporations. Applications must be submitted electronically using DCED's Single Application for Assistance. See the business application guide on our website: [dced.pa.gov/eitc](http://dced.pa.gov/eitc). Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

**Eligibility:** Businesses authorized to do business in Pennsylvania who are subject to one or more of the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax, Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921.

**Funding:** Tax credits equal to 75 percent of its contribution up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. Can be increased to 90 percent of the contribution, if business agrees to provide same amount for two consecutive tax years. For contributions to Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organizations, a business may receive a tax credit equal to 100 percent of the first \$10,000 contributed and up to 90 percent of the remaining amount contributed up to a maximum credit of \$200,000 annually.

## **Emergency Solutions Grant-CARES Act (ESG-CV)**

Emergency Solutions Grant – CARES (ESG-CV) – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided for a supplemental appropriation of Homeless Assistance Grants under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) as authorized by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-77), as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-22) (42 U.S.C.S. §11371 et. seq.).

**Eligibility:** DCED will accept applications from any general-purpose unit of local government, including cities, boroughs, and townships, towns, counties, home rule municipalities, and communities that desire to apply “on behalf of” other municipalities. Local governments may apply “on behalf of” nonprofit organizations. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply only for a regional project as long as it demonstrates a regional need and serving multiple counties. (DCED defines “regional” as more than one county.)

## **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

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

**Eligibility:** Any general purpose units of local government, including cities, boroughs, and townships, towns, counties, home rule municipalities, and communities that desire to apply “on behalf of” other municipalities. Local governments may apply “on behalf of” nonprofit organizations. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for a regional project as long as it demonstrates a regional need.

## **Engage!**

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

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

## **Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program (EEEP)**

Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes

the issuances of Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program to expand the Concert Rehearsal and Tours in Pennsylvania. Eligibility is restricted to Concert Tour promotion companies, Concert Tour management companies, or other Concert management companies that produce a series of live musical Concerts with performances featuring a live musical performer or performers in front of a live audience within the commonwealth. Performances must be held at two or more different locations within Pennsylvania that qualify as a Class 1 Venue, Class 2 Venue, or Class 3 Venue, as defined in the Act. Credits may be awarded for up to 40 percent of eligible expenses up to \$800,000 per taxpayer per fiscal year. The budget allocation is \$4 million a year beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

## **Film Tax Credit Program**

The Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit Program is an economic development tool to foster the growth and development of the commonwealth's film industry. The program, authorized under Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D, the Entertainment Production Tax Credit) authorizes the issuance of Film Production Tax Credits in an effort to expand Pennsylvania's film industry. Recipients of a Film Production Tax Credit may use the tax credit to offset their Pennsylvania state tax liability or sell, assign, or transfer the credits to another entity. A Film production is eligible for the tax credit program if Pennsylvania production expenses comprise at least 60% of the Film's total production expenses.

Eligibility is restricted to the following types of film production: a feature film, a television film, a television talk or game show series, a television commercial, a television pilot or each episode of a television series intended as programming for a national audience.

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

## **First Industries Fund (FIF)**

The First Industries Fund is loan and loan guarantee program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. The program is administered by both the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Department of Community and Economic Development. Funds for loans and loan guarantees are awarded for land and building acquisition and construction, and machinery and equipment purchase and upgrades; working capital grants are for planning and predevelopment activities.

**Eligibility:** Businesses, Non-Profit Business Enterprise, Non-Profit Organization engaged in tourism-related or agriculture-related activities.

## **Flood Mitigation Program (FMP)**

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for funding statewide initiatives to assist with flood mitigation projects. Projects authorized by a flood protection authority, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or identified by a

local government for flood mitigation are eligible for the program.

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

## **Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP)**

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

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

## **H2O PA-Flood Control Projects**

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides single-year or multi-year grants to the commonwealth, independent agencies, municipalities or municipal authorities for flood control projects (Projects which involve construction, improvement, repair or rehabilitation of all or part of a flood control system).

**Eligibility:** The Commonwealth, Independent Agencies, Municipalities or Municipal Authorities.

## **H2O PA-High Hazard Unsafe Dam Projects**

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

**Eligibility:** The Commonwealth, Independent Agencies, Municipalities or Municipal Authorities.

**Eligible uses:** Projects which involve the repair, rehabilitation, or removal of all or a part of a high hazard unsafe dam.

## **H2O PA-Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects**

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

**Eligible uses:** activities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

## **High Performance Building Program (HPB)**

The High Performance Building Program provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the commonwealth. The program is

administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Protection under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Eligibility:** Small Businesses (less than 100 employees), Individuals. \*An HPB is a building that adheres to the standards adopted by the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection that optimizes the energy performance of buildings.

## **Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC)**

The Historic Preservation Tax Credit provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will complete the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure into an income-producing property. All projects must include a qualified rehabilitation plan that is approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as being consistent with the Secretary of the Interior. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. The tax credits awarded to a qualified taxpayer shall not exceed 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures as determined by the application in connection with the completed project.

Those eligible to apply are qualified taxpayers which include an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock-Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax.

## **Home Program (HOME)**

HOME is a Federally funded program that provides municipalities with grant and loan assistance as well as technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low- and very low-income Pennsylvanians.

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

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

## **Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP)**

The Industrial Sites Reuse Program promotes the reuse and redevelopment of former industrial land and sites by providing funding for public entities, private nonprofit economic development groups, and companies to perform environmental site assessment and

remediation work. Entities cannot have caused or contributed to the environmental contamination, in order to receive funding. Funds are used for Phase I, II, and III environmental assessments and remediation of hazardous substances.

**Eligibility:** Public entities, private nonprofit economic development entities, and companies involved in reuse of former industrial land; Entities that did not cause or contribute to environmental contamination.

## **Infrastructure & Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP)**

The Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP), established by Act 23 of 2004, provides multi-year grants for debt service incurred to pay costs of certain infrastructure and facilities improvements. Funds are used for reimbursement of debt service relating to the debt issued for eligible infrastructure and facilities improvement project costs.

**Eligibility:** Authorities that issue debt for Tax Increment Financing, Redevelopment Authorities, Convention center authorities, including municipal authorities formed for the purpose of convention center activities, The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.

## **Keystone Communities Program (KCP)**

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

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

## **Keystone Communities Program Designations:**

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

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

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

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

## **Keystone Innovation Zone Tax Credit Program (KIZ)**

This program provides tax credits to for-profit companies less than eight years old operating within specific targeted industries within the boundaries of a Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ). With a total pool of up to \$15 million in tax credits available to KIZ companies annually, the KIZ tax credit program significantly contributes to the ability of young KIZ companies to transition through the stages of growth. Tax credits must be applied against the tax liability of a KIZ company for the tax year in which the KIZ Tax Credit was issued. Unused KIZ Tax Credits may be applied against the tax liability of the KIZ company for up to five years from date the KIZ Tax Credit is issued or may be reassigned/sold to another taxpayer. Applications are submitted on or before September 15 of each year.

**Eligibility:** For-profit business entities 1) located within the geographic boundaries of a particular KIZ, 2) in operation less than 8 years, 3) operating within one of the KIZ targeted industry segments or sectors, 4) and meeting any other requirements as specified by the DCED, may be qualified KIZ Companies and eligible to participate in the KIZ Tax Credit Program.

## **Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)**

The program provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Businesses, property owners and residents located in a KOZ are eligible to receive significant state and local tax benefits. Projects in KOZ are given priority consideration for assistance under various community and economic building initiatives. Pennsylvania businesses relocating to a KOZ must either: increase their full-time employment by 20 percent within the first full year of operation, or make a 10 percent capital investment in the KOZ property based on their prior year’s gross revenues.

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

## **Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ)**

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

Eligible applicants are businesses located within a Keystone Special Development Zone.

## **Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCPL)**

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

**Eligibility:** Local governments with populations of 12,000 or less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Philadelphia County (CFA):** Eligible applicants include any of the following entities located within the City of Philadelphia: Community Development Corporations, Economic

development organizations and redevelopment authorities, business improvement districts/neighborhood improvement districts, not-for-profit organizations with a 501(c) designation, the City of Philadelphia, and the School District of Philadelphia.

**Statewide (CFA):** The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eligible applicants include, Pennsylvania Counties, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Economic Development Agencies and Redevelopment Authorities.

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

## **Manufactured & Industrialized Housing**

The primary mission of the Housing Standards Division at DCED is to facilitate the manufacture and installation of factory constructed housing through efficient regulatory oversight for the mutual benefit of the public, industry, and local municipalities. Pennsylvania is the largest producer of factory built housing in the nation with 32 factories that product industrialized (modular) housing, manufactured housing or both.

There are currently three individual programs within the division:

1. Industrialized Housing Program
2. Manufactured Housing Program
3. Manufactured Housing Installation Program.

## **Manufacturing PA: Industrial Resource Center (PMIRC)**

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

## **Manufacturing PA: Innovation Program (PMIP)**

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

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

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

## **Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) Program**

The Manufacturing Tax Credit Program was established by Act 84 of July 13, 2016 for the purpose of providing tax credits to taxpayers who increase their annual taxable payroll by \$1,000,000 through the creation of new full-time jobs. Tax credit awards shall be equal to 5% of the taxpayers increase in annual taxable payroll, if increased by at least \$1,000,000 above a pre-determined base year amount. Qualified taxpayers must be subject to the Personal Income Tax (excluding employer withholding), Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, and Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax. The Program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

## **Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)**

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

**Eligibility:** municipalities, Councils of Governments, Businesses, Economic Development Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies and Post-Rail/Freight. The program is jointly administered by DCED and PennDOT under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

## **Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)**

Provides funding to assist local governments to plan for and efficiently implement a variety of services and improvements, and soundly manage development with an emphasis on intergovernmental approaches. Funding is available for three groups of activities: shared services, community planning and floodplain management. The program is administered by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS) within the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

**Eligibility:** Counties and municipalities, Shared service activities require two or more participating municipalities, Some projects are open to COGs and other intergovernmental organizations where duly authorized by participating municipalities.

## **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)**

Under Article XIX-A of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 known as the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) (72 P.S. §8901-A et seq.) as amended, DCED is authorized to administer the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). The goals of the Programs are to promote community participation and collaborations among the residents nonprofits and businesses while producing outcomes by assisting a distressed area or the low-income population in a neighborhood. Eligible neighborhood nonprofits (“Applicants”) apply for tax credits based on pending contributions from for-profit companies (“Contributors”). There are five components to this Act intended to benefit low income populations, and as such must not result in the displacement or forced relocation of low income individuals or households.

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

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

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

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

## **Neighborhood Assistance Program Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (NAP/EZP)**

As part of the Neighborhood Assistance Act (Act 48-1994) (72 P.S. §8901-A et seq.), the Enterprise Zone Program Tax Credit (EZP) is intended for private for-profit companies working in distressed areas within a designated, Enterprise Zone, Keystone Main Street, Keystone Community, or Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone. Applicants make qualified investments to construct, rehabilitate, expand, and improve buildings or land that promote community development. Once the EZP application is approved the private company is eligible for up to a 25 percent tax credit with a maximum of \$500,000 in credits for the EZP project. For application dates and other important information regarding the program please visit our website at [dced.pa.gov](http://dced.pa.gov).

**Eligibility:** Any private company with an investment located in an enterprise zone.

## **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**

Grants to communities to address the housing foreclosure crisis created by subprime and other problematic mortgage lending. This program is authorized under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Eligible applicants are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals. All grant funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income, and middle-income persons (up to 120 percent of area median income). Twenty-five percent of the funds must benefit low-income persons (up to 50 percent of area median income). Refer to program guidelines.

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

## **Next Generation Farmer Loan Program**

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

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

## **Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)**

The program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used by Opportunity Scholarship Organizations to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low-achieving school to attend another public school outside of their district or nonpublic school. A low-achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15 percent of their designation as an elementary or secondary school based upon combined math and reading Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) scores. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made. The tax credits awarded to businesses will be equal to 75 percent of their contribution amount, which can be increased to 90 percent upon the business committing for two years. The total may not exceed \$750,000 per taxable year.

## **Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program (OAWP)**

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the

Commonwealth Financing Authority for funding orphan or abandoned well plugging projects using the Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program (OAWP). Pennsylvania has hundreds of thousands of oil and gas wells drilled since 1859. This program provides a mechanism to plug abandoned and orphaned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety or environmental concerns. Acceptable use of this fund includes projects which involve the cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells; stray gas mitigation systems; and well venting projects.

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

## **PEER**

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

## **PA Small Water and Sewer (SWS)**

Grants for small water, sewer, storm sewer and flood control infrastructure projects. Pursuant to Article XVII-A , § 1774.1-A, of the Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, as amended (The Fiscal Code) the sum of \$40,000,000 was made available to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for eligible projects. Potential uses include Activities to assist with the construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation or repair of a water supply or sanitary sewer system.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and Municipal Authorities.

## **Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)**

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

## **Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP)**

The Pennsylvania Capital Access Program provides a loan guarantee to small businesses based on a portfolio concept. The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) provides capital to guarantee loans made through participating lending institutions in conjunction with the program. Most companies authorized to do business in Pennsylvania will

qualify for a PennCAP loan. Start-up businesses may be financed through PennCAP. Consult a loan officer at a participating bank for a list of excluded activities. Loan proceeds must be used for business purposes in Pennsylvania.

## **Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program (PDIP)**

The Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program was established under Act 42 of 2018 for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Uses include: Activities for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry.

**Eligibility:** Business, Not-for-profits, Schools, Institutions of higher education.

## **Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt & Taxable Bond Program**

The program issues tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building equipment, working capital and refinancings. Loans are for no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$10 million for manufacturers. A \$500 fee due at time of application is to be credited against the issuance fee when the project closes.

**Eligibility:** All types of businesses and projects needing access to low-cost capital. Eligible Applicants should apply through an Industrial Development Authority or Corporation.

## **Pennsylvania First (PA First)**

Pennsylvania First is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. This is the principal closing fund used by GAT. Funds may be used toward Machinery/equipment; Job training; Infrastructure; Land and building improvements; Environmental assessment/remediation; Acquisition of land, buildings, right-of-ways; Working capital and Site preparation.

**Eligibility:** Businesses, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Redevelopment Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities or Corporations, Local Development Districts.

## **Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)**

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

related service enterprises. Eligible use of funding would include: Land and building acquisitions; Construction and renovation costs; Machinery and equipment purchases; Working capital and accounts receivable lines of credit, Multi-tenant facility projects; Industrial park projects.

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

## **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)**

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

**Eligibility:** Any owner or operator (public or private) of an existing or proposed drinking water or wastewater system; Any municipal owner of a storm water conveyance system

## **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)**

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

## **Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)**

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

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

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

This program is designed to provide a source of capital to Community Development Financial

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

**Eligibility:** Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) only.

## **Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE)**

The Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) provides grants to construct the last few miles of natural gas distribution lines to business parks, existing manufacturing and industrial enterprises, which will result in the creation of new economic base jobs in the commonwealth while providing access to natural gas for residents. The maximum grant amount of any Pipeline Investment Program project shall not exceed \$1.5 million or 50% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site preparation costs associated with extending natural gas pipelines to serve eligible applicants: (Economic Development Organizations, Businesses, Municipalities, Hospitals, and School Districts).

## **Powdered Metals Program**

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

## **Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program**

This is a statewide program offering assistance to registered Apprenticeship Programs. The program's goal is to increase apprenticeship availability to Pennsylvania employers to assist them with their talent recruitment and development. Funding will be provided to eligible applicants: (A Single Employer, Employer Consortia, Workforce Development Boards, Economic Development Organizations, Labor Organizations, Local Career Technical Education Institutions, Pennsylvania Community Colleges and Community Organizations or Associations. The apprenticeship program must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office and evidenced by a certificate of registration.

## **Private Dam Financial Assurance Program (PDFAP)**

The Private Dam Financial Assurance Program was established under the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program Act (PDFAP Act) to provide financial assurance assistance to owners of regulated private dams to meet proof of financial responsibility required under Section 11 of the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act. The PDFAP Act also has a provision to provide low interest loans to eligible dams once the fund has reached \$1,500,000. The program

is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Uses include: Maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reclamation, permanent breach, demolition, excavation, and engineering. Eligible applicants include any of the following owners who own, control, operate, maintain, or manage a regulated private dam and are enrolled in the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program: Person, Partnership, Association, Common Interest Community, Community Association, Corporation. Private Dam Owners looking to enroll in the program must submit a Private Dam Enrollment application on the electronic single application (ESA) on the ESA website. Enrollment in the program requires the payment of a \$1,000 enrollment fee and an amount equal to 1% of the Proof of Financial Responsibility amount required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

## **Qualified Manufacturing Innovation & Reinvestment Deduction**

The Qualified Manufacturing Innovation and Reinvestment Deduction was established pursuant to the act of October 30, 2017 (P.L. 672, No. 43) (72 P.S. §§ 7407.6 and 7407.7), as amended, to encourage increased investment and job creation through manufacturing in Pennsylvania. The program will be jointly administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (the “Department”) and the Department of Revenue. Qualified businesses are eligible to deduct five percent of their private capital investment from their corporate net income tax liability if they invest more than \$100 million in the creation of new or refurbished manufacturing capacity.

Eligible applicants must be:

- a. An entity that is engaged in manufacturing.
- b. Registered to do business in Pennsylvania and subject to Corporate Net Income Tax.
- c. An Employer directly responsible for the collection, withholding and remittance of Individual Taxes to the Department of Revenue on behalf of the workforce.
- d. Able to obtain and maintain state tax compliance clearance status with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue.
- e. Able to demonstrate a new private capital investment in excess of \$60 million for the creation of new or refurbished manufacturing capacity within three years of a designated start date and associated with a new location or expansion project at a commonwealth site (the “project site”).
- f. Able to provide current and projected employment figures in Pennsylvania and at the project site.

Eligible projects will include the creation of new manufacturing capacity or improvements to existing manufacturing capacity at an identified project site limited to the mechanical, physical, biological, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products that are the creations of new items of tangible personal property for sale.

## **Research & Development Tax Credit Program**

The Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D Tax Credit) program was established to assist

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

**Eligibility:** Businesses qualifying for the federal Research and Development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania. Eligible Applicants should apply with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

## **Rural Jobs Investment Tax Credit Program (RJTC)**

The Rural Jobs and Investment Tax Credit Program (“Program”) is an investment tool designed to offer rural business owners access to capital for business development in rural areas. The capital is sourced to Rural Growth Funds, designated to receive up to \$50 million dollars in capital contributions from investors. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is using this investment tool to attract and retain rural businesses to the commonwealth, create family sustaining jobs, and to stimulate economic growth in rural businesses.

Eligible applicants (or Affiliates of the Applicant) requesting a Rural Growth Fund designation must: Be a licensed rural business investment company under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act or a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act; Have invested at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in rural areas of the commonwealth or other states and Be registered to do business in the Commonwealth.

## **Second Stage Loan Program**

The Second Stage Loan Program offers Loan Guarantees for working capital for 2-7 yr old manufacturing, biotech and technology-oriented companies The SSLP is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Preference will be given to guarantees for working capital. Land, building, machinery and equipment are also eligible.

**Eligibility:** Banks that do business within Pennsylvania.

## **Section 108 Program**

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

**Eligibility:** Loan Guarantees as security for federal loans and Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities.

## **Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)**

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

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

## **Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)**

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

**Eligibility:** Manufacturing, Industrial, Agricultural, Research and development, Hospitality, Defense conversion, Recycling, Construction, Child day-care, Retail and service, Export and computer-related service enterprises. The business must be certified by the PA Department of General Services (DGS) as a minority-owned, woman owned, veteran-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned business with 100 or fewer employees worldwide

## **Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP) formerly known as Early Intervention Program (EIP)**

In order to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties, the Program provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short- and long-term financial objectives. A 50 percent match is required. Please refer to program guidelines for additional details.

**Eligibility:** PA Local Governments.

## **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.

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

## **Video Game Tax Credit**

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

**Eligibility:** Restricted to Video Game Production Company and designed to attract investment in the commonwealth by awarding tax credits for production expenses incurred by video game production companies. Please refer to the program guidelines for additional information on eligibility.

## **Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding (UHSB)**

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

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

## **Waterfront Development Tax Credit (WDTC)**

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

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

## **Watershed Restoration Protection Program (WRPP)**

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund which allocates funds to CFA for watershed restoration and protection projects. The overall goal of the WRPP is to restore and maintain stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff and ultimately to remove these streams from DEP's Impaired Waters list. Funds are used for projects involving the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs).

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, For-Profit Businesses.

## **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

This program increases energy efficiency in homes by reducing energy costs and increasing comfort while safeguarding health and safety. For Weatherization, an energy audit of the home is conducted which determines air flow and leakage. A priority list of measures is followed to determine what should be done in a home to reduce energy usage. Measures may include weather-stripping, insulation, and window or door repair. For a LIHEAP Crisis, furnaces may be repaired or replaced. LIHEAP funds, if available after the crisis season is over, are also used to weatherize homes.

**Eligibility:** Low-income individuals (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level), with priority given to higher risk residents such as the elderly, disabled individuals, families with children and high energy users.

## **WEDnetPA**

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

# THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA)

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

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

## Philadelphia Local Share Account (LSA) Program

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

**Use:** To support economic development, neighborhood revitalization, community improvement, and public interest projects in the City of Philadelphia.

**Funding Source:** Local Share Account - Philadelphia

**Funds:** Grant amounts will vary based on the specific project requirements, but are limited to a minimum request/award of \$10,000 and a maximum request/award of \$500,000.

**Application Deadline:** December 1 to January 31

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

## Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF)

**Who May Apply:** Allegheny County Municipalities, Authorities (Redevelopment, Municipal or Industrial), Councils of Government, Non-Profit Organizations, Trusts and For-Profit Organizations.

**Use:** To support community and economic development projects in Allegheny County.

**Funding Source:** PA Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund

**Funds:** Awards between \$150,000 and \$500,000.

**Application Deadline:** Not specified

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Projects-and-Initiatives/Economic-Development/Authorities/Redevelopment-Authority-RAAC/Gaming-Economic-Development-Tourism-Fund>

## Act 13 Grant Programs

**Who May Apply:** Counties, municipalities and commonwealth agencies.

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Funds:** Varies by program.

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program (AMDATP)**

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA for abandoned mine drainage, abatement and treatment with the (AMDATP). As one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania, billions of gallons of Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth.

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

**Uses:** Funding is used for projects involving the reclamation of Abandoned Mine Well(s), construction of a new AMD site, remediation and repair of existing AMD project sites, operation and maintenance of current AMD remediation sites, establishment of a trust fund to ensure ongoing maintenance is achieved and monitoring of water quality to track or continue to trace nonpoint source load reductions resulting from AMD remediation projects.

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **Orphan and Abandoned Well Plugging (OAWP)**

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

**Uses:** Orphan or abandoned well plugging projects.

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Dates:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## Baseline Water Quality Data

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA to be used for statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP). Funding is used for projects involving water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Dates:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## Blight Remediation Program

Section 1726-K (E) of the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L. , No. 20), under the Fiscal Code creates within the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") the Blight Remediation Program for blight remediation, including hazard mitigation, within the commonwealth, and authorizes the Authority to adopt guidelines to ensure that grants are made available to all geographic areas of the commonwealth.

Eligible Blight Remediation Program projects must be undertaken by an eligible applicant and include:

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

## Building PA

The program provides mezzanine capital for developers of real estate assets in small to

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

## **Business in Our Sites (BOS) Loans**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Energy Programs**

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

**Contact:** Greg Walker at (717) 787-6245

## **High Performance Building Program (HPB)**

HPB provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the state.

## **Renewable Energy Program (REP)**

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

## **Solar Energy Program (SEP)**

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

## **Alternative & Clean Energy Program**

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

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

## **PA Dairy Investment Program**

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

Interested applicants are encouraged to review the CFA website for updates.

## **First Industries Fund (FIF)**

The First Industries Fund is loan and loan guarantee program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. The program is administered by both the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Department of Community and Economic Development. Funds for loans and loan guarantees are awarded for land and building acquisition and construction, and machinery and equipment purchase and upgrades; working capital grants are for planning and predevelopment activities.

**Eligibility:** Businesses, Non-Profit Business Enterprise, Non-Profit Organization engaged in tourism-related or agriculture-related activities.

## **Flood Mitigation Program (FMP)**

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the

Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for funding statewide initiatives to assist with flood mitigation projects. Projects authorized by a flood protection authority, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or identified by a local government for flood mitigation are eligible for the program.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organization, Institution of Higher Education, Watershed Organization, For-Profit Businesses. Applications will be accepted between February 1, 2021 and May 31, 2021.

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

**Uses:** Flood mitigation projects.

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP)**

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

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **High Performance Building Program (HPB)**

The High Performance Building Program provides financial assistance in the form of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the commonwealth. The program is

administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Protection under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

**Eligibility:** Small Businesses (less than 100 employees), Individuals. \*An HPB is a building that adheres to the standards adopted by the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection that optimizes the energy performance of buildings.

## **PA Small Water and Sewer (SWS)**

Grants for small water, sewer, storm sewer and flood control infrastructure projects. Pursuant to Article XVII-A , § 1774.1-A, of the Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, as amended (The Fiscal Code) the sum of \$40,000,000 was made available to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for eligible projects. Potential uses include: Activities to assist with the construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation or repair of a water supply or sanitary sewer system.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and Municipal Authorities.

## **Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program (PDIP)**

The Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program was established under Act 42 of 2018 for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Uses include: Activities for research and development, organic transition, value-added processing, and marketing in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry.

**Eligibility:** Businesses, Not-for-profits, Schools, Institutions of higher education.

## **Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)**

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

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **Pennsylvania Water Projects and Programs**

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

Applications will be available as determined by CFA.

### **The H2O PA Act**

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

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

### **High Hazard Dam**

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

### **Flood Control**

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

### **Statewide Local Share Account (LSA)**

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

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

**Funding Source:** State Gaming Fund

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

**Application Deadline:** November 30, 2024

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

### **Local Share Account (LSA)**

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

Eligible applicants and uses of funds vary by county/program.

## **Local Share Account (LSA) – Luzerne County**

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

## **Local Share Account (LSA) – Monroe County**

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

## **Local Share Account (LSA) – Northampton and Lehigh Counties**

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

## **Multimodal Transportation Fund**

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth.

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Multimodal Transportation Fund

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

**Application Deadline:** Annually between March 1 and July 31

**More Information:** Click on <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/#.WJDkM3kzW70>

## **Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRRP)**

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Marcellus Legacy Fund

**Application Deadline:** Annually between February 1 and May 31

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

## **Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE)**

The Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) provides grants to construct the last few miles of natural gas distribution lines to business parks, existing manufacturing and industrial enterprises, which will result in the creation of new economic base jobs in the commonwealth while providing access to natural gas for residents.

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

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

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

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

# DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR)

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov>

DCNR Grants is an electronic grants system that provides one-stop shopping to the grantee community for all Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants. DCNR Grants standardizes the application process and provides an environmentally friendly way to submit a grant application to DCNR through a secure internet connection.

Click the [Grant Opportunities](#) link to explore the various grant opportunities that are available and the details of each grant opportunity. Click the [Sign In](#) link to register and complete your application online.

Central Office Customer Service Line (Harrisburg) 1 (800) 326-7734

Email: [DCNR-Grants@pa.gov](mailto:DCNR-Grants@pa.gov)

## REGIONAL OFFICES

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

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

### North Central Field Office (Aristes)

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

More information can be obtained at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

## **Land Trust Projects**

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

More information can be obtained at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

## **Partnerships Grant Program**

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

More information can be found at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

## **Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)**

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

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

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

**Funding Source:** Multiple State and Federal Sources

**Deadline:** Annually January to April. It is highly suggested that applicants speak with their DCNR Regional Advisor prior to applying: [http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocumentdocId=1753442&DocName=d\\_001184.pdf](http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocumentdocId=1753442&DocName=d_001184.pdf)

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

## **Pennsylvania Recreational Trails (PRT) Program**

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

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

## **Trails Program**

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

More information can be found at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

## **Rivers Conservation**

The purpose of this funding is to develop or implement watershed/river-corridor conservation plans. Priority is given to applications that propose the implementation of recommendations from river or watershed plans on the Pennsylvania Rivers Registry. The bureau will consider early implementation development projects for funding in watersheds not linked to a Rivers

Conservation Plan if the project can stand on its own merits and presents a significant and/or unique opportunity that connects communities to their rivers and advances the goals of the Rivers Conservation Program. These grants require a minimum of a 50% match, which can include a combination of cash and/or non-cash values.

More information can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr.html>

## **Snowmobile Projects**

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

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

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

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

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

## **All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Projects**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Circuit Rider**

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

More information can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr.html>

## Peer Grants

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

More information can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr.html>

## Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

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

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

**Funding Source:** Federal Funds

**Funds:** Grants up to \$15,000

**Application Deadline:** March 31st, 2025

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

## Bureau of Forestry Grants

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

**Contact:** Charles C. Choplick, Program Manager, at (717) 787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr.html>

## Wild Resource Conservation Program (WRCP)

Wild Resource Conservation Program – The Wild Resource Conservation Program awards grants for biodiversity research, conservation and education. While the exact grant priorities vary from year to year, the focus is on research and conservation needs of Pennsylvania's native flora and non-game wildlife.

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

**Use:** Field research and on-the-ground conservation projects that protect Pennsylvania's non-game animals, native plants and their habitat. Grant applications will be accepted in three areas: species surveys, conservation and management. Among this year's grant priorities are surveys and projects focusing on edible and medicinal plants, effects of fire management on wildlife, the checkered sculpin fish, and plant genetics.

**Funding Source:** Wild Resources Conservation Fund

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

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

## **Coldwater Conservation Planning & Implementation Grants**

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership is a collaborative effort between the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)\*, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited (PATU), and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds (FPW).

The purpose of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) is to provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation, and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. For more information on the CHP program please visit [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org).

Grants will be awarded to develop a Coldwater Conservation Plan or implement projects recommended in an existing Coldwater Conservation Plan (or similar document) to protect Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded toward planning projects, while up to \$10,000 will be awarded toward implementation projects.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include the following: 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, conservation districts, counties, and municipalities. Organizations which do not have non-profit status in Pennsylvania must identify a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that will administer the finances for the grant (a pass-through organization). Grantees or their pass-through agent must provide proof of 501(c)3 status AND be registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

**Funding Source:** DCNR funding is made possible through the Community Conservation Partnership Program.

**Deadline:** Not indicated

**Contact:** Rachel Kester at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov) at (814) 359-5233

**More Information:** Click on [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org)

## **Pennsylvania Environmental Council: PA Water Trails Mini-Grants**

**Who May Apply:** Non-profit organizations and public entities (such as a county, municipality, or municipal agency).

**Use:** To advance program goals such as creating recreational opportunities for all

Pennsylvanians on Water Trails; developing trails that support sustainable use of natural resources; increasing and improving physical and psychological access to Water Trails; and connecting water trails to land trails or to other culturally significant community assets.

**Funding Source:** Community Conservation Partnership Program Funding

**Funds:** Up to \$5,000.

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://pecpa.org/apply>

## **PA Environmental Council: Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape Mini Grants**

**Who May Apply:** Non-profit organizations with tax-exempt status 501(c)(3), municipalities, counties and educational institutions.

**Use:** To support and advance the Conservation, Community, and Connections goals and objectives of the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape (PFWCL) for projects located within the counties of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne.

**Funding Source:** Community Conservation Partnership Program Funding

**Funds:** Vary by award.

**More Information:** Click on <https://pecpa.org/apply>

# DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS (DDAP)

<https://www.ddap.pa.gov>

Pennsylvania's Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) was created under [Act 50 of 2010](#). In July 2012, DDAP (formerly under the Department of Health) became a department. This change reflected a strong commitment provide education, intervention, treatment, and recovery support programs to reduce drug and alcohol dependency.

The department's mission is to engage, coordinate and lead the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's efforts to prevent and reduce drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction and to promote recovery, thereby reducing the human and economic impact of the disease.

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

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

## Funding and Grants Process

DDAP provides treatment funding to the SCAs for individuals who are uninsured and underinsured.

Licensed drug and alcohol treatment providers may contact their local SCA to find out if any grant opportunities are available in addition to contacting DDAP Press Office to join the listserv to receive up-to-date announcements on funding opportunities.

## Competitive Grant Process

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

Information is available on:

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

## Federal Application Requirements

As of April 2022, the federal government stopped using the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to uniquely identify entities. Entities doing business with the federal government will now use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which is created in the System for Award Management (SAM). The SAM can be located at [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov). This transition allows the

government to streamline the entity identification and validation process, making it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the federal government.

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

## **DDAP/Department of Community and Economic Development (DCEd): Pennsylvania's Recovery Housing Program**

**Who May Apply:** Any entity registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State which is able to provide recovery housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorder (SUD).

**Use:** To provide safe housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD).

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

**Funds:** Grants up to \$50,000.

**Application Deadline:** Until funds are expended

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>

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

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

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

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

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

## **Funding and Grants Process**

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

## Competitive Grant Process

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

Information is available on:

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

## Federal Application Requirements

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

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

## DDAP/Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED): Pennsylvania's Recovery Housing Program

**Who May Apply:** Any entity registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State which is able to provide recovery housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorder (SUD).

**Use:** To provide safe housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD).

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

**Funds:** Grants up to \$50,000.

**Application Deadline:** Until funds are expended

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>

## U.S. Department of Justice FY 2024 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

**Who May Apply:** City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Special district governments, and State governments.

**Use:** To establish, expand, and improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders during their incarceration and upon reentry into the community.

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

**Funds:** Varies by award.

**Application Deadline:** May 13, 2024

**More Information:** Click on [FY 2023 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#).

## **U.S. Department of Justice FY 2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program**

**Who May Apply:**

**Category 1:** Local or Tribal Applications: City or township governments, County governments, City, township, or county governments in rural areas (as defined in solicitation), and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

**Category 2:** State Applications: State governments.

**Use:** To develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs in response to the overdose crisis and impacts of illicit opioids, stimulants, or other substances.

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

**Funds:** Varies by award.

**Application Deadline:** July 8, 2024

**More Information:** Click on [FY 2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program Training and Technical Assistance | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#).

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

The Pennsylvania Department of Education administers the following grants:

- Career & Technical Education
- Division of Adult Education
- Dual Credit Grant
- eGrants
- Teacher and Principal Residency
- Its On Us PA
- PAsmart
- Safe Schools
- School Improvement Grants (SIG)
- Teacher in the Workplace
- Troops to Teachers

## Career & Technical Education

### Competitive Equipment Grants

This grant is for school districts and career and technical centers with eight (8) or more PDE-approved CTE programs. Funds are used for updating or purchasing new equipment used in the training of students.

[Career and Technical Education Competitive Equipment Grant Guidelines\(PDF\)](#)

[2023-2024 Competitive Equipment Awardees](#)

### Supplemental Equipment Grants

Supplemental Equipment Grant funds provide school districts and career and technical centers/area vocational-technical schools (the opportunity to purchase equipment to prepare students for the workplace. Application for this grant is completed electronically using the eGrants system.

[Supplemental Equipment Grant Guidelines](#)

[2024-2025 Career and Technical Education Grant Eligible Schools](#)

### Final Expenditure Report

Guidelines for all career and technical education grants require the recipient to submit a [Final Expenditure Report](#) (FER) for all program funds for which the recipient applied and was approved.

### Perkins Local Application Funding Guidelines

[Perkins Local Application Funding Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

Title I, Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018  
P.L. 115-224

## Division of Adult Education

Applicants should read the appropriate **Request for Grant Application Guidelines** and **grant content document**, watch the **corresponding information webinar**, and review existing **Frequently Asked Questions** before submitting questions to [ra-able@pa.gov](mailto:ra-able@pa.gov).

## Family Literacy Direct Service

- [Family Literacy Direct Service Grant Recipients](#)
- [Family Literacy Direct Service Competition Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Family Literacy Direct Service RGA Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Creating Family Literacy Direct Service Grant Applications in eGrants](#)
- [Family Literacy Direct Service Grant Application Content](#) (PDF)

*Note: The document with grant content is for reference only. Grant applications will be submitted via eGrants.*

## Tutoring Program for Adults

- [Tutoring Program for Adults Grant Recipients](#)
- [Tutoring Program for Adults Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Tutoring Program for Adults RGA Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Creating Tutoring Program for Adults Grant Applications in eGrants](#)
- [Tutoring Program for Adults Grant Application Content](#) (PDF)

*Note: The document with grant content is for reference only. Grant applications will be submitted via eGrants.*

## Statewide Distance Learning Project

- [Statewide Distance Learning Project Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Statewide Distance Learning Project RGA Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Creating Statewide Distance Learning Project Grant Applications in eGrants](#)
- [Statewide Distance Learning Project Grant Application Content](#) (PDF)
- [Statewide Distance Learning Grant Information Webinar](#) (YouTube)

*Note: The document with grant content is for reference only. Grant applications will be submitted via eGrants.*

## Adult Basic Education Direct Services

- [Adult Basic Education Direct Services Grant Recipients](#)
- [Pennsylvania Bulletin Notice of Availability of Funds](#)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Grant Competition Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service RGA Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Creating Adult Basic Education Direct Service Grant Applications in eGrants](#)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Grant Application Content](#) (PDF)

*Note: The document with grant content is for reference only. Grant applications will be submitted via eGrants.*

- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Table for Demonstrated Effectiveness for Programs Funded under Title II WIOA in the prior three program years](#) (Excel)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Table for Demonstrated Effectiveness for Programs Not Funded under Title II WIOA in the prior three program years](#) (Excel)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Grant Competition Information Webinar](#) (YouTube)
- [Adult Basic Education Direct Service Grant Information Webinar Slides](#) (PDF)

## **Historical Grant Information**

[Access documents, webinars, and additional information specific to prior adult education grant competitions.](#)

## **Dual Credit Grant 2022-2023**

### **Background and Guidelines**

Effective with the 2022-23 school year, Pennsylvania law ([24 P.S. § 15-1525](#)) requires school entities to enter into agreements with IHEs approved to operate in Pennsylvania to allow students to earn college-level credit prior to graduating high school. These agreements are referred to as dual credit agreements because credit is earned at both the secondary school and the IHE. In accordance with section 1525 of the Pennsylvania School Code ([24 P.S. § 15-1525](#)) all school districts, area career and technical schools, charter schools, cyber charter schools and regional charter schools must enter into at least one agreement with an institution of higher education (IHE) approved to operate in the commonwealth that allows secondary school students to attend the IHE while the students are enrolled in the school entity. A school entity may have agreements with more than one IHE; IHEs may have agreements with more than one school entity.

To support school entities with meeting these requirements and to increase access to dual credit coursework statewide, the PDE Division of Instructional Quality will award up to \$6.5 million in state funds to eligible school entities through a competitive grant process to create or expand dual credit programs.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible proposals will focus on addressing the goal of the Dual Credit grant which is to create or expand equitable and innovative dual credit opportunities for all secondary school students, all students enrolled in the school entity, including students experiencing educational instability, students enrolled in career and technical education programs, low-income students, and historically underserved student groups. Specifically, consideration will be given to proposals that include (but are not limited to) any of the following:

1. Creation or expansion of a dual credit program whereby secondary school students receive credits at or through an IHE approved to operate in the commonwealth and wherein credits earned by secondary school students are the same as those offered to postsecondary school students enrolled an IHE.

2. Creation or expansion of a dual credit program whereby secondary school students may use the credits earned at an IHE toward the completion of courses required for graduation at the school entity.
3. Creation or expansion of a dual credit program wherein courses are offered in-person, online, or a combination of in-person and online.
4. Creation or expansion of a dual credit program wherein the school entity pays for the tuition, fees, supplies, and/or other costs related to the secondary school student's enrollment in courses at an IHE.
5. Creation or expansion of opportunities for the school entity's teachers to become appropriately credentialed by an IHE to teach or facilitate IHE courses for secondary students, including completing coursework and/or professional development as required by an IHE for credentialing.
6. Expansion of the number of agreements with IHEs that offer dual credit opportunities to secondary school students. Funds received through this dual credit grant may be used to offset out-of-state IHE registration and approval fees [see approval process].

For the purposes of this grant application, expansion of a dual credit program includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Increasing the number of courses offered for dual credit with an approved IHE;
2. Increasing the number of students participating in dual credit opportunities, including students experiencing educational instability, students enrolled in career and technical education programs, low-income students, and historically underserved student groups;
3. Augmenting the modality or location of course offerings, to include on-line courses, hybrid courses, courses at the school entity, or courses at the IHE.

## **Funding**

- Eligible grantees may receive a total award amount up to \$75,000 for expenditures realized between August 1, 2022, and June 30, 2024. Awards are contingent upon available funding.
- Funds may be expended only for purposes identified in the proposal and approved by the Division of Instructional Quality. Funds expended beyond those identified and approved will not be reimbursed.
- Applicants may request up to \$75,000. The Department reserves the right not to review applications whose request exceeds \$75,000.
- Funds must be used in accordance with the criteria identified in section 1525 of the Pennsylvania School Code (24 P.S. § 15-1525) and fulfill the requirements of the guidelines set forth in this request for application.
- Funding is not guaranteed. All grants are competitive and reviewed based on meeting the application requirements, statutory priorities, and scoring rubrics.

## **Eligible Expenses**

Due to limited funding, only items directly related to eligible programs and activities covered in this request for application will be funded by the Dual Credit grant. Grant funds paid to the

school entity may not be used for direct salaries or fringe benefits. All budgets will be reviewed to evaluate appropriateness and connection to proposed grant activities and goals.

## **Award and Disbursement of Funds**

Grant awards are projected to be announced in March 2023. Grantees will subsequently be required to sign a grant agreement with the Division of Instructional Quality. Expenditures to be reimbursed under the grant will be retroactive to August 1, 2022. All grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2024.

The PDE Division of Instructional Quality will seek repayment of funds if it determines that funds were not utilized for the original stated and approved purpose. All unused grant funds must be returned to the Division of Instructional Quality with the final report.

## **Application**

Eligible school entities interested in applying must first indicate their interest between **Friday, February 16, 2023**, and **Friday, February 24, 2023**, by completing the [form noted in the RFAO](#).

Eligible school entities, who indicate interest, will receive access to the grant application in eGrants. The application submission window will open at 12:00 AM on **Monday, February 27, 2023**, and will close at 11:59 PM on **Friday, March 10, 2023**.

## **E-Grants**

The eGrants system is designed to allow licensed educational agencies and certain community-based programs within the Commonwealth online access to many of the PA Department of Education grants.

To access your eGrant or other grant-related information, click on the link to the eGrants main page listed below.

On the eGrants main page, you will also find a link to “On-line - eGrants Support” where you can get help with any technical questions that you may have about the eGrants system. Just click on the link, fill in the form, and send your request. Each request for support will be followed up with an email or phone call from our eGrants Help Desk.

Support Policy: Support is provided for the eGrants Web Site from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Maintenance Policy: The eGrants Web Site may be unavailable on the first Sunday of each month, from 7am to 5pm, for routine maintenance.

[eGrants Application](#)

## **It's On Us PA**

It's On Us PA is a statewide campaign that invites everyone to play a role in ending sexual assault. Building off the momentum of the national [It's On Us](#) movement, It's On Us PA brings together college and university presidents, superintendents, administrators, teachers, students, families, and community members to reframe the conversation around sexual violence and pledge to be part of the solution.

## Take the Pledge

[Take the It's On Us PA pledge](#) to help keep people safe from sexual assault. This personal commitment is a promise to be a part of the solution to the problem - not a bystander. It's On Us to:

- recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault.
- identify situations in which sexual assault may occur.
- intervene in situations where consent has not or cannot be given.
- create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.

## Grants

On December 10, 2021, nearly \$1 million in grants were announced to combat campus sexual assault at 34 colleges and universities across the state, listed below. Since 2016, the Wolf Administration has awarded 225 It's On Us PA Grants totaling nearly \$6 million to post-secondary institutions across the state - including public and private two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

For access to the [eGrants](#) system and the related grant opportunities, prospective applicants should complete the [eGrants Request Form](#). Please note that the person completing the grant application must have signatory authority to negotiate grants and contracts for the institution and be able to upload documentation into the eGrants system. Institutions with eSign ability in eGrants will be able to utilize this feature to complete the application.

Note: As of September 14, 2022, eGrants transitioned to [MyPDESuite](#). Directions to navigate this change are located on the [eGrants](#) sign-in page.

- [2022-2023 It's On Us PA Grant Request for Application](#) (Word)
- [2022-2023 It's On Us PA Grant Application FOR REFERENCE ONLY](#) (Word)
- [2022-2023 It's On Us PA Grant Program FAQ](#)

## Act 16 of 2019 (Article XX-J)

On June 28, 2019, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law Act 16 of 2019 (Act 16) which added Article XX-J to the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949. Building on the It's On Us PA initiative, this law includes statutory requirements for addressing sexual assault at postsecondary institutions in Pennsylvania that award an associate degree or higher. The Governor also signed a law establishing protection for students reporting sexual assault from being disciplined for violating school drug, alcohol or other policies. [Learn more about the sexual violence policy, PDE's model policy, and the anonymous online reporting system.](#)

## Act 55 of 2022 (Article XX-G)

On July 8, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 55 of 2022 (Act 55) into law, amending Article XX-G of Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949. Effective the 2022-23 school year, all institutions of higher education (institutions) and postsecondary private licensed schools (schools) must adopt a definition of consent as part of their code of conduct or sexual misconduct or harassment policy. By December 31, 2022, each institution and school must

enter into (or update at the next renewal) and maintain a memorandum of understanding with at least one rape crisis center and one domestic violence program, and by July 1, 2023, institutions must establish and implement an educational program, in consultation with at least one local rape crisis center and one domestic violence program, that includes sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking education prevention and response. [More information, including resources and specific information pertaining to Article XX-G.](#)

**2023-24 It's On Us Grantee Award List**

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Carnegie Mellon University	\$40,000.00
Cedar Crest College	\$40,000.00
Commonwealth University	\$60,000.00
Community College of Philadelphia	\$60,000.00
Contemporary Health Career Institute	\$6,160.00
DeSales University	\$10,700.00
Duquesne University	\$40,000.00
Eastern University	\$40,000.00
Franklin and Marshall College	\$39,330.00
Gannon University	\$40,000.00
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine	\$40,000.00
Gettysburg College	\$40,000.00
Haverford College	\$40,000.00
Holy Family University	\$40,000.00
Immaculata University	\$40,000.00
Juniata College	\$40,000.00
Kutztown University	\$40,000.00
Lafayette College	\$40,000.00
Lehigh University	\$37,200.00
Lycoming College	\$40,000.00
Manor College	\$39,799.00
Pennsylvania Gunsmith School	\$1,779.00
Pennsylvania State University	\$60,000.00
Point Park University	\$40,000.00
Robert Morris University	\$40,000.00
Saint Francis University	\$40,000.00
Saint Joseph's University	\$36,158.00
Saint Vincent College	\$40,000.00

Seton Hill University	\$40,000.00
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	\$34,200.00
Susquehanna University	\$37,100.00
Temple University	\$20,000.00
Thiel College	\$40,000.00
University of Scranton	\$40,000.00
Villanova University	\$49,290.00
West Chester University	\$51,813.00
York College of Pennsylvania	\$35,000.00

## **PAsmart**

Pennsylvania’s future depends on the development of a highly skilled workforce able to compete in the global economy.

Over the next decade, most good paying jobs in Pennsylvania will require some form of education or training after high school, especially in the fast-growing fields of STEM and computer science. However, we know a one-size-fits-all approach to education and training will not work for everyone.

To expand access to STEM and computer science teaching and learning, and to help ensure students across Pennsylvania have the skills and abilities to meet the economic needs of the 21st century, [PAsmart initiative](#) was launched.

PAsmart strategically invests resources in education and training opportunities to support Pennsylvania’s economic growth now and in the future.

### **PAsmart Grants**

Since 2018, the Wolf Administration has secured \$60 million and strategically invested in education and workforce development through PAsmart. The [Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board](#) provided initial recommendations and approved the framework for the funding priorities.

Targeted and Advancing PAsmart grants support high-quality STEM and computer science learning and professional development opportunities to communities across Pennsylvania, including within early learning centers, libraries, out-of-school time providers, career and technical centers, post-secondary institutions, and K-12 schools. The department awarded a total of 438 PAsmart grants since the 2018-19 school year.

### **Targeted Grants**

Up to \$35,000 each, these grants are structured to meet the needs of LEAs and their schools that currently have limited to no CS/STEM offerings. There are two funding options:

**Option 1:** LEAs may request funding to send teams of educators and administrators to PDE-designed professional development (see Appendix A), which is aligned to the [CSTA standards](#) and the [K-12 Computer Science Framework](#).

**Option 2:** LEAs may request funding to support alternative professional learning by an expert STEM/CS institution. The alternative professional learning must incorporate evidence-based approaches and be aligned to the [CSTA standards](#) and the [K-12 Computer Science Framework](#).

**Prerequisite:** All PAsmart Targeted Grant recipients will be required to engage in a 1-day comprehensive planning workshop on SCRIPT, a comprehensive planning tool for computer science education.

[View a list of PAsmart Targeted Grant recipients.](#)

[Access information and resources on PAsmart K-8 and 7-12 Targeted Grant Pathways delivered by PaTTAN.](#)

## Advancing Grants

Up to \$500,000 each, these grants are designed to support broad, cross-sector partnerships that are using ecosystem or networked approaches to:

- expand access to CS/STEM education and promote inclusion (especially for historically underserved students and communities) through learning experiences such as integrative CS/STEM experiences, standalone CS/STEM courses, out-of-school learning, dual enrollment, industry credentials, work-based learning, internships, and apprenticeships;
- expand and diversify the number of CS/STEM educators at all education levels.

Advancing Grants will support partnerships that operate on a larger scale and provide quality CS/STEM experiences to learners of any age (early childhood, preK-12, postsecondary, and adult learners) as part of a high-level strategic approach to CS/STEM workforce readiness.

[View a list of PAsmart Advancing Grant recipients.](#)

**Please email:** [RA-EDPAsmart@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EDPAsmart@pa.gov) for all inquiries about current or future PAsmart grants from PDE. Targeted Grant recipients, please continue to email [PAsmart@pattan.net](mailto:PAsmart@pattan.net).

## Safe Schools Targeted Grants

The Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) Office for Safe Schools offers four types of targeted safety grants: equipment and/or program grants of up to **\$50,000**; IU Nonpublic equipment and/or program grants of up to **\$50,000**; School Police Officer (SPO) grants of up to **\$75,000**; and School Resource Officer (SRO) grants of up to **\$75,000**. Each of the grants aims to assist schools in:

reducing unnecessary student disciplinary actions and promoting an environment of greater productivity, safety, and learning; and

enhancing anti-violence efforts between schools and parents, local governments, law enforcement and community organizations.

PDE's program is separate from the School Safety and Security Grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

**IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:** Applicants must [register with eGrants](#) in order to

submit an application.

The deadline for submissions is September 26, 2024.

Municipalities and Police Departments must send the application to:

The Office for Safe Schools

333 Market Street 7th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Access a [list of approved vendors for Non-Public School Police Officers](#).

## Request for Applications

- [2022-2023 School Police Officer](#) (PDF)
- [2022-2023 School Resource Officer](#) (PDF)
- [2022-2023 Program and Equipment Grant](#) (PDF)
- [Nonpublic Grants Guidance](#)

## Teacher in the Workplace

The Teacher In The Workplace grant program helps connect educators with local business leaders and employers, bridging the gap between the classroom and industry.

Through this program, kindergarten through postsecondary educators, counselors, and administrators learn more about industry trends, needs, and opportunities – which supports and enhances college and career preparations in classrooms across Pennsylvania.

## Grants

Teacher in the Workplace grants provide the opportunity for eligible organizations – in partnership with their Local Workforce Development Board – to develop and/or implement Teacher in the Workplace programs.

On January 6, \$2.2 million in Teacher in the Workplace grants had been awarded to 92 local education agencies (LEAs) to enable teachers to visit local employers and learn the skills and industry trends to enhance their classroom instruction, student learning, and career readiness. Each LEA will receive a \$25,000 Targeted Grant. [Learn more about these grants and view a list of the recipients](#).

View the [Teacher in the Workplace Notice of Grant Availability](#) from October 2019. (pdf)

## Troops to Teachers

“Pennsylvania has a proud military heritage and is home to many tremendous veterans who want to continue serving their community. The Troops to Teachers program is a great way for veterans to bring their knowledge and skills to our classrooms, which benefits veterans and our students.” - Governor Tom Wolf

Under Pennsylvania’s Troops to Teachers program, veterans who are interested in pursuing a career in teaching are provided with counseling services on teacher education requirements and programs, as well as guidance around the teacher certification process and referrals to employment opportunities. In some cases, veterans are eligible for bonuses if they choose to

teach in a high-need school. Veterans who are interested in the program must register online at [Troops to Teachers](#).

The Lyceum Group LLC has been contracted to manage the Troops to Teachers PA Regional Partnerships and to carry out activities related to counseling and referral of eligible veterans expressing an interest in becoming certified to teach in elementary and secondary schools in PA. Veterans may seek counseling and referral related to certification preparation programs in all PA subject areas and to job placements by emailing [tttpennsylvania@j2tinfo.com](mailto:tttpennsylvania@j2tinfo.com). In addition, [Certification Services](#) at the Pennsylvania Department of Education [offers assistance by telephone, chat, and email](#).

Troops to Teachers PA Regional Partnerships were established under the 2017-18 Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Troops to Teachers grant, with [Slippery Rock University](#) as the lead. This partnership designed a post-baccalaureate certification pathway for veterans who have foundational skills in math, science, and/or world languages. The 12-month pathway to certification involves placement in a high-need school with a coaching mentor to teach in a critical subject shortage area. Veterans interested in becoming certified in secondary mathematics, secondary sciences, or PK-12 world languages by participating in this program may contact the [TTT PA Regional Partnerships Program at Slippery Rock University](#) or the PA project coordinator at [tttpennsylvania@j2tinfo.com](mailto:tttpennsylvania@j2tinfo.com).

On May 24, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf announced that his administration had secured a \$1.6 million, 5-year Troops to Teachers grant to recruit and help military veterans who are considering a career in teaching. [Read more about Wolf's announcement](#).

[Video created by the U.S. Army, that highlights the Troops To Teachers program.](#)

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**If your environmental improvement project needs funding, DEP can help.** DEP offers 40 grant and rebate programs to support a range of projects to improve or protect the water, land, and air in Pennsylvania.

Watch a recording of our webinar, "[DEP Grants 101: Basics for First-Time Applicants Who Want to Make Their Environmental Project Happen](#)," December 2, 2021

If you have an idea for an environmental improvement for your community or business, let DEP help you make it happen with grant funding. A DEP grant can help your organization, municipality, business, or farm be more energy efficient, restore your local stream, reduce erosion, prepare for climate change, help lower air pollution, or teach kids or adults about environmental challenges and solutions.

Your scope may be your local community. It may be statewide. Your focus may be as broad as climate change or as specific as LED lighting installation. Your project might need a little funding, or a lot. Whatever your project parameters, one of our funding programs may be able to help. Over decades, DEP has supported many thousands of environmental projects across the state through widely recognized grant programs, such as Growing Greener, and also more specialized programs.

The majority of funding programs support projects by schools, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. We also have six programs that support businesses small and large, and for residents, the popular Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate supports the purchase of clean-energy cars and trucks. In addition, some programs give extra consideration to applicants in environmental justice areas.

Programs accept applications at different times throughout the year. Most applications are submitted online through the [Pennsylvania Electronic Single Application](#) system. Use this list to find information on application periods, eligibility, where to apply, and other details for all grant programs managed by the DEP Grants Office. For more general questions, call the Grants Office at (717) 705-5400.

## **GRANTS TO RESIDENTS**

### **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate — for clean energy vehicle choices**

DEP will offer an opportunity to Pennsylvania residents to apply for a rebate when they purchase a new alternative fuel vehicle (AFV). The [Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program](#) was established under ACT 178 of 2004 to help reduce Pennsylvania's dependence on imported oil and to improve the environmental quality by using alternative fuels. Rebate request must be submitted **no later than six months** after the vehicle is purchased. The rebate will be offered on a first come-first served basis if funding is available.

**Eligibility:** Pennsylvania Residents

## **GRANTS TO BUSINESSES**

### **Agriculture Energy Efficiency Rebate Program**

DEP is offering rebates to Pennsylvania agricultural producers for energy efficiency projects. Rebates are available for:

- LED lighting (interior or exterior)
- Variable frequency drives for milk vacuum pumps
- Variable frequency drives for ventilation fans

**Eligibility:** Farmers who are commercial agriculture producers who conduct normal farming operations in Pennsylvania. [See program guidelines.](#)

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### **COVID 19 Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Restart Grants**

[The purpose of this grant program is to offer aid in recovery to COVID-19](#) by providing an opportunity to apply for funding for clean, advanced energy projects, as well as for businesses conducting manufacturing or production operations in Pennsylvania. Projects may include the manufacturing of alternative energy or energy efficiency equipment or materials; the development and deployment of innovative, clean, advanced and efficient technologies; the generation of alternative energy or the production of alternative fuels; or the implementation of energy efficiency/demand side projects.

### **Driving PA Forward — for clean energy transportation and fueling infrastructure to replace old diesel**

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- Universities and colleges
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- Incorporated nonprofit organizations
- Businesses (must be registered to conduct business in Pennsylvania)

## **FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant — for clean energy fueling infrastructure along major interstate routes**

The [FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant Program](#) offers approximately \$1 million in grants from the AFIG program to support the installation of publicly accessible alternative fuel infrastructure projects in major transportation corridors designated as “Signage Ready” or “Signage Pending” by the Federal Highway Administration’s Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Examples of eligible projects include electric vehicle charging stations, compressed natural gas refueling stations and propane refueling stations. All projects must be fully accessible to the public and be located within the designated alternative fuel corridors of I- 1-76, I-276, I-376, I-476, I-70, I-79, I-90, I-95, I-80, I-78, I-81, -83, I-84, and US-30. Individual project awards will provide up to a fifty (50) percent reimbursement and be capped at \$500,000.

**Eligibility:** Pennsylvania municipal authorities, political subdivisions, non-profit entities, corporations, and limited liability companies or partnerships incorporated or registered in the Commonwealth.

## **Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant — for reducing diesel emissions from vehicles**

The [Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program](#) funds projects that improve Pennsylvania’s air quality by decreasing emissions from diesel-powered highway and non-road vehicles and equipment. The program will support projects reduce diesel related emissions by replacing, re-powering, or retrofitting diesel powered vehicles and equipment.

**Eligibility:** organizations that operate diesel-powered fleets throughout Pennsylvania.

## **Pollution Prevention Reimbursement Grant (Pump and Plug)**

[Grants are issued to eligible tank owners who own six or fewer regulated underground](#)

[tanks in Pennsylvania](#). Tanks must be underground tanks which have not been upgraded to comply with technical requirements of federal and state regulations, regulated, and which are registered with DEP prior to tank closure. The grant shall not exceed \$2,500 per tank and the grant application must be submitted after all work is finished. Eligible costs may include: pumping regulated product out of the tank; disposal of product; tank cleaning and grouting the fill pipe.

## **Small Business Advantage Grant — for energy efficiency, pollution prevention, or natural resource protection efforts**

The [Small Business Advantage Grant Program](#) provides assistance to small businesses (100 or fewer employees) to undertake energy efficiency, pollution prevention or natural resource protection projects designed to enhance a small business's competitiveness while simultaneously improving the environment for Pennsylvania residents. The program offers small businesses a 50 percent matching, reimbursement grant of up to \$5,000 for any project type.

**Eligibility:** PA Small Businesses

## **Underground Storage Tank Heating Oil Cleanup Grant Program**

[This program provides reimbursement of environmental cleanup costs resulting from a release of heating oil from an underground tank system](#). Reimbursements are subject to a \$1,000 deductible, which is satisfied by the first \$1,000 of eligible costs paid by the applicant. Remaining eligible costs paid by the applicant may be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$4,000. You may be eligible for reimbursement if you are/were the tank owner; the heating oil tank is an underground (buried) tank; the tank capacity is 3,000 gallons or less; the tank stored fuel that was used for heating on the premises; there was a release of heating oil to the environment from the tank, the associated lines/pipes, or resulting from a spill or overfill due to a failure of the tank system that occurred or was discovered on or after January 30, 1998; and an environmental cleanup has been completed or is in progress.

## **GRANTS TO SCHOOLS**

### **319 Nonpoint Source Grant — for carrying out Section 319 Program Watershed Implementation Plans**

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

**Eligibility:**

- Incorporated watershed association
- County or municipality
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- Council of government
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- Municipal authority

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**AMD Set Aside Grant — for removing or treating acid mine drainage in watersheds under a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan**

Projects eligible for grants under the [AMD Set Aside Grant Program](#) must be in watersheds covered by a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan (QHUP, formerly Hydrologic Unit Plan) or in areas where a QHUP is being developed as defined by the federal SMCRA under the 2006 reauthorization. The primary focus of the grants is abatement of AMD and/or treatment of AMD through treatment facility system construction. Grants may also be awarded for the design of treatment systems, or the operation and maintenance of existing passive and active treatment systems. Priority will be given to projects supportive of goals established in the appropriate QHU.

**Eligibility:**

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- Council of governments
- Municipal authority
- School district
- Other appropriate incorporated nonprofit organizations

**Coastal Zone Grant — for protecting water quality and shorelines**

## **in the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zone**

The [Coastal Zone Management Grant Program](#) provides funding to implement its policies and focus areas in the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zone, including hazards, wetlands, public access, intergovernmental coordination, ocean resources, and nonpoint pollution. Typical projects funded through grant awards range from studies, planning, design, and research to land acquisition and minor construction projects. Activities must take place within the Coastal Zone boundaries of Pennsylvania.

### **Eligibility:**

- Local Governments, Counties and Municipalities
- Area-wide agencies – county and regional planning agencies
- Incorporated non-profits
- Educational Institutions – School Districts, Intermediate Units, Universities and Colleges
- Incorporated Conservation and Educational Organizations
- State Agencies
- Conservation Districts, Port Authorities and Public Authorities

## **Cooking in Healthy Electrified Commercial Kitchens (CHECK)**

To help commercial kitchens in Pennsylvania modernize and become healthier places to work via energy efficiency and electrification, DEP has developed the Cooking in Healthy Electrified Commercial Kitchens (CHECK) rebate program for nonprofits, higher education institutions and K-12 schools. Under this program, eligible entities may apply for first-come, first-served rebates for a variety of combustion-free cooking equipment, as well as associated electrical upgrades. [See the Commercial Buildings page for more information.](#)

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## **Growing Greener—for reducing nonpoint source (runoff) water pollution**

Ninety-six percent of water-quality-impaired watersheds in Pennsylvania are polluted because of nonpoint source pollution, such as abandoned mine drainage, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems, earthmoving, stream hydromodification and timber harvesting. The purpose of the [Growing Greener Program](#) is to address nonpoint source pollution through local, watershed-based planning, restoration and protection efforts for projects funded by Watershed Planning, Restoration and Protection grants.

**Eligibility:** Incorporated watershed association; county or municipality; county conservation district; council of governments; educational institution; municipal authority; or other authorized organizations (see guidance document).

## **Mine Map Grant Program**

[The Mine Map Grant](#) (MMG) provides funding to learning institutions and incorporated nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania to process mine maps and mine data into electronic formats that can be used in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other computer applications. Primarily, the MMG will fund the scanning, georeferencing and vectorizing of mine maps. All these efforts will improve the quality, quantity and delivery of mining information to the millions of residents of Pennsylvania's mining regions.

The MMG also provides opportunities for learning institutions and nonprofits to train individuals in the use of the emerging geospatial technologies that will be integral to many computer operations, especially governmental operations that provide services and information to the residents of Pennsylvania. However, the experience gained from creating geospatial elements of a geodatabase is applicable to almost any profession or business.

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## **FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant — for clean energy fueling infrastructure along major interstate routes**

The [FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant Program](#) offers approximately \$1 million in grants from the AFIG program to support the installation of publicly accessible alternative fuel infrastructure projects in major transportation corridors designated as "Signage Ready" or "Signage Pending" by the Federal Highway Administration's Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Examples of eligible projects include electric vehicle charging stations, compressed natural gas refueling stations and propane refueling stations. All projects must be fully accessible to the public and be located within the designated alternative fuel corridors of I- 1-76, I-276, I-376, I-476, I-70, I-79, I-90, I-95, I-80, I-78, I-81, -83, I-84, and US-30. Individual project awards will provide up to a fifty (50) percent reimbursement and be capped at \$500,000.

**Eligibility:** Pennsylvania municipal authorities, political subdivisions, non-profit entities, corporations, and limited liability companies or partnerships incorporated or registered in the Commonwealth. FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant—for clean energy fueling infrastructure along major interstate routes

## **Growing Greener—for reducing nonpoint source (runoff) water pollution**

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**Eligibility:** Incorporated watershed association; county or municipality; county conservation district; council of governments; educational institution; municipal authority; or other authorized organizations (see guidance document).

## **Mine Map Grant Program**

[The Mine Map Grant](#) (MMG) provides funding to learning institutions and incorporated nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania to process mine maps and mine data into electronic formats that can be used in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other computer applications. Primarily, the MMG will fund the scanning, georeferencing and vectorizing of mine maps. All these efforts will improve the quality, quantity and delivery of mining information to the millions of residents of Pennsylvania's mining regions.

The MMG also provides opportunities for learning institutions and nonprofits to train individuals in the use of the emerging geospatial technologies that will be integral to many computer operations, especially governmental operations that provide services and information to the residents of Pennsylvania. However, the experience gained from creating geospatial elements of a geodatabase is applicable to almost any profession or business.

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The [Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program](#) funds projects that improve Pennsylvania's air quality by decreasing emissions from diesel-powered highway and non-road vehicles and equipment. The program will support projects reduce diesel related emissions by replacing, re-powering, or retrofitting diesel powered vehicles and equipment.

**Eligibility:** organizations that operate diesel-powered fleets throughout Pennsylvania.

## **Pollution Prevention Reimbursement Grant (Pump and Plug)**

[Grants are issued to eligible tank owners who own six or fewer regulated underground tanks in Pennsylvania.](#) Tanks must be underground tanks which have not been upgraded to comply with technical requirements of federal and state regulations, regulated, and which are registered with DEP prior to tank closure. The grant shall not exceed \$2,500 per tank and the grant application must be submitted after all work is finished. Eligible costs may include: pumping regulated product out of the tank; disposal of product; tank cleaning and grouting the fill pipe.

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[This program provides reimbursement of environmental cleanup costs resulting from a release of heating oil from an underground tank system.](#) Reimbursements are subject to a \$1,000 deductible, which is satisfied by the first \$1,000 of eligible costs paid by the applicant. Remaining eligible costs paid by the applicant may be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$4,000. You may be eligible for reimbursement if you are/were the tank owner; the heating oil tank is an underground (buried) tank; the tank capacity is 3,000 gallons or less; the tank stored fuel that was used for heating on the premises; there was a release of heating oil to the environment from the tank, the associated lines/pipes, or resulting from a spill or overfill due to a failure of the tank system that occurred or was discovered on or after January 30, 1998; and an environmental cleanup has been completed or is in progress.

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**Eligibility:** Municipalities and Counties in Pennsylvania

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**Eligibility:** Pennsylvania Counties

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

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## **Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP)**

[Program funding is available to Pennsylvania's 66 County Conservation Districts.](#) Funding is provided for Manager, Erosion and Sediment Control Technicians, other technical positions and Administrative Assistance. Funding is allocated by the State Conservation Commission to County Conservation Districts in accordance with the CDFAP Statement of Policy to assist districts with carrying out the mission of Conservation Districts.

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(submissions by ineligible organizations will not be considered)

- Public schools and school districts (K-12) (includes Intermediate Units and Charter Schools)
- Incorporated private schools (under limited circumstances, private religious schools may be exempted from the incorporation requirement)
- Incorporated conservation and education organizations and institutions
- Universities and colleges
- County conservation districts
- Incorporated nonprofit organizations
- Businesses (must be registered to conduct business in Pennsylvania)

**FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant — for clean energy fueling infrastructure along major interstate routes**

The [FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant Program](#) offers approximately \$1 million in grants from the AFIG program to support the installation of publicly accessible alternative fuel infrastructure projects in major transportation corridors designated as “Signage Ready” or “Signage Pending” by the Federal Highway Administration’s Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Examples of eligible projects include electric vehicle charging stations, compressed natural gas refueling stations and propane refueling stations. All projects must be fully accessible to the public and be located within the designated alternative fuel corridors of I- 1-76, I-276, I-376, I-476, I-70, I-79, I-90, I-95, I-80, I-78, I-81, -83, I-84, and US-30. Individual project awards will provide up to a fifty (50) percent reimbursement and be capped at \$500,000.

**Eligibility:** Pennsylvania municipal authorities, political subdivisions, non-profit entities, corporations, and limited liability companies or partnerships incorporated or registered in the Commonwealth. FAST Act Corridor Infrastructure Grant—for clean energy fueling infrastructure along major interstate routes

**Growing Greener—for reducing nonpoint source (runoff) water pollution**

Ninety-six percent of water-quality-impaired watersheds in Pennsylvania are polluted because of nonpoint source pollution, such as abandoned mine drainage, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems, earthmoving, stream hydromodification and timber harvesting. The purpose of the [Growing Greener Program](#) is to address nonpoint source pollution through local, watershed-based planning, restoration and protection efforts for projects funded by Watershed Planning, Restoration and Protection grants.

**Eligibility:** Incorporated watershed association; county or municipality; county conservation district; council of governments; educational institution; municipal authority; or other authorized organizations (see guidance document).

## **Host Municipality Independent Review of Permit Applications — for review of permit applications for new or expansion of municipal landfills or resource recovery facilities**

[Grants are available to municipalities](#) that have a municipal waste landfill, resource recovery facility, or commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facility located within its geographic borders. Municipalities are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of the authorized employment costs and expenses incurred in a calendar year from employing up to two Certified Host Municipality Inspectors.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities

## **Host Municipality Independent Review of Permit Application/ Siting Plan Grants — for independent inspectors to review permit applications for commercial hazardous waste disposal facilities**

[Grants are available to host municipality and host county inspectors](#) for the independent review of permit applications for commercial hazardous waste disposal facilities. The grants come as reimbursements of up to \$50,000 for qualifying reviews.

**Eligibility:** Host municipalities/counties within Pennsylvania.

## **Host Municipality Inspector Program — for municipal inspectors of municipal waste landfills, resource recovery facilities, or commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facilities**

[Grants are available to municipalities](#) for assistance with independent review of permit applications for new municipal waste landfills or resource recovery facility, or expansion of an existing facility. The grants come as reimbursements of up to \$10,000 for qualifying reviews.

**Eligibility:** Host municipalities/counties within Pennsylvania.

## **Household Hazardous Waste Program Reimbursement Grant — for hazardous waste collection programs**

Under the PA Household and Small Business Pollution Prevention Act, the Department of Environmental Protection offers 50 percent reimbursement [collection program grants](#) to municipalities and non-profits.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and non-profit organizations

## **Mosquito Disease Control — for county mosquito control activities**

[This program exclusively funds Pennsylvania counties for mosquito control activities](#) to reduce the risk of transmission from mosquito-borne disease (West Nile Virus, Zika Virus,

etc.). Applicants are required to execute a contract with DEP and comply with appropriate commonwealth requirements for the reimbursement funding. This includes appropriate surveillance and control activities as recommended by DEP, data reporting, submission of quarterly invoices and additional information as requested.

**Eligibility:** Approved Counties

## **Nutrient and Manure Management Delegation**

Delegation Agreement for [nutrient and manure management programs](#) between County Conservation Districts, State Conservation Commission, and the [Department of Environmental Protection](#). Only County Conservation Districts that have received authorizations may apply.

**Eligibility:** Approved Conservation Districts.

## **Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant — for reducing diesel emissions from vehicles**

The [Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program](#) funds projects that improve Pennsylvania's air quality by decreasing emissions from diesel-powered highway and non-road vehicles and equipment. The program will support projects reduce diesel related emissions by replacing, re-powering, or retrofitting diesel powered vehicles and equipment.

**Eligibility:** organizations that operate diesel-powered fleets throughout Pennsylvania.

## **Pollution Prevention Reimbursement Grant (Pump and Plug)**

[Grants are issued to eligible tank owners who own six or fewer regulated underground tanks in Pennsylvania](#). Tanks must be underground tanks which have not been upgraded to comply with technical requirements of federal and state regulations, regulated, and which are registered with DEP prior to tank closure. The grant shall not exceed \$2,500 per tank and the grant application must be submitted after all work is finished. Eligible costs may include: pumping regulated product out of the tank; disposal of product; tank cleaning and grouting the fill pipe.

## **Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act grants — for treatment of specific types of acid mine drainage sites or land reclamation projects**

The primary focus of [these grant categories](#) is the design, construction and/or rehabilitation of treatment facilities on ABS Legacy AMD discharge sites, but grants may also be awarded for ABS bond forfeited land reclamation projects. Projects most likely to significantly address the impacts of AMD discharges in a cost-effective way will receive preference for funding.

**Eligibility:**

- County or municipality
- County conservation district
- Council of governments

- Municipal authority
- School district
- Other appropriate incorporated nonprofit organizations

## **Underground Storage Tank Heating Oil Cleanup Grant Program**

[This program provides reimbursement of environmental cleanup costs resulting from a release of heating oil from an underground tank system.](#) Reimbursements are subject to a \$1,000 deductible, which is satisfied by the first \$1,000 of eligible costs paid by the applicant. Remaining eligible costs paid by the applicant may be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$4,000. You may be eligible for reimbursement if you are/were the tank owner; the heating oil tank is an underground (buried) tank; the tank capacity is 3,000 gallons or less; the tank stored fuel that was used for heating on the premises; there was a release of heating oil to the environment from the tank, the associated lines/pipes, or resulting from a spill or overfill due to a failure of the tank system that occurred or was discovered on or after January 30, 1998; and an environmental cleanup has been completed or is in progress.

## **Water Quality Improvement Projects Along the Mariner East 2 Pipeline — for reducing pollution and improving and protecting water quality in the 85 municipalities along the pipeline**

The Department of Environmental Protection announced the availability of [grant funding for projects that reduce or minimize pollution, improve water quality and protect clean water in the 85 municipalities along the length of the MEII pipeline.](#) Proposed projects must be physically located within one or more of the 85 municipalities, although applicants may be from outside of the municipal boundaries. Projects that provide direct and significant benefits to water quality and local communities will be prioritized for funding.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<a href="#">901 County Planning Grants/HHW</a>	Open year round
<a href="#">904 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant</a>	Open until December 31, 2024
<a href="#">Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant</a>	June 28, 2024/December 20, 2024
<a href="#">Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebates</a>	Open as funding permits
<a href="#">AML/AMD Grant Program</a>	November 8, 2024
<a href="#">Driving PA Forward OnRoad Rebate</a>	Closes when funds are exhausted
<a href="#">Environmental Education Grant</a>	15-Nov-24

<a href="#">Host Municipality Review of Permit Applications Grants</a>	Open year round
<a href="#">Host Municipality Siting Review Grants</a>	Open year round
<a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants</a>	Open year round
<a href="#">Pollution Prevention Reimbursement</a>	Open year round
<a href="#">Small Business Advantage Grant</a>	March 21, 2025, or when funds are exhausted
<a href="#">Underground Storage Tank Heating Oil Cleanup</a>	Open year round

# DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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

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

## WHAT WE VALUE:

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

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

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

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

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

## COSTARS

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

**Contact:** Call 1 (866) 768-7827 or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/COSTARS/Member-Information/Pages/default.aspx)

## The Federal Surplus Property Program

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

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

**Contact:** Call 1 (800) 235-1555 or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Surplus/Federal/Pages/default.aspx)

## **The 1033 Excess Property Program**

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

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

## **The 1122 New Property Program**

Provides Pennsylvania agencies and units of local government access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment to support counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities. Because of its volume purchasing power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes.

A service charge of 4% of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.

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

## **The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program**

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

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

## **The State Surplus Property Program**

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

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

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

## **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**

Voluntarily confiscated items and lost and found property such as pocket knives, sporting equipment, jewelry, tools, belts and other miscellaneous items are offered for sale to the general public online at

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

**Contact:** Call (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:** Call (717) 787-3162 or visit [www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Vehicle-Management/InformationForPublic/Pages/default.aspx)

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

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

**Contact:** [gs-bdisbo@pa.gov](mailto:gs-bdisbo@pa.gov) at (717) 783-3119 or visit <https://www.dgs.pa.gov/Small%20Diverse%20Business%20Program/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Pennsylvania GreenGov Council**

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

**Contact:** Call (717) 787-5412 or visit <https://www.dgs.pa.gov/greengov/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Guaranteed Energy Saving ACT (GESA)**

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

**For information:** <https://www.dgs.pa.gov/Facilities/Energy-Savings-Program/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Commonwealth Solar Panel Program**

There are two solar panel programs available; the PULSE project and on-site solar for individual facilities. The PULSE project will provide solar electricity to a majority of the Commonwealth's facilities via a 191 MW Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Any facility that is not included in the

PULSE project can explore onsite solar electricity generation through a PPA via the open bid process or an outright purchase.

**Contact:** Call (717) 703-2935

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well-being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in programs range from individuals to health care practitioners and/or facilities.

Web visitors can quickly and conveniently access current health statistics, request a copy of a birth certificate, browse through the departments catalog of publications, locate the nearest local health department and have the latest information on public health issues at their fingertips.

The following is a summary of programs for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health care service.

## 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.

**Website:** <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>

### Health Resources and Services Administration

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

**Website:** <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>

### National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

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

**Website:** <https://nurseledcare.phmc.org/>

### Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC)

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

**Website:** <http://www.pachc.org/>

### Volunteers in Medicine

VIM promotes and guides the development of a national network of free clinics emphasizing the use of retired medical and lay volunteers to care for the “working uninsured” within a

culture of caring so that everyone in a community has access to health care.

**Website:** <https://volunteersinmedicine.org/>

## **Dental Sites**

### **Free Clinic Association of Pennsylvania**

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

**Website:** <https://freeclinicspa.org>

### **Donated Dental Services**

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

**Website:** <https://dentallifeline.org/about-us/our-programs/>

## **PA Insurance & Welfare Programs**

### **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

CHIP is Pennsylvania's program to provide quality health insurance for children of working families who otherwise could not afford it (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

**Website:** [Chip Home Page](#)

### **Mental Health Services**

Do you have questions about how to get mental health or substance abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it the new manual which is an easy-to-use guide to Mental Health Services in Pennsylvania.

The guide gives answers to questions often asked about finding and getting mental health and substance abuse services in the state. It also gives information on the services that are available, how to find those services, using medical assistance to get services and people and groups that can help you if you have trouble getting services (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

**Website:** <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)**

A wide variety of health-care programs for Pennsylvanians eligible to receive medical assistance (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

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

## **PA Health Programs**

### **Asthma Control Program**

This program strives to reduce the burden of asthma in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of Pennsylvanians affected by asthma by preventing and controlling its complications. Through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Asthma Control Program (ACP) seeks to address the following long term goals including: reducing the number of deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, school days or workdays missed, and limitations on activity due to asthma. **Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion & Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5876

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Asthma/Pages/Asthma.aspx>

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

Formerly called the Healthy Woman Program (HWP). This program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre-cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women. Screenings include mammograms for breast cancer and pap and HPV tests for cervical cancers.

**Contact:** Toll-free: 1 (800) 215-7494 / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615 or (215) 985-3300 or 1 (800) 848-3367

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

### **Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program**

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

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

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

### **Bully Prevention Program**

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

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

### **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)**

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

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

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

## **Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP)**

This program provides life-saving care and treatment for adults with end-stage renal disease. The CRDP provides dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, home dialysis supplies and equipment, medications, and limited patient transportation.

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

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

## **Cooley's Anemia Program**

This program provides client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, and rehabilitative services to patients of all ages with Cooley's Anemia.

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

## **Cystic Fibrosis Program**

This program provides client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, and rehabilitative services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis. This program also provides assistance with prescription drugs for adults and children with cystic fibrosis if they lack the insurance coverage for such medications.

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

## **Diabetes Prevention and Control Program**

The program strives to reduce the burden of diabetes in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of Pennsylvanians by prevention of diabetes for those at risk for developing it and managing and controlling complications for those already diagnosed with diabetes.

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5876

**Website:** [Diabetes \(pa.gov\)](#)

## **Epilepsy Support Services**

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

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

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Epilepsy.aspx>

## **Pennsylvania Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment Program (PacMAT)**

The Pennsylvania Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment (PacMAT) Program aims to address opioid use disorder (OUD) by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The PacMAT Program was established in 2017 with initial grants to several medication assisted treatment facilities. Through this program, patients are connected to support and medical services need to help them access treatment for OUD and recover. Beginning in September 2021, the program began focusing on the hubs providing technical assistance to their spokes to boost prescriber confidence and to fully integrate MAT supportive services throughout their hospital networks. The program has been funded through a State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant, administered by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within Health and Human Services (HHS). Effective March 31, 2022, the program will end.

### **PacMAT Providers & Contact Information:**

- Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc.: (484) 862-3068 (You must leave a message and your call will be returned within 48 hours)
- Lancaster General Hospital- Penn Medicine
- Penn State- The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine: (717) 782-6844
- Reading Hospital – Tower Health: (484) 659-2470.
- Temple University Health System, Inc.: (215) 432-7158 [Additional sites and Contact Information](#)
- UPMC Pinnacle: (717) 782-4781
- WellSpan Health: 1 (844) WARMLINE (1 (844) 927-6546)
- The Wright Center Medical Group: (570) 230-0019

## **Reproductive Health Program**

Clinical services are provided for adolescents 21 years of age or younger at local clinics and include physical exams, routine gynecological care, contraceptives, cancer screening and examinations, general health screening, sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis, treatment, education and counseling, and HIV/AIDS education and screening.

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

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

## **State Health Centers**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Community Health Systems at (717) 787-4366

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/About/Pages/State%20Health%20Centers.aspx>

## Head Injury Program

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

**Contact:** Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health at (717) 772-2763, Toll- free Brain Injury Help Line 1 (866) 412-4755

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

## Acquired Brain Injury Program

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

**Contact:** Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health at (717) 772-2763, Toll- free Brain Injury Help Line 1 (866) 412-4755

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

## Health Resource Centers

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

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

## Hemophilia Program

This program provides comprehensive services including client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, rehabilitative services, and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.

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

## HIV Surveillance Program

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Epidemiology at (717) 787-3350

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Annual-Summary.aspx>

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

## **HIV Prevention Program**

This program utilizes state and federal funds to work with community partners to ensure that a full array of HIV prevention and care services are available and accessible throughout the commonwealth for people infected living with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS and those at risk for contracting acquiring HIV. The program provides a comprehensive statewide Program that includes HIV testing; partner services; PrEP; condom distribution; data-to-care, evidence-based interventions, and cluster detection and outbreak monitoring.

**Contact:** Division of HIV Disease at (717) 783-0572

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

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

## **LGBTQ Youth Behavioral Health Services**

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

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

## **Care Program**

This program is funded through Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public law III -87) which provides health care and support services for persons living with HIV. Part B grants include a base grant and an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) award. Pennsylvania's ADAP is also known as the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP).

**Contact:** Division of HIV Disease, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at (717) 783-0572

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

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

## **Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)**

This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program 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, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at (717) 703-9170 or Toll-free at 1 (800) 922-9384

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

## **Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)**

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

**Contact:** Division of HIV, Bureau of Communicable Diseases (717) 783-0572  
Outlined through the Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021  
[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Services.aspx)

### **Technology Assistance Children’s Home Program**

**Contact:** Bureau of Family Health at (717) 346-3000

### **Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)**

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

**Contact:** Vaccines for Children Program at (717) 787-5681

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

### **Lead Hazard Control Program**

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

Additionally, a legislative special initiative supported by ARPA funds supplements existing Pennsylvania HUD grantees to enhance or increase their efforts in lead abatement within their localities as well as to support contractor training.

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

### **Lead Surveillance Program**

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

**Contact:** Division of Community Epidemiology, Bureau of Epidemiology at (717) 787-3350

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

### **Local Title V Programs Alliance**

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

## **Centering Pregnancy**

Centering Pregnancy is a group-based model of prenatal care. Instead of seeing a doctor or midwife individually, pregnant people participating in centering pregnancy attend regular, provider-led group meetings. The program is designed to provide a more supportive experience for participants compared to traditional prenatal care.

## **County Municipal Health Departments**

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

## **IMPLICIT**

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

## **Perinatal Periods of Risk**

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

For more information on Local Title V Programs

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

## **Community Based Doula Program**

The community-based doula program provides no-cost, culturally concordant perinatal services to individuals that are at high risk for poor birth outcomes. Services are generally provided from the 24th week of pregnancy until three months postpartum, and are intended to enhance infant health, strengthen families, and establish family supports.

## **Safe Sleep Initiative**

A hospital-based safe sleep program that recruits and trains hospitals to bundle multiple interventions, including nurse and caregiver education, to improve safe sleep practices. The program also includes a social marketing campaign using multiple coordinated modalities to integrate messages from the hospital-based program into the community.

## **Prevent Injuries in Children (PIC)**

The PIC Program targets families with at least one pregnant person or child ages zero through nine to provide in-home education and low-cost interventions to prevent child injuries, especially those leading to hospitalization or death. The PIC Program works in conjunction with qualified home-visiting programs to deliver the education and low-cost interventions at a point when caregivers are best primed to receive and implement them. The program consists of contact before the home visit, the educational home visit with low-cost interventions, and contact after the home visit and targets lower income families in the areas of highest need throughout the state.

## **Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**

The YAC provides a forum for a diverse representation of young people to be involved in community, organization, and program development and to actively engage and impact decisions related to MCH issues as identified by the Bureau of Family Health and other adolescent-serving agencies. Three regional (Western, Central and Eastern) Youth Advisory Councils led by adult facilitators address topics and provide feedback on specific areas of interest presented by the Department and participate in statewide activities.

## **Maternal Mortality Review Committee**

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

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

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

## **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**

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

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

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

## **Organ and Tissue Donation Program**

This program provides free organ and tissue donation education and awareness information to increase the number of Pennsylvanians designating themselves as organ donors.

Individuals who wish to become organ donors can register online at [www.donatelifepa.org](http://www.donatelifepa.org) or check “yes” when you get and renew a Pennsylvania state driver’s license, learner’s permit or photo ID card. In Pennsylvania, there are over 8,100 people who are waiting for a life-saving

organ transplant. By saying “yes” to organ donation, you can potentially save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.

**Contact:** Toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615

**Website:** <https://donatelifepa.org/>

### **PA-Wise Program**

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

**Contact:** PA-Wise Program at (717) 787-5900

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response at (717) 346-0640

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/Pages/Preparedness.aspx>

### **Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE)**

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

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

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

### **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program**

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

**Contact:** Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at (717) 787-3981

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/STD/Pages/STD.aspx>

### **Sickle Cell Disease Program**

This program provides health system and community-based supports and services for client engagement, increased system functionality, development of peer supports, access to mental health screenings, psychosocial services, care coordination, and education to children and adults with sickle cell disease.

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

### **Special Kids Network Helpline**

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

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

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

### **Community to Home Program**

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

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

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

### **Cystic Fibrosis, Spina Bifida and Metabolic Formula Program**

This program provides complete comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and inpatient surgery and care to children and adults with Spina Bifida, Cystic Fibrosis, Phenylketonuria (PKU) or Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD).

**Contact:** Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health at (717) 783-8143

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

### **Spina Bifida**

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

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

### **Autism Diagnostic Clinic**

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

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

### **Tobacco Prevention and Control**

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

**Contact:** Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control at (717) 783-6600

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

### **Tourette Syndrome Support**

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

**Contact:** Division of Bureau Operations, Bureau of Family Health at (717) 346-3000

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Tourette-Syndrome.aspx>

### **Tuberculosis (TB) Program**

The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all county and municipal health departments.

**Contact:** Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases at (717) 787-6267

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

## **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program**

This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children under age 5. WIC provides nutrition counseling and a nutritional food pack - age for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems. WIC also provides new mothers with breastfeeding guidance and support.

**Contact:** Sally Zubairu-Cofield or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health at (717) 783-1289 at 1 (800) WIC-WINS (1 (800) 942-9467)

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx>

## **Health Assessment Program**

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

**Contact:** Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology, Bureau of Epidemiology, (717) 787-3350

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Assessment.aspx>

## **Health Literacy Program**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5900

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Health-Literacy.aspx>

## **Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Epidemiology at (717) 425-5422

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

## **Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program**

This program is committed to implementing best practice initiatives to reduce the risk of development of heart diseases and stroke, delay the progression, and reduce the occurrence of

first and subsequent cardiovascular events in persons with known risks.

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5876

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Heart-Disease/Pages/Heart%20Disease-Stroke.aspx>

### **PA Medical Home Initiative**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Family Health at (717) 772-2763

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Medical-Home-Program.aspx>

### **NeuroResource Facilitation Program for Brain Injury Services**

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

**Contact:** NeuroResource Facilitation Program at (717) 772-2763

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

### **Obesity Prevention and Wellness Program**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5876

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Obesity.aspx>

### **Oral Health Program**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5900

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Oral-Health.aspx>

### **PA Child Death Review Program**

The mission of the Pennsylvania Child Death Review (CDR) program is to promote safety and reduce fatalities of children from birth through 21 years of age. This is accomplished

through timely reviews of children's deaths by county multi-agency, multidisciplinary teams. Information obtained from the reviews is used to determine how future deaths can be prevented. The department provides training and technical assistance to the local child death review teams.

**Contact:** Bureau of Family Health at (717) 346-3000

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

### **Violence and Injury Prevention Program**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at (717) 787-5900

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/violence-prevention/Pages/Violence-Injury%20Prevention.aspx>

### **Shaken Baby Syndrome Program**

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is the term used to describe the signs and symptoms resulting from a child being shaken.

**Contact:** Bureau of Family Health at (717) 772-2763

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/Shaken-Baby-Syndrome.aspx>

### **SIDS and Infant Death Program**

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

**Contact:** Bureau of Family Health at (717) 772-2762

**Website:** <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Pages/SIDS.aspx>

### **School-Based Health Centers**

Through the Pennsylvania School-Based Health Association, behavioral health services will be initiated or expanded in 31 school-based health centers across the commonwealth where behavioral health service are integrated into primary care. Through Behavioral Health Counselors and community health workers, students receive screenings to assess mental health and substance use risk and provide onsite interventions. This is a legislative special initiative supported by ARPA funds.

**Contact:** Division of Child and Adult Health Services at (717) 772-2762

## **Health Programs and Grant Contacts**

The following is a list of Department of Health programs where grant opportunities may be

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

Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs.....	Amy Flaherty
Immunization Program.....	Tom McCleaf
Nutrition and Physical Activity .....	Amy Flaherty
PHHSBG - Block Program Services.....	Christopher Noble
Violence and Injury Prevention Program.....	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment.....	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up- STD.....	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner Program .....	Edward Naugle
Primary Care Loan Repayment Program.....	Edward Naugle
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program .....	Brian Lentes
J-IVisa Waiver Program .....	Edward Naugle
Community-Based HealthCare Program.....	Edward Naugle
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program .....	Edward Naugle
Health Care Work Force Reports .....	Edward Naugle
State Health Improvement Plan .....	Brian Lentes
Health Equity .....	David Saunders
Cancer Programs.....	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV Programs .....	Marijane Salem-Noll
Maternal and Child Health .....	Tara Trego
Adolescent Health.....	Kathy Jo Stence
Breastfeeding .....	Jennifer Bixler
Child Health.....	Kathy Jo Stence
Children with Special Health Care Needs.....	Cindy Dundas
Environmental Protection Program.....	Cindy Dundas
Health and Human Services Call Center .....	Peggy Forte
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement .....	Kathy Jo Stence
MCHSBG - Program Services.....	Tara Trego
Women, Infants and Children (WIC).....	William Cramer
Family Health Special Projects.....	Erin McCarty
Newborn Screening and Follow-up.....	Jennifer Bixler
Newborn Hearing Screening.....	Jennifer Bixler

Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment.....	Beth Butler
Tuberculosis Control Program.....	Beth Butler
Renal Dialysis.....	Kathy Jo Stence
Services for Children with Special Needs.....	Cindy Dundas
Adult Cystic Fibrosis.....	Cindy Dundas
Cooley's Anemia.....	Cindy Dundas
Asthma Program.....	Cindy Dundas
Hemophilia.....	Cindy Dundas
Sickle Cell.....	Cindy Dundas
Tobacco Prevention and Control.....	Barbara Fickel
Health Research.....	Jared Shinabery
Traumatic Brain Injury.....	Nicole Adams
Public Health Preparedness.....	Andrew Pickett

## Healthcare Facilities and Licensing

### What kind of healthcare facilities do you oversee?

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

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

### What if I have a complaint about a facility?

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

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

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

### In-Patient Healthcare Facilities

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

- [Pediatric Extended Care Centers](#)
- [Rehabilitation Agencies](#)
- [Nursing Homes](#)

### **Out-patient Healthcare Facilities**

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

### **Contact Information**

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

# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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

## Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP)

Funding provided through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan of 2021 to provide assistance with rent, utilities and other housing expenses. Local community agencies implement this program under the guidance and funding allocated through the Department of Human Services (DHS).

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

DHS opened the COMPASS [online application](#) for assistance. Pennsylvanians can apply for ERAP through [COMPASS](#).

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

More Information: [dhs.pa.gov/ERAP](http://dhs.pa.gov/ERAP)

## Evidence-based Home Visiting and Nurse Family Partnership Programs

Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and vulnerable young children. These grants are available through a combination of state and federal funds. DHS issues requests for applications for five-year grant funding periods.

**Contact:** The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at (717) 772-2098 or visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Early-Learning.aspx>

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

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

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

These grants are available through a combination of state and federal funds. DHS issues

requests for applications for five-year grant funding periods.

**Contact:** The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at [RA-PWPAHOMEVISITING@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWPAHOMEVISITING@pa.gov)

## **Early Learning Resource Centers**

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

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

## **PA Developmental Disabilities Council**

This program provides funding to engage in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

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

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

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

## **Employment and Job Training for Public Assistance Recipients**

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

**Contact:** The Bureau of Employment Programs at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/TANF.aspx> for TANF or <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx> for SNAP

## **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)**

Assistance to help individuals and families pay for winter heating bills. Two types of statewide grants are offered: cash and crisis. Cash grants are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating regions. Crisis grants are awarded to families with heating emergencies, such as utility terminations, mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of families obtaining the grants.

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

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

## **Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**

**Who May Apply:** Households that are in emergency situations maintain essential water access. Crisis situations include: past-due water bills; termination of water service; or, threat of termination of water service in the next 60 days.

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

**Funding Source:** Federal Funding

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

**Application Deadline:** Not indicated

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

## **Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program**

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

**Contact:** 1 (800) 379-7448 or visit [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) 265-7850 or visit [www.paehealth.org](http://www.paehealth.org)

## **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs**

Sometimes referred to as “waiver” programs. These programs provide funding for supports and services to help people live in their home and community. HCBS programs offer an array of services and benefits such as qualified providers, due process, and health and safety assurances.

The name waiver comes from the fact that the federal government “waives” Medical Assistance/Medicaid rules for institutional care in order for a Pennsylvanian to use the same funds to provide support and services for people closer to home or in their own communities.

In Pennsylvania, the DHS administers Medical Assistance/Medicaid waivers, the Adult Community Autism Program, the Act 150 Program and the Living Independence for the Elderly Program. Each HCBS program has its own unique set of eligibility requirements and services. A description for each waiver is provided in this document.

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

## **Act 150**

Provides services to mentally alert Pennsylvanians, aged 18-59 with physical disabilities.

## **Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver**

Provides long-term services and supports to individuals age 21 and older with physical disabling conditions that are expected to last indefinitely, including individuals with acquired brain injuries, and who require a nursing facility level of care. CHC Waiver services are provided through the CHC managed care organizations.

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

## **Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**

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

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

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

## **Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver**

Provides services to children from birth to age three in need of Early Intervention services who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).

## **LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)**

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

## **OBRA Waiver**

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

## **PA Adult Autism Waiver**

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

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

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

## **The Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)**

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

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

## **Person/Family Directed Support Waiver**

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

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

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

## **Community Living Waiver**

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

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

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

## **County Assistance Offices**

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

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

## **Pennsylvania KinConnector**

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

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

## **Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN)**

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

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

## **PA Chafee Education and Training Grant | PHEAA**

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

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

## **Early Intervention Services**

Early Intervention Programs are provided through a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Human Services.

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

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

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

# DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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

## **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 <https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or calling the Auto CAT Fund at (717) 783-8093.

## **Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund**

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

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

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

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

# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

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

## Pennsylvania Nursing Pathway Apprenticeship Industry Partnership

**Who May Apply:** Pennsylvania local workforce development boards.

**Use:** To support the convening of Nursing Pathway Apprenticeship Industry Partnerships in lower moderate-income communities and guide the development and registration of healthcare apprenticeship programs, with emphasis on nursing occupations, through group sponsorships.

**Funding Source:** American Rescue Plan Act

**Funds:** Up to \$250,000

**Application Deadline:** Not specified

**More Information:** Click on [Shapiro Administration Preparing Pennsylvanians for Nursing Careers with Funding for Health Care Apprenticeships](#)

## Workforce Discretionary Grants

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

These opportunities are announced on the Labor & Industry website at: <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

## PA Industry Partnership Grant Program

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

**Who May Apply:** Local workforce development boards, non-profit and non-governmental entities, community-based organizations, educational and post-secondary educational organizations, labor organizations, business associations, and economic development entities.

**Use:** To identify workforce, education & training, and economic development needs, coordinate

regional teams to support industry needs, identify public and community resources to address industry identified needs and increase collaboration among businesses within a targeted industry sector.

**Funds:** Up to \$250,000 per partnership.

**Application Deadline:** September 27, 2024

**More Information:** [DLI Grants \(pa.gov\)](https://pa.gov)

**Contact:** [ra-li-bwda-gs@pa.gov](mailto:ra-li-bwda-gs@pa.gov)

## **Individual Training Account (ITA)**

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

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

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>

## **Pell Grants**

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

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

**More Information:** Click on <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>.

## **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**

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

Occupational training is targeted to a specific occupation and provided to help certified workers secure employment at a skill level and wage similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment.

Based on the individual's existing skills and labor market conditions, training will be of the shortest duration necessary to return the individual to employment, with a maximum duration of 130 weeks. TAA can also pay 50% of the salary for on-the-job training and customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a PA CareerLink® office; [www.pacareerlink.pa.gov](http://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov); [RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov).

## **TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances**

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

**More Information:** [RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWPO-TRADE@pa.gov)

## **Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Act Funded Activities**

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

**Contact:** [RA-LI-BWPO-LXSTAFF@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWPO-LXSTAFF@pa.gov)

## **JVSG Grant**

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

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

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

pockets of Native Americans and many sparsely populated, rural counties.

**More Information:** Contact JVSG Coordinator at [ra-libwpo-vets@pa.gov](mailto:ra-libwpo-vets@pa.gov)

## **RESEA Grant**

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

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

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

**Contact:** [RA-LIBWPO-RESEA@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LIBWPO-RESEA@pa.gov)

## **FLC Grant**

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

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

OFLC distributes this grant funding annually in accordance with approved state plans.

**Contact:** [RA-LIBWPO-FLC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LIBWPO-FLC@pa.gov)

## **Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)**

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

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

**More Information:** 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 “Work Opportunity Tax Credit;”

**Contact:** [RA-BWPO-TAXCREDITS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BWPO-TAXCREDITS@pa.gov) or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink® office or call Tax Credit Services at 1 (800) 345-2555.

## **Apprenticeship Training**

The Apprenticeship Training appropriation supports the mission of the Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) to increase Pennsylvania’s contribution to the overall growth of apprenticeship programs nationwide; enhance outreach efforts to businesses and individuals; assist existing apprenticeship programs; expand the apprenticeship model to non-traditional occupations; and ensure apprenticeship opportunities are available to under-represented communities across the commonwealth.

**Contact:** Apprenticeship and Training Office at [apprenticeship@pa.gov](mailto:apprenticeship@pa.gov)

## **Apprenticeship Grants**

As part of the PAsmart initiative, Registered Apprenticeship, Pre-Apprenticeship, and Apprenticeship Ambassador Network Grants will be offered to support potential and existing programs to increase “earn while you learn” opportunities across Pennsylvania.

PAsmart Apprenticeship grant funds will be used to build a diverse talent pipeline into the building and construction trades; expand registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship in non-traditional industries with an emphasis on health care, manufacturing, and information

technology; and to support registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship through ambassador networks across the commonwealth.

**More Information:** To learn more about PAsmart's Apprenticeship grants and to apply, visit the [Department of Labor & Industry's website](#).

## **TANFBG – Youth Employment and Training**

Since 2000, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has provided a significant amount of annual funding support from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), and their youth committees. The TANF Youth Development Program provides comprehensive services to youth by connecting them to available resources within their community. The program encourages the network of state and local youth services providers and workforce development providers along with public housing agencies to develop workforce programs for needy and at-risk youth that provide employment, educational experiences, and essential skills such as financial literacy and time management. TANF funds enhance WIOA Youth Formula funding and extend the availability of high-quality workforce investment activities to low-income youth, and to continue addressing the unique challenges that most often affect the ability of our young people to succeed. For the program year 2020, L&I received an allocation of \$25 million, which helped serve over 9278 Pennsylvanian Youth. The TANF YDP has previously served twice this amount. Due to the pandemic, we saw a decrease in TANF YDP participants.

### **Program Contacts**

PA Department of Human Services, Bureau of Employment Programs

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Fax: (717) 787-4106

**Email:** [ntile@pa.gov](mailto:ntile@pa.gov)

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**Email:** [roxagarcia@pa.gov](mailto:roxagarcia@pa.gov)

## **AmeriCorps State Program Grants – PennSERVE**

PennSERVE provides grants to community-based, faith-based, and educational institutions to operate AmeriCorps programs designed to address unmet needs at the community level.

Grantees awarded funding enroll individuals as AmeriCorps members to address community needs. AmeriCorps members serve full-time (1,700 hours per year) or part-time and receive a stipend and an education award. In 2021, stipends begin at \$16,500 for full-time members; the full-time member education award is equivalent to the Pell Grant.

Grants are awarded annually. There is a 24-50 percent initial match requirement, depending on how long an organization has received AmeriCorps funds. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations. There are two grant application cycles each year.

The first opens in the fall, with grant applications typically due in November; the second opens in the spring, with grant applications typically due in March.

**More Information:** click on <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1 (866) 6-SERVE-U for more information.

## **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, serves two primary customer groups: individuals with disabilities and businesses. OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in, or maintain employment. Services are very individualized and are provided both directly and indirectly through a network of approved vendors. The OVR counselor, during face-to-face interviews, assists customers in selecting their choice of vocational goals, services, and service providers. For employers, OVR will provide pre-screened, qualified applicants to meet the workforce needs of a business. OVR will also provide no-cost services to businesses such as accessibility analysis and worksite modification consultation, assistive technology information, disability awareness training for other staff and answers to ADA-related questions. Information about on-the-job training reimbursement and tax credits will also be made available to the business. OVR District Offices are located in 15 locations throughout the state. These offices are staffed with trained, professional vocational rehabilitation counselors, and serve Pennsylvania in all 67 counties. In six of those district offices, OVR's Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services provides specialized services to blind and visually impaired individuals to assist them not only with securing and maintaining a job but also with living independently in their community.

### **For general inquires OVR can be reached at:**

(717) 787-5244 Voice

(717) 787-4885 TTY

(800) 442-6351\* Voice

(866) 830-7327\* TTY

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

OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. OVR services include:

- **Assistive Technology:** a wide range of devices and services that can empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, independence, and integration into society.
- **Counseling:** Vocational counseling helps individuals with disabilities to better understand their potential, abilities, and vocational goals.
- **Diagnostic Services:** medical, psychological, and audiological examinations
- **Placement Assistance:** counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs and job development
- **Restoration Services:** medical services and equipment, such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs, and automobile modifications
- **Training:** education to prepare individuals with disabilities for careers, including

academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training

- Vocational Evaluation: aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance and “hands-on” job experiences
- Support Services: Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary to start and maintain employment.

## **PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation’s (OVR’s) Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services (BBVS)**

Provides services to assist Pennsylvanians who are blind or visually impaired in obtaining and maintaining employment and independent lives. BBVS programs include:

- Vocational Rehabilitation – Assists individuals who need services to prepare for or retain employment. Services may include, but are not limited to, employment evaluation; counseling and guidance; training; job placement; assistive technology; adjustment to blindness; occupational tools and equipment; orientation and mobility training; and vision rehabilitation therapy.
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy – Helps individuals safely and efficiently carry out their daily activities at home, on the job and in their community. Services may include Braille instruction, home management, in-home orientation, and personal management.
- Orientation & Mobility – Teaches individuals how to travel independently and safely within their homes, workplaces, and communities.
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP) – Assists qualified, interested individuals in developing creative business ventures ranging from vending machine routes to a full cafeteria.
- Specialized Services – Assists adults and children in achieving safety and independence within their homes and communities. Specialized Services for adults and children may include vision enhancement services; advocacy; counseling; information and referral; vision rehabilitation therapy; and orientation and mobility services. Specialized Services for children may also include advocacy for educational services, transition to employment and assistive technology.
- Independent Living – Helps individuals aged 55 and older become more self-sufficient and independent in their homes and communities.

## **Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC)**

The campus covers more than 45 acres. Taking three years to build, it is the world’s first and largest rehabilitation facility specifically designed to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services under one roof. From its opening in April 1959, the Hiram G. Andrews Center has achieved worldwide recognition, attracting distinguished visitors from many countries, and has provided individualized educational and rehabilitation programs for residents and commuter students. An individual’s program may include pre-employment transition services, vocational evaluation, post-secondary education at the Commonwealth Technical

Institute housed within the Hiram G. Andrews Center, cognitive therapies, physical restoration, career exploration, work-based learning experiences, work readiness and self-advocacy activities, assistive technology assessment and intervention. As the only self-supporting government facility in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is not funded by direct legislative appropriations, but relies, instead, upon payment for services rendered.

## **HGAC is supported by the following areas:**

- Transition Programs – Provides a comprehensive, specialized range of transition services through a systematic partnership with HGAC staff, private sector providers, medical professionals, and university research teams, including vocational evaluation, career guidance, placement, assistive technology, and student enrichment services.
- Education – Programs offered at the Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrews Center offer quality, accredited, individualized post-secondary education. Programs of study may afford students the opportunity to obtain an ASB or AST degree or an industry-recognized diploma and credentials at the postsecondary level. The Commonwealth Technical Institute at Hiram G. Andrews Center is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).
- Student Affairs – Provides medical, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, vocational counseling, and residential support programs designed to assist students in reaching educational and rehabilitative goals.
- Institutional and Business Management – Maintains business operations of the Hiram G. Andrews Center, to include fiscal operations, data and statistics, financial aid, shipping/receiving, dietary operations and the internal Print Shop.
- Facility Maintenance – Maintains the facility by directing Security, physical plant trades, maintenance repair, utility plant operations and custodial operations to provide a safe, secure, sanitary, and operational environment for students and staff.

**Contact:** (814) 255-8200 (voice/TTY) and (800) 762-4211

## **OVR Pre-Employment Transition Services**

Pre-Employment Transition Services are provided to students between the ages of 14-21 who are enrolled in secondary or post-secondary education and have an IEP, 504 Plan or identify themselves as a student with a disability. The following Pre-Employment Transition Services are offered through a variety of ways throughout the state:

- Instruction in self-advocacy helps students with disabilities build skills to solve problems and communicate their own needs and interests.
- Counseling on Post-Secondary Options helps students with disabilities decide if college or training after high school is right for them.
- Job Exploration Counseling helps students with disabilities learn about jobs and pick a career.
- Work-Based Learning uses community workplaces to provide students with disabilities the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences

to real-life work activities and future career opportunities.

- Workplace Readiness Training teaches students with disabilities how to get and keep a job.

**Contact:** OVR Central Office at (800) 442-6351 (Voice) or (866) 830-7327 (TTY)

**More Information:** More detailed information about OVR, please visit: [www.dli.pa.gov/ovr](http://www.dli.pa.gov/ovr)

## **OVR Business Services**

- Staffing – pre-screened candidates, help to retain current employees, consultation services and accommodation solutions
- Accessibility analysis – job analysis and worksite modification consultation; reasonable accommodation consultation and assistive technology information
- Financial incentives – OJT training reimbursement and tax credits
- Disability awareness – sensitivity and disability etiquette training; Americans with Disabilities Act consultation
- Short and long-term support – follow-up services to problem-solve issues that jeopardize the continued employment of the individual with a disability
- Networking Resources – Employment Networks, Business Leadership Networks, Job Accommodation Network (JAN), VR-NET, Job Gateway

**Contact:** OVR Business Services and Outreach Division at (717) 787-3940 (Voice), (800) 442-6351 (Voice).

## **Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)**

The Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ODHH) is an office within the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry that serves all 67 counties. ODHH provides advocacy, information and referrals services related to hearing loss, such as services, technology, sign language interpreters, or laws that require equal access for people who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing.

ODHH provides three primary services:

- We **ADVOCATE** for people with hearing loss who are not receiving proper services from government or private agencies.
- We distribute **INFORMATION** and answer questions on issues relevant to people with hearing loss.
- We **REFER** people to appropriate organizations. ODHH is ready to serve as liaison, open doors, explain procedures and make referrals. No request is too small.

**Contact:** Melissa Hawkins, Director for Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing – [mehawkins@pa.gov](mailto:mehawkins@pa.gov)

**Program Area Contact Information:** (717) 783-4912 v/tty, (717) 831-1928 videophone or [ra-li-ovr-odhh@pa.gov](mailto:ra-li-ovr-odhh@pa.gov)

# DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

## Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension

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

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-pvp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pvp@pa.gov)

## Blind Veterans Pension

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

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-bvp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-bvp@pa.gov)

## Disabled American Veterans Transportation

This program provides Pennsylvania veterans who have no other means of transportation with access to VA medical facilities. This funding supports replacement vehicles through the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans Volunteer Transportation Network.

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email at [ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov](mailto:ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov)

## Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program

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

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-retx@pa.gov](mailto:ra-retx@pa.gov)

## Education of Veterans Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

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

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-eg@pa.gov](mailto:ra-eg@pa.gov)

## **Educational Assistance Program**

The Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides tuition grants to eligible members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) who enroll in a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency. This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate flat tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$239.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for members who may or may not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. EAP recipients can receive funding up to 10 full-time semesters (120 credits) or the equivalent. Applications can be submitted at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

Eligible EAP members can continue to use EAP benefits if the eligible member continues service in the PNG beyond their initial six-year service agreement until the EAP benefits are exhausted.

Members deployed to a combat zone have EAP time eligibility extended for a period of one year, or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members ordered to active federal service or active state duty have EAP time eligibility extended for one additional month for each month of service after being discharged or released under honorable conditions from the PNG.

Eligible members discharged because of a line of duty injury will have an extended EAP deadline for six years from the date of the medical discharge.

**More Information:** Call the DMVA Education Center at (866) 920-7902.

## **Military Family Educational Program**

The Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) Military Family Education Program (MFEP) provides education assistance to the spouses and children of PNG members who enroll in a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning with a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency. This grant provides 100% of the flat tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students at a State System of Higher Education school or equivalent at an approved PHEAA school. The full-time undergraduate flat tuition grant is \$3,858 plus \$239.00 per semester technology fee. The part-time grant for dependents who may or may not possess a bachelor's degree is the tuition per credit or \$322 per credit, whichever amount is less per semester, plus a \$20.00 per credit technology fee. MFEP recipients can receive funding up to 10 full-time semesters (120 credits) or the equivalent. Applications can be submitted at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

To be eligible, members of the PNG must complete an initial service obligation in the PNG and

are eligible to reenlist in the PNG for a period of six years and have not accepted an obligation under the Educational Assistance Program (EAP) for the same six-year period.

The eligible member can assign the entire benefit to one dependent or a portion of the benefit to more than one dependent.

**More Information:** Call the DMVA Education Center at (866) 920-7902.

## **Honor Guard Burial Detail Program**

This program authorizes the Department to pay up to a maximum of \$250.00 per cemetery, per day, to veterans' groups providing honor guard burial details for eligible veterans being interred at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. To be eligible for payment, at least three members must be present, and they must sound Taps. Requests for payment are made through the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council.

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov](mailto:ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov)

## **Military Family Relief Assistance**

The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance grants to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. Eligible members must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of assistance is based upon documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500.

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-6500 or email [ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov) with questions or to submit an application.

## **Medical and Health Officer Incentive Program**

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

**More Information:** Call (866) 920-7902

## **Veterans' Temporary Assistance**

Veterans' Temporary Assistance is for eligible veterans or their unmarried surviving spouse who are facing adverse financial circumstances and need assistance with the necessities of daily living. In general, assistance is provided to replace, or supplement, income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living. Eligible veterans or their

beneficiaries may qualify for a one-time payment up to \$1,600 in a twelve-month period.

**More Information:** Call (717) 861-8910 or email [ra-vta@pa.gov](mailto:ra-vta@pa.gov)

## **Veterans' Trust Fund**

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

**Use:** Programs and services benefiting Pennsylvania veterans.

**Funding Source:** Veterans' Trust Fund

**Funds:** Varies by award.

**Application Deadline:** December 16, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/Veterans/Grants/Pages/VeteransTrustFundGrantProgram.aspx>.

## **GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES**

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) continuously looks to improve the lives of Pennsylvania’s more than 700,000 veterans. One way the DMVA meets this commitment is through its leadership and oversight of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services (GAC-VS).

The GAC-VS was established as Pennsylvania’s first interagency cooperative approach to veterans services. The council reviews, evaluates and assesses state veterans programs in collaboration with senior staff from state agencies and commissions. It increases information sharing, ensures program fidelity, coordinates complementary programs and facilitates meaningful enhancements in service accessibility to veterans benefits and services within Pennsylvania.

The GAC-VS consists of committees comprised of state, federal, and county personnel who have a vested interest in serving veterans. Each committee is chaired by a subject matter expert who facilitates the committee’s initiatives and provides a brief to the Council members and/or designees during the quarterly meetings.

**Contact:** Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services Bldg 0-47, Edward Martin Hall Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003-5002. Call 1 (800) 547-2328 or email [RA-VA-info@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VA-info@pa.gov)

# DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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

Pennsylvania offers a variety of tax incentives, credits and programs to eligible Pennsylvania residents and businesses. These tax credits, economic development programs refund/rebate opportunities and incentive programs provide economic assistance and tax reductions to individual and business taxpayers. For more information or to see if you qualify, please explore the links below.

## Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Governor Josh Shapiro delivered on a promise he made to older Pennsylvanians when he signed a new law, Act 7 of 2023, that significantly expands the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program. This historic legislation delivers the largest targeted tax cut for Pennsylvania seniors in nearly two decades.

Under the expansion first proposed by the Governor, nearly 175,000 more Pennsylvanians will qualify for a property tax or rent rebate. At the same time, many of the 430,000 claimants who previously qualified under the program's prior guidelines will see their rebates increase.

Starting in mid-January 2024, the Department of Revenue will open the filing period for eligible applicants to submit applications for rebates on property taxes and rent paid in 2023.

Here are the changes that will take effect at that time:

**First**, the maximum standard rebate is increasing from \$650 to \$1,000.

**Second**, the income cap for both renters and homeowners will be made equal and increase to \$45,000 a year:

- The income cap for homeowners will increase from \$35,000 to \$45,000
- The income cap for renters will increase from \$15,000 to \$45,000

**Third**, the income caps will be tied to the cost-of-living moving forward, meaning those who receive a rebate won't lose their eligibility in the future due to no fault of their own.

### Eligibility Table For Homeowners And Renters

INCOME	MAX REBATE
\$0 - \$8000	\$1,000
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$770
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$460
\$18,001 - \$45,000	\$380

### Supplemental Rebates

The income eligibility did not change for supplemental rebates under the new law. However, the amounts were increased based on the new standard rebate levels. Supplemental rebates are still automatically calculated for property owners with \$30,000 or less in income who live in:

- Philadelphia, Scranton, or Pittsburgh.
- Property taxes are 15% or more of total income.

Income	Standard Rebate	Supplement (Kicker)	Total Max Rebate
\$0-\$8,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
\$8,001-\$15,000	\$770	\$385	\$1,155
\$15,001-\$18,000	\$460	\$230	\$690
\$18,001-\$30,000	\$380	\$190	\$570

All eligible Pennsylvanians are encouraged to file their rebate applications online using [myPATH \(my-path.pa.gov\)](http://myPATH.my-path.pa.gov)

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

## Research & Development (R&D) Tax Credit

Act 7 of 1997 created the Pennsylvania Research & Development (R&D) tax credit. The R&D tax credit provision became Article XVII-B of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (TRC). The intent of the R&D tax credit is to encourage taxpayers to increase R&D expenditures within the Commonwealth in order to enhance economic growth.

This tax credit is available to businesses and individuals performing qualified research in Pennsylvania, to encourage businesses in the commonwealth to conduct research.

To qualify for the R&D tax credit, the entity must be:

- Subject to Corporate Net Income Tax or Personal Income Tax;
- Have research expenses incurred for qualified research and development conducted within Pennsylvania;
- Have had at least two years for R&D expenditure;
- In compliance with tax laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as determined by the department

To apply for the Research and Development Tax Credit visit [myPATH](http://myPATH), the Department of Revenue's new online filing system. This is a logged in function so you will need to create a [myPATH](http://myPATH) account.

The application period opens July 12, 2024. All applications must be submitted by December 1, 2024.

**Contact:** Department of Community and Economic Development Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448.

## Mixed-Use Development Tax Credit Program

The Mixed-Use Development Tax Credit program, administered by the [Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency](http://Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency), authorizes the Agency to sell \$4.5 million of state tax credits to qualified taxpayers for the purpose of establishing a Mixed-Use Development Fund. Distributions

from the fund will be awarded to eligible construction or rehabilitation projects in the Commonwealth.

Bids are currently being accepted for the purchase of mixed-use development tax credits. The deadline for bids is 2 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024.

For more information, visit the [Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency](http://www.phfa.org) website ([www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)) or call the PHFA at (717) 780-1867. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or by email at [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Computer Datacenter Equipment Program**

The Computer Data Center Equipment Program authorized under Act 84 of 2016 and amended under Act 13 of 2019 and Act 25 of 2021 is designed to attract new investment from businesses that own or operate within a computer data center.

Under the original legislation, the program was designed to provide 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 passage of Act 25 of 2021 established the Computer Data Center Sales and Use Tax Exemption Program. Beginning January 1, 2022, computer data center equipment is exempt from Pennsylvania sales and use tax when it is sold to, used, or consumed in a certified data center by an owner, operator or qualified tenant holding a Computer Data Center Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption issued by the department.

Specific information is available in the program guidelines and FAQs. If you have questions, please contact the department's Office of Economic Development at (717) 772-3896 or by emailing [ra-rveconomic-dev@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rveconomic-dev@pa.gov).

## **Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program**

A taxpayer that is a manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages may submit an application for tax credits against the malt beverage tax imposed under Article XX of the Tax Reform Code for investment in qualified capital expenditures. Applications for qualifying capital expenditures placed into service in Pennsylvania between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 or within one year of the date of the original purchase submitted prior to April 1, 2025.

For more information and to apply for a Malt Beverage Tax Credit, please refer to the:

[Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program Guidelines and Application](#)  
[Informational Notice – Miscellaneous Tax 2018-01 – Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions - Malt Beverage Tax Credit Program](#)  
[Qualifying Capital Expenditures Worksheet](#)

**Contact:** Call the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Educational Tax Credits**

The Educational Tax Credits program contains two sections of which credits may be awarded for applicants within the program.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is available to eligible businesses that

contribute to scholarship organizations (including pre-kindergarten) and educational improvement organizations, in order to promote expanded educational opportunities for students in Pennsylvania. The Program Guidelines provide more information. For more information on EITC review the [Program Guidelines](#).

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) is available to eligible businesses that contribute to IRC 501C opportunity scholarship organizations approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Opportunity Scholarship Organizations can provide scholarships to eligible students living within the boundary of the lowest-achieving 15 percent of elementary and lowest-achieving 15 percent of secondary schools as published by the Department of Education. For more information on OSTC review the [Program Guidelines](#).

To speak with a representative of the program, please contact the Department of Community and Economic Development at 1-800-379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

To make an irrevocable election to pass-through an EITC to partners, members or shareholders, a business must complete form: [REV-1123](#). The completed [REV-1123](#) may be emailed to the Department of Revenue at [REV1123@pa.gov](mailto:REV1123@pa.gov). A separate election must be completed for each year the credit is awarded and not used in whole or in part.

[Informational Notice - Miscellaneous Tax 2015-01 – Education Tax Credits](#)  
[Restricted Tax Credit Bulletin 2021-01 - Limited Carryforward of Education Tax Credits](#)

## **Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) Tax Credit**

The KIZ Program creates geographic zones to foster innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities by aligning the combined resources of educational institutions and the private sector.

For more information, review the [Program Guidelines](#) or call the Department of Community and Economic Development's Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ)**

The Keystone Special Development Zone (KSDZ) is an incentive-based tax credit program to foster the redevelopment of abandoned, deteriorated commercial and industrial sites. Eligible businesses that are established within and/or relocate to a KSDZ have the opportunity to earn restricted tax credits in exchange for job creation within the zone.

For more information, visit the program website (<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/keystone-special-development-zone-ksdz>) or call the Department of Community and Economic Development's Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Historic Preservation Tax Credit**

This program will provide tax credits for qualified taxpayers to rehabilitate a qualified historic structure that is approved by the PA Historical & Museum Commission.

For more information, review the [Program Guidelines](#), or call the Department of Community and Economic Development's Customer Service Center at 1-800-379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Tax Credit for New Jobs**

This tax credit program was available to businesses approved within the program that agreed to create new jobs within Pennsylvania. The program is no longer accepting applications, as the sunset date was June 30, 2019.

Tax questions, for utilization of credits, may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Neighborhood Assistance Program**

This program encourages taxpayers to contribute to neighborhood organizations and charitable food programs and engage in activities that promote community economic development in impoverished areas.

For more information, review the [Program Guidelines](#), or call the Department of Community and Economic Development's Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Tax Credit**

This program provides a tax credit to farmers and businesses that invest in the implementation of best management practices in agricultural operations to enhance farm production and protect natural resources.

For more information or to apply for a Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit, visit the Department of Agriculture's webpage: [https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/StateConservationCommission/REAP](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/StateConservationCommission/REAP) or call (717) 787-8821. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Entertainment Production Tax Credit**

The Entertainment Production Tax Credit program contains two areas of which credits may be awarded for applicants within the program: Film Production Tax Credit and Video Game Production Tax Credit.

The Film Production tax credit was established to create a film industry within the Commonwealth to attract the production of films, television commercials or television shows for a national audience. For more information on the program, review the [Program Guidelines](#).

The Video Game Production tax credit was established to create attract the video game industry to the Commonwealth for the production of video games. For more information on the program, review <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/film-tax-credit-program>.

### [Film Tax Credit Employer Withholding Requirements](#)

The Department of Community and Economic Development has more information online or

call the DCED Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program**

The Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program was established to attract investment in the commonwealth by awarding tax credits to tour operators representing musicians for rehearsals and live musical performances within the state. For more information on the program, review the [Program Guidelines](#).

The [Department of Community and Economic Development](#) has more information online or call the DCED Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Pennsylvania Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit (PRM)**

Beginning in 2017, any manufacturer purchasing natural gas containing ethane as a petrochemical feedstock at a facility within the Commonwealth could be eligible for a PRM Tax Credit equal to five cents per gallon (\$2.10 per barrel) of ethane purchased and used in manufacturing ethylene, so long as the company makes a capital investment of at least \$1 billion and creates the equivalent of at least 2,500 full-time jobs while constructing the manufacturing facility. Effective for ethane purchased between Jan. 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2042.

This program provides a powerful incentive that will revitalize Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry, create thousands of good-paying Pennsylvania jobs and secure long-term economic benefits for Pennsylvania residents and communities.

For more information and to apply for the Pennsylvania Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit, contact the Department of Revenue's Office of Economic Development at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit**

The Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit provides tax credits to eligible facilities which generate electricity by using coal refuse for power generation, control acid gases for emission control, and use ash produced by the facilities to reclaim mining-affected sites.

For more information, review the [Program Guidelines](#) or call the Department of Community and Economic Development's Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 379-7448. Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Sale and Assignment for Restricted Tax Credits**

Special rules apply for taxpayer's that sell/assign restricted credits. For specific information regarding these rules, review [Restricted Tax Credit Bulletin 2024-01](#).

Effective immediately, entities that are no longer subject to filing the RCT-101 Corporate Tax Report as per the phase out of the Capital Stock & Foreign Franchise Tax are required to file the PA- 20S/PA-65, S Corporation/Partnership Information return prior to selling a restricted credit. Every domestic or foreign PA S corporation (72 P.S. § 7330.1), partnership (72 P.S. §

7335(c)), or entity formed as a limited liability company that is classified as a partnership or S corporation for federal income tax purposes, must file the PA- 20S/PA-65 Information Return. Single Member Limited Liability Companies with an individual, partnership, or corporation as the single member are required to file the specified returns: An individual as the single member, must file a PA-40 Individual Tax Return. If the single member is a corporation or partnership the return of the owner (RCT-101 Corporate Tax Report or PA 20S/65 Information Return) must be filed.

## **Statement of Account for Restricted Tax Credits**

Business taxpayers and tax practitioners now have the ability to electronically request and receive a more detailed version of the Statement of Account (e-SOA) in PDF format through the new Document Center section in <https://www.mypath.pa.gov/>. The e-SOA can be requested at any time and is made available in PDF format in the Document Center to print or download on the next business day.

Logon to [myPATH](#) and request an e-SOA through the [myPATH](#) Document Center.

[Restricted Tax Credit Bulletin 2019-01 -- Claiming Donation-Based Tax Credits after the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#)

[Restricted Tax Credit Bulletin 2018-02 -- Claiming Educational Tax Credits after the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#)

## **Innovate in PA Tax Credit Program**

The Innovate in PA program was established by Act 52 of 2013. The program authorized the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to sell \$100 million of state insurance premium tax credits to insurance companies for the purpose of establishing the Innovate in PA Fund used to distribute proceeds to innovation and economic growth technology-based projects. Innovate in PA tax credits are effective against insurance premiums tax liabilities.

The [Innovate in PA Tax Credit Claim Form](#) must be submitted by Monday, February 21, 2022 to the Department of Revenue for tax credit utilization, subject to limitation as specified in the tax credit certificate, against estimated and final Insurance Premiums Tax Liability.

Tax questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

## **Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit Program**

Act 66-2020 provides a Local Resource Manufacturing (LRM) Tax Credit to a manufacturer purchasing dry natural gas for use in manufacturing petrochemicals or fertilizers at a facility in the Commonwealth. The LRM Tax Credit will be equal to forty-seven cents per unit of dry natural gas purchased and used in manufacturing petrochemicals or fertilizers as long as the company makes a capital investment of at least \$400 million and creates the equivalent of at least 800 full-time jobs during the construction phase and ongoing operation of the facility. Effective for dry natural gas purchased between Jan. 1, 2024 and Dec. 31, 2050.

This program provides a powerful incentive that will revitalize Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry, create thousands of good-paying Pennsylvania jobs and secure long-term economic benefits for Pennsylvania residents and communities.

For more information and to apply for the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit, contact the Department of Revenue's Office of Economic Development at (717) 772-3896 or [ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-rvtaxcredits@pa.gov).

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

## Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Program

**Who May Apply:** Private companies.

**Use:** To develop innovative ways to deliver transportation projects across a variety of modes including roads, bridges, rail, aviation, and ports.

**Funding Source:** State, Federal, & Private Funding

**Funds:** Varies by award.

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/projectAndPrograms/p3forpa/Pages/default.aspx>

## Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside)

The Pennsylvania TA Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to schools, and trail projects that serve a transportation purpose such as trails that connect to schools, parks or other public areas. Applicants pay for any pre-construction costs (roughly 20 percent of the estimated construction cost of the project) but these upfront costs may be eligible for Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) funding. Competitively selected projects are awarded at 100 percent of the estimated construction cost. PennDOT's website provides program guidance, the eligibility determination form and an application. For questions on eligibility for DCNR funding contact your DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation regional advisor. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-program.html>

**Contact:** Justin Cambric, (717) 705-1532. Email: [jcambric@pa.gov](mailto:jcambric@pa.gov)

## Bureau Of Aviation

### Aviation Development Program

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

**Contact:** Anthony McCloskey, (717) 705-1200. Email: [amccloskey@pa.gov](mailto:amccloskey@pa.gov)

### Capital Budget/Aviation Transportation Assistance Program

This state-funded program provides funds for improvement projects to airports with public sponsors. Federally eligible projects can be funded up to 75 percent and non-federal are eligible for 50 percent. The remaining share is paid by the local sponsor/owner. Letters are sent to eligible sponsors prior to release. Available only to airports with public sponsors. Projects

must be in an active capital budget bill.

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### **Federal Airport Improvement Program**

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. It provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are typically funded with 90 percent federal, 5 percent state and 5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

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

**Contact:** Anthony McCloskey, (717) 705-1200. Email: [amccloskey@pa.gov](mailto:amccloskey@pa.gov)

### **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank-Aviation (PIB)**

This revolving loan fund is administered by PennDOT for eligible airport development at public use airports. The interest rate is one-half the prime lending rate. Maximum loan term of 10 years.

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

### **Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates**

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

**Application Deadline:** February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year.

**Contact:** Anthony McCloskey, (717) 705-1200. Email: [amccloskey@pa.gov](mailto:amccloskey@pa.gov)

## **Bureau Of Maintenance And Operations**

### **Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancements Grant Program**

In October 2010, PennDOT established as identified within the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [75 Pa.C.S. §§3116(1)(2), 3117(m)(2), and 3117(m)(2.1)], a Transportation Enhancement Grant Program also known as the ARLE Funding Program. In 2021, funds from Automated Speed Enforcement Systems under 75 Pa.C.S. §3370(m)(2) were added to the program. Details regarding the ARLE Funding Program can be found in the Pennsylvania Code (Title 67; Chapter 233; Transportation Enhancement Grants from Automated Red Light Enforcement System Revenues) and the Program Guidelines on the PennDOT Traffic Signal Portal (<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals>). The ARLE Funding program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program focused on low-cost safety and mobility improvements in which projects are managed by applicants unless otherwise determined by the department. PennDOT accepts applications for the ARLE Funding Program annually between June 1 and June 30. The application period is announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin each May. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

**Who May Apply:** Local authorities (counties, municipalities, and other local/ boards or bodies

having authority to enact laws relating traffic); Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs); County planning organizations; Commonwealth agencies

**Use:** The ARLE Funding Program prioritizes safety enhancements considering both PennDOT's [Safety Network Screening](#) methods for the project location and [Crash Modification Factors](#) associated with proposed improvements.

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

**Application Deadline:** June 1 through June 30

**More Information:** Go to PennDOT's website PennDOT|Traffic Signal Portal ([state.pa.us](http://state.pa.us))

**Program Email Address:** [ARLE@pa.gov](mailto:ARLE@pa.gov)

**Contact:** Stephen Gault, (717) 787-6988. Email: [sgault@pa.gov](mailto:sgault@pa.gov)

### **Green Light-Go (GLG) Funding Program**

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. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds cannot be used as the required match. Annual program announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the PennDOT Traffic Signal Portal specifying the acceptance of applications. Applicants are required to obtain the latest electronic grant application and fill out appropriately.

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

**Program Email Address:** [GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov)

**Contact:** Stephen Gault, (717) 787-6988. Email: [sgault@pa.gov](mailto:sgault@pa.gov)

### **Bureau Of Rail, Freight, Ports And Waterways Rail Freight Assistance Program**

**Who May Apply:** Freight railroads, freight railroad-served shippers, and economic development entities.

**Use:** To support investment in rail freight infrastructure.

**Funding Source:** Multimodal Transportation Fund

**Funds:** The maximum state funding for a RFAP project is 70 percent of the total project costs, not to exceed \$700,000.

**Application Deadline:** August 30, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx>.

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

### **Rail Transportation Assistance Program**

**Who May Apply:** Freight railroads, freight railroad-served shippers, and economic development entities who have a line item in a Capital Budget Act.

**Use:** To support investment in rail freight infrastructure.

**Funding Source:** General Obligation Debt

**Funds:** The maximum state funding for a RTAP project is 70 percent of the total project costs, not to exceed the amount of the line item.

**Application Deadline:** August 30, 2024

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/DoingBusiness/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

### **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for Rail Freight Projects**

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

**Application Deadline:** Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application, is available at: <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>

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

### **Pennsylvania Intermodal Cargo Growth Incentive Program (PICGIP)**

PICGIP provides an economic incentive to ocean carriers to move their preordained and discretionary cargo through a commonwealth port instead of other United States ports. The incentive, which is \$25 per verified container "lift" applies to containerized cargo loaded or discharged from vessels moving through the commonwealth's ports. The incentive is offered to eligible ocean carriers starting a new service to a commonwealth port as well as to ocean carriers currently calling a commonwealth port and increasing containerized cargo volumes based on benchmarks established by PennDOT.

All ocean carriers that move containerized cargo through commonwealth ports and agree to follow the PICGIP Guidelines are eligible to participate in the incentive program and be considered for an incentive payment.

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

The PICGIP Program Guidelines and application instructions can be found at: <https://www.penndot.gov/Doing-Business/RailFreightAndPorts/Pages/default.aspx>

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

## **Bureau Of Public Transportation Public Transportation Operating Assistance**

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

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact:** Anthony Stever, (717) 783-9559. Email: [astever@pa.gov](mailto:astever@pa.gov)

## **Federal 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance**

This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides state and federal funds for public transportation projects serving rural communities with populations less than 50,000. The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Pennsylvania's rural population. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping, and recreation. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact:** Anthony Stever, (717) 783-9559. Email: [astever@pa.gov](mailto:astever@pa.gov)

## **Public Transit Capital Assistance**

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

**Application Deadline:** Annually in the spring/summer. 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.

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

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

**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.

Eligibility: The following may apply for these funds: The governing body of a county, other than a county of the first or second class; a transportation company designated by the governing body of the county as the coordinator of the community transportation service; an agency or instrumentality of the commonwealth.

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

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

## **Section 5310 Private Nonprofit (PNP) Vehicle Grant Program**

Private, nonprofit organizations may apply for federal grants to fund 80 percent of the cost of wheelchair-accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the applicant. Public transit agencies are also eligible for funding under this program. Additional information can be found at: [5310 PNP Applicant Instructions](#)

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

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

## **Intercity Bus Assistance Program**

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

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

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

## **Intercity Rail Passenger Program**

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

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

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

## **New Initiatives**

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

**Application Deadline:** To be determined

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

## **Rural Persons with Disabilities Program**

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

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact:** Anthony Stever, (717) 783-9559. Email: [astever@pa.gov](mailto:astever@pa.gov)

## **Shared-Ride Program for Senior Citizens**

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

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact:** Anthony Stever, (717) 783-9559. Email: [astever@pa.gov](mailto:astever@pa.gov)

## **Transit Research and Demonstration Projects**

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

**Application Deadline:** N/A

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

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Contact:** Anthony Stever, (717) 783-9559. Email: [astever@pa.gov](mailto:astever@pa.gov)

### **Bureau Of Innovations Agility Program**

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

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

**Contact:** Bob Snyder, (717) 783-9661. Email: [rolsnyde@pa.gov](mailto:rolsnyde@pa.gov)

### **Bureau Of Planning And Research PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program**

PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program offers local governments' practical training in efficient maintenance, essential traffic safety, and sound management practices for their roadways and bridges. Training is supplemented by one-on-one technical assistance via phone, email and site visits and through publications highlighting recent practical technological advances. Most LTAP services are available at little or no cost to municipalities to help them meet their transportation needs. Additional information can be found at: <https://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP/default.aspx>

**Contact:** Michael Dudrich, (717) 425-5672 or 1-800-FOR-LTAP. Email: [midudrich@pa.gov](mailto:midudrich@pa.gov)

## **Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program**

The commonwealth enacted Act 70 in July 2006 amending Act 32 of 1983, authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is paid to municipalities on March 1 of each year. The objective of this program is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads and bridges that predominantly carry local traffic, carry low numbers of vehicles on a daily basis, and/or would better serve the community if operated under municipal jurisdiction. PennDOT either rehabilitates the roadway before the transfer takes place or provides the municipality with funding to rehabilitate the roadway to a satisfactory condition. Local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Each PennDOT district office has a turnback coordinator who can provide more information and assist local governments interested in participating in the program.

**Contact:** Zachery Kopinetz, (717) 705-0687. Email: [zkopinetz@pa.gov](mailto:zkopinetz@pa.gov)

## **Center For Program Development And Management PennDOT's Twelve Year Program**

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

**Contact:** Larry Shifflet, (717) 787-3154. Email: [lashifflet@pa.gov](mailto:lashifflet@pa.gov) or [RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov)

# DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

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## Unclaimed Property and Military Decorations

The Pennsylvania Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property every year. Treasury is working to return more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property in its care to the rightful owners.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a “holder,” such as a bank, insurance company or other business or organization, without activity or contact for multiple years. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury after a certain number of years (three years, in most cases).

The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, and items abandoned in safe deposit boxes. About one in ten Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property, and the average claim is worth about \$1,500.

In addition to financial assets, Treasury receives tangible items including military decorations and memorabilia ranging from Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts to badges and dog tags. Returning these military decorations is a top priority for Treasurer Stacy Garrity, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Individuals can search for unclaimed property at [patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/](http://patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/). Claimants may also use the Treasury website to check the status of an unclaimed property claim. Claimants seeking assistance with their claim may email inquiries to [TUPMail@patreasury.gov](mailto:TUPMail@patreasury.gov). Holders needing information about the unclaimed property program can visit [patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/holder/](http://patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/holder/) or email [HolderReporting@patreasury.gov](mailto:HolderReporting@patreasury.gov).

## PA 529 College and Career Savings Program

The PA 529 College and Career Savings Program designed to help Pennsylvania families steadily and strategically save for future educational expenses. PA 529 plans have significant state and federal tax advantages. A PA 529 account can be opened with no deposit, and future contributions can be as low as \$1.

Treasury offers two plans; the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP), which allows Pennsylvania families to save at today’s tuition rates to meet tomorrow’s tuition costs, and the Morningstar Silver-Rated PA 529 Investment Plan that offers a number of investment options.

Savings in PA 529 accounts can be used to pay for a wide variety of qualifying technical, collegiate, and apprenticeship educational expenses such as tuition, fees, equipment, books, and room and board, at most schools nationwide. They can also be used for K-12 tuition expenses.

**More Information:** Click on [pa529.com](http://pa529.com) or call (800) 440-4000.

## PA ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience)

PA ABLE is a tax-free way for Pennsylvanians with disabilities and their families to save for

disability-related expenses without affecting eligibility for government disability benefits. PA ABLE allows for up to \$16,000 in savings per year and up to \$100,000 may be saved without impacting SSI benefits.

PA ABLE account owners pay no federal or state income tax on savings growth or withdrawals for qualified disability-related expenses. PA ABLE offers multiple savings options, including an interest-bearing checking account with an accompanying debit card.

PA ABLE account funds are easy to access and can be used for a variety of qualified disability-related expenses such as housing, education, health care, transportation, assistive technology and more.

**More Information:** Click on [PAABLE.gov](https://paable.gov) or call (855) 529-ABLE (2253).

## **Keystone Scholars**

Keystone Scholars jumpstarts educational savings by providing a \$100 investment for every child born to a PA family on or after January 1, 2019, including those adopted. Families are mailed instructions on how to access their child's account approximately five months after their birth. The program uses no taxpayer money, and the funds are invested by Treasury to grow as your child grows.

Keystone Scholars accounts can be used to help pay for a wide variety of qualifying technical, collegiate, and apprenticeship educational expenses. Families who decide to save additional money for future educational expenses can consider a PA 529 account and watch the two accounts grow side-by-side.

**More Information:** Click on [pa529.com/keystone](https://pa529.com/keystone).

## **INVEST Program for Governments and Nonprofits**

INVEST is a family of highly rated investment pools designed specifically for local government and nonprofits. INVEST is similar in concept to money market funds, offering two rated pools with short-term maturity, as well as periodic custom investment opportunities for longer-term investment needs. The program's portfolios are managed by the Pennsylvania Treasury's investment staff.

In addition to daily monitoring by Treasury, INVEST is monitored by and has earned the highest rating from the financial world's premier rating company: Standard & Poor's Ratings. The Invest Daily Pool and Invest Community Pool are both rated AAAM.

**More Information:** Click on [patreasury.gov/invest/](https://patreasury.gov/invest/).

## **PennSEF – Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance Program**

PennSEF provides technical and legal assistance, as well as low-cost capital, for energy improvement projects by municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals. The Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment, a nonprofit organization, administers PennSEF for Treasury.

**More Information:** Click on [freefutures.org/pennsef/about/](https://freefutures.org/pennsef/about/).

# CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

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

## The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It was created in 1987 under Act 16, the Rural Revitalization Act, to promote and sustain the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities. The Center's mission is to promote and sustain the vitality of the state's rural and small communities by:

- Administering grants to conduct research on matters relating to rural conditions;
- Maintaining and disseminating a broad base of information on rural trends and conditions;
- Publishing research and project results; and
- Sponsoring regional and statewide forums on rural issues.

## Research Grant Program

The Center's Board of Directors annually approves topics for research. All projects must show a clear relationship to one or more of the Center's mandated research areas:

- Rural people and communities
- Economic development
- Local government finance and administration
- Community services
- Natural resources and the environment
- Rural values and social change
- Educational outreach
- Agriculture
- Health and welfare concerns

The Center's enabling legislation allows the Center to award grants to qualified faculty members of The Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities, and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. A qualified faculty member must serve as the project director. Partnerships with other academic institutions, community organizations, and public and private agencies are encouraged.

One-year grants are awarded to conduct applied policy research or to identify local strategies that can result in legislative or program policy considerations or recommendations.

For the 2024 grant cycle, the Center will grant research awards up to \$60,000 on targeted topics, (see [Request for Proposals - Center for Rural PA](#) for list of target topics).

## Mini Grant Program

Mini grants are awarded to projects that focus on basic data collection and analysis, time-

sensitive issues, and/or the preparation of reference materials. Projects supported as Mini Grants are a maximum of nine months in duration and are eligible for a maximum of \$15,000 in Center support.

In addition to publication on the Center's website, all research reports will be included in Penn State Libraries Open Publishing, an open access imprint of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries. For more information, please visit <https://journals.psu.edu/ruralpolicy>.

## **Student Micro Grant Program**

The Center has established a fund to assist eligible faculty and students in pursuing scholarly research projects that will examine the needs and opportunities of Pennsylvania's nearly 3.4 million residents through a public policy lens. Research must be conducted under the supervision of a [qualified faculty member](#).

## **Data on Rural Trends and Conditions**

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also has the state's largest database on rural trends and conditions. Much of the data it collects on Pennsylvania's counties, municipalities and school districts is available online. Population projection data, through the year 2040, are also available online. These data, used in conjunction with other population data, are a valuable resource for public and private agencies that are responsible for policy development, project planning and program evaluation.

## **Hearings and Forums**

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania also sponsors hearings on issues impacting rural Pennsylvania, the most recent of which are youth mental health and rural schools; the availability of broadband in rural Pennsylvania; and opioid addiction and overdose in Pennsylvania. In 2021, the center launched a virtual Rural Policy Summit series that brought together a wide range of stakeholders to learn about and discuss major policy issues that will affect rural Pennsylvania over the next 5 to 10 years.

**Contact:** The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 625 Forster St., Room 902, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-9555, [contact@rural.pa.gov](mailto:contact@rural.pa.gov), [www.rural.pa.gov](http://www.rural.pa.gov).

# OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

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## Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)

The state's RACP program is designed to aid community and economic development projects throughout the commonwealth that demonstrate significant economic impacts to local and regional economies. The RACP program operates as a reimbursement program for eligible project costs including, but not limited to, construction, land acquisition (percentage limitations may apply), permitting and any interest costs paid during construction. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required minimum of 50% participation in non-state match.

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

Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-RACP application to the Office of the Budget.

All submissions that pass an initial review of eligibility and completeness will be considered for an RACP grant award.

There is a 30-day "public comment period" after the closing of an e-RACP application window until an award can be made. Once the initial review of all the projects has been completed and the public comment period has closed, the Office of the Budget will forward a complete listing of projects and summaries to the administration for grant award consideration.

All successful candidates will be notified via individual correspondence that the e-RACP application submission has resulted in a grant award and the amount approved therein. The applicants that DID NOT receive an award WILL need to re-apply during a future open window for grant consideration. The award letter will serve as written notification authorizing the preparation and submission to the Office of the Budget of a formal and complete Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Application and Business Plan for the project. All applicants must notify the Office of the Budget within 30 days of receipt of their award letter as to whether or not they are accepting the grant award. If the award has been accepted, the applicant must submit its formal Application and Business Plan within six months of the date of the award letter. They must also be able to demonstrate that at least 50% of the required non-state funds (matching funds) necessary to complete the project are secured at the time of the application among other stipulations in order to receive a grant agreement.

Once the grant agreement is fully executed, the grantee will then have a maximum of six months to meet the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. Once construction activities have started, the grantee is entitled to receive reimbursements based on submission of eligible and compliant paid costs and satisfaction of the terms and conditions of the grant. A legislatively mandated audit will result after construction completion.

**Who May Apply:** Entities that have a project itemized in a Capital Budget Itemization Act from the past 10 years. List of eligible projects can be found here: [Itemized Project Eligible for Funding](#).

**Use:** The acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects that have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. RACP projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

**Funds:** Projects must have a \$1 million minimum project cost and a 50% match (state funds cannot be used as match).

**Application Deadline:** Contact Office of the Budget

**More Information:** Click on <https://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx>.

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

### **Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Overview**

- The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Governor's Office of the Budget.
- RACP is for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects.
- RACP projects are authorized in the Redevelopment Assistance section of a Capital Budget Itemization Act, have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity.
- The minimum total project cost must be \$1 million
- At least 50% of the project cost must be matched with non-state funds (private sources, federal grants acceptable as local match). If you are requesting \$1 million, you must provide a match of \$1 million. The only non-cash, non-state match permitted is land or fixed assets, which have a substantial useful life and are directly related to the project.
- RACP is a reimbursement grant program. Reimbursement won't be made until the project is completed and after you have spent your matching funds. Often reimbursement takes several months following project completion. Interim financing may be necessary.

#### **RACP has a two-step application process.**

**Step One:** Any project wishing to apply for RACP funding must already have language in an Itemization Act authorizing that project.

A list of all projects that have been submitted in any Itemization Bill from 2010 through present, may be found on the Office of the Budget website: [http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUgvGbD\\_L8](http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUgvGbD_L8) under "Itemized Projects Eligible For Funding." Projects will remain on the list for a total of 10 years. At that time, if those projects have not been funded, or if they have not moved forward, they are removed from the list and new itemization language would need to be added when appropriate, so the applicant may submit their request during the application period.

If a project is not already in an Itemization Act, you must work with your State Representative and/or Senator to get language included in the next Itemization Act.

**Step Two:** The Application Period. The Office of the Budget occasionally opens the application period for RACP grants (this is also called, “submission of Business Plans”). Sometimes this is every year; sometimes it is not. The Governor decides.

- Eligible grantees - If you are not an eligible grantee, you will need to partner with one to receive RACP funds. Eligible grantees include:
- A redevelopment authority.
- An industrial development authority.
- A general purpose unit of local government.
- A local development district that has an agreement with a general purpose unit of local government under which the unit assumes ultimate responsibility for debt incurred to obtain the non-State financial participation.
- A public authority established pursuant to the laws of this Commonwealth.
- An industrial development agency:
  - which has been certified as an industrial development agency by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Board under the act of May 17, 1956 (1955 P.L.1609, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act; and
  - which is itself or which is acting through a wholly owned subsidiary that is exempt from Federal taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The Office of the Budget website lists all projects that have received funding to date. [http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUgvGbD\\_L8](http://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx#.VwUgvGbD_L8). Those funded projects may be found under the tab, “Cumulative Awards, 1986 – present.”

**More information:** Click on <https://www.budget.pa.gov/Programs/RACP/Pages/Main%20Page.aspx>

# OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

[www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.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.

**More Information:** 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.

**More Information:** Visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov).

**Contact:** OSFC at [ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov)

## Fire and Emergency Medical Service Loan Program

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

Grants range from \$2,000 to no more than \$4,000. Departments who elect to submit joint applications are eligible for an additional \$500 per additional department, up to \$6,000. Eligible organizations include volunteer and career fire, emergency medical services and rescue companies throughout the 40 counties in Pennsylvania where unconventional gas well drilling has been permitted, or those counties that directly border the permitted counties and who respond to gas well-related emergencies.

**More information:** Visit the Office of State Fire Commissioner's website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov) to download and print the loan application documents.

**Contact:** Letitia Sinclair, VLAP Administrator at (717) 651-2205, [lesinclair@pa.gov](mailto:lesinclair@pa.gov) or the VLAP staff at 1 (800) 670-3473

**Application Deadline:** Deadlines for each fiscal year vary and are on a rolling basis.

## PENNFIRS Reporting

Both grant programs from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner require applicants to continually submit their incidents to PENNFIRS. Any questions about this requirement should be directed to Kraig Herman at (717) 651-2209 or [krherman@pa.gov](mailto:krherman@pa.gov). For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov).

**Contact:** Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at [ra-emact13grant@pa.gov](mailto:ra-emact13grant@pa.gov).

# **PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND 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 Justice Programs (OJP), Jackie Weaknecht at (717) 265-8498

## **Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)/Act 28 of 2014**

Provides funding for National Children's Alliance-member CACs and developing CACs and multidisciplinary investigative teams.

**Contact:** PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), Kirsten Kenyon at (717) 265-8505

## **County Intermediate Punishment Program**

Provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in treatment and supervision programs in lieu of incarceration.

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at (717) 265-8498

## **Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)**

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

**Contact:** PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at (717) 265-8505

## **First Chance Trust Fund**

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

**Contact:** PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at (717) 265-8505

### **Forensic Science Improvement Program**

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

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at (717) 265-8498

### **Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution Grant Program**

Funds are available for local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys to improve the investigation and prosecution of illegal firearm use and/or crimes of violence committed with firearms.

**Contact:** PCCD, Samantha Koch at (717) 265-8474

### **Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program**

Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private nonprofits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and Federal JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Greg Young at (717) 265-8495

### **Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program**

Established by Act 54 of 2022, local law enforcement agencies are eligible to make application for funding to support equipment and technology needs, hire nonsworn civilian personnel, support officer retention and recruitment efforts, and training.

**Contact:** PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at (717) 265-8505

### **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

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

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at (717) 265-8498

### **School Safety and Security Grant Program**

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

**Contact:** PCCD ORESPD, Kirsten Kenyon at (717) 265-8505

### **Sexual Assault Services Program**

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

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

### **State Rights and Services Act (RSA) & Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)**

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

**Contact:** PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at (717) 265-8700

### **STOP Violence Against Women Program**

Provides funds to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems' response to violence against women and to enhance prosecution, advocacy and services available to women who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

**Contact:** PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at (717) 265-8700

### **Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)**

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

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Jackie Weaknecht at (717) 265-8498

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program**

Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.

**Contact:** PCCD OVS, Kathy Buckley at (717) 265-8700

### **Violence and Delinquency Prevention Program**

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

**Contact:** PCCD OJP, Geoff Kolchin at (717) 265-8483

### **Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants**

Initially issued in FY21-22, state violence intervention and prevention funding is available to community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties, and district attorney's offices to address gun and group violence.

**Contact:** PCCD, Samantha Koch at (717) 265-8474

### ***\*\*Useful resource\*\****

The Office of Victims Services (OVS) creates a bi-weekly newsletter to keep programs updated on any changes within OVS, upcoming training events and grant opportunities. Newsletters are emailed to interested parties. 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 COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)

[www.arts.pa.org](http://www.arts.pa.org)

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) was established by the state Legislature in 1966 as an Executive Office of the Office of the Governor. Its mission is to strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. The PCA's cross-cutting value is diversity, equity, and inclusion, with the goal of promoting equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth. The PCA accomplishes its mission through grants to the arts; partnerships and initiatives; technical assistance; and by serving as a resource for arts-related information for government, the public, other funding entities, the arts field, and interested organizations and community leaders.

At established deadlines throughout the year, the PCA and its partners accept applications for state arts funding from eligible nonprofit organizations, units of government, and individuals. Note: Most PCA funding includes a requirement that grants be matched.

## Arts in Education (AIE) Division

### Quick Guide

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Through artist residencies, the PCA's Arts in Education (AIE) Division enables artists to help others explore and develop their creativity and artistic skills in a variety of educational, community and institutional settings.

### Learn more about our AIE Division's collaborations with other state agencies:

[Art Sparks](#) – this program, in partnership with the PA Turnpike Commission, brings artist residencies to schools across PA to bring student-created artwork to PA Turnpike service plazas.

[Creative Communities of Care](#) – this program, in partnership with the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, brings a distinctive storytelling approach to the commonwealth's six Veterans Homes, with wonderful outcomes.

## Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) Track

The Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) funding track supports qualified applicants that provide consistent levels of artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Activities and services generally must have a public component.

### The features of AOAP:

- Application based on past performance.

- Funding parameters set by Council and applied across the applicant pool.

**Activity Period:** July 1 - June 30. All funded activities must take place during this time period.

**For current grantees:** Download the [Reimbursement Request and Final Report template](#).

## Eligibility

- Currently funded in the AOAP Track, or transition into AOAP from Entry Track, PPA Program Stream, or Preserving Diverse Cultures, as approved by the Council.
- An average fiscal size of more than \$200,000.
- Organizations must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or a school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Organizations are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded.

## Funding Strategy

- In order to begin to address historical inequities faced by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and rural communities in accessing support for critical community services and development efforts, the PCA's funding strategy for AOAP has shifted away from the historic funding formula the agency previously utilized to determine general operating support grant amounts.
- The PCA's current strategy utilizes two funding tiers within AOAP—rural and BIPOC organizations, and non-rural/non-BIPOC organizations.
- In its adoption of this approach, the PCA Council also adopted formal definitions for rural and BIPOC-led organizations.
  - For rural organizations, the PCA is utilizing the Center for Rural Pennsylvania's county-based definition, which includes 48 of the commonwealth's 67 counties.
  - PCA's definition of BIPOC organizations is grounded in the following organizational characteristics, in addition to an organization's self-identification as BIPOC-led/centered:
    - Specific community served/impact on the community
      - Mission/vision/founder
      - Majority of artists/art presented, produced or exhibited
      - Location in an area dominated by a specific culture, race, ethnicity
      - Staff composition
      - Board composition
- This funding strategy is the result of more than ten years of research and conversation involving national arts service organizations, BIPOC and rural organizations, and the PCA's analysis of its historical funding practices. Additionally, this funding approach aligns with the PCA's strategic goal to promote equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth.

## Creative Business Loan Fund

In partnership with [Bridgeway Capital](#) and [Community First Fund](#), the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is pleased to make available the Creative Business Loan Fund. This fund provides \$2.2 million in the form of affordable, flexible financing to small, creative businesses across the commonwealth.

Inspiration for creation of this fund stemmed from the PCA's awareness of a growing need for financial support for creative small businesses, which are important drivers of employment and economic vibrancy. Creative, for-profit businesses add to the state's economic activity and, if supported, will be positioned to play a critical role in helping Pennsylvania's cities and towns recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic.

### Loan Fund Management

The fund is managed by Bridgeway Capital and Community First Fund, each holding responsibility for deploying 50 percent of the total available loan capital and providing small business technical assistance.

### What is a creative business?

Under the program's definition, creative businesses include craft manufacturers, arts schools, architecture, design and fabrication firms, media companies, and visual and performing arts production agencies.

### Eligibility

The fund prioritizes creative businesses:

- Located in low-income communities;
- Owned by Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) individuals or serving a diverse market; and
- Those located in small towns and rural communities.

Interested applicants in the following counties must apply to the program through [Bridgeway Capital's Creative Business Loan Fund](#): Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland.

Interested applicants in the following counties must apply to the program through [Community First Fund's loan application page](#): Adams, Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, and York.

***For general questions about the Creative Business Loan Fund, contact Sarah Merritt, Director of Creative Communities via [email](#).***

## Creative Catalyst Grants

Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants support proposals that incorporate ALL of the following components:

Align with one or more of the three goals of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts:

1. Strengthen Pennsylvania communities through the arts. Connect and increase Pennsylvanians' access to lifelong learning through the arts. Champion public awareness and appreciation of the arts in Pennsylvania communities.
2. Demonstrate statewide benefit for the creative sector in Pennsylvania.
3. Include mechanisms to implement the PCA's overarching value of diversity, equity and inclusion.
4. Budget Considerations: Up to 25% of grant can be used for administrative expenses. \$1:\$1 Match IS required. Please note the following: Typical grant amounts are between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Please note that this is NOT for on-going support or for an annual source of funds. For those types of applications/projects, please contact the PCA for more information.

### Eligibility

Organizations must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government; college or university; school district or non-arts nonprofit providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. Organizations are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded.

## Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the PCA's [Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts \(PPA\)](#) partner organizations are pleased to make available the Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program. This program is designed to pair access to existing small business consulting services with financial resources up to \$2,000 for creative entrepreneurs who aspire to start their own for-profit business or who operate an existing for-profit micro business.

Download the [Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program info sheet](#) (PDF)

Creative entrepreneurs are invaluable assets to communities. They lead innovation, deliver creative products and services, generate economic opportunity, and build community identity. Assisting creative entrepreneurs is part of the pathway to recovery and increased opportunity within a rapidly changing economic environment.

Additionally, this program advances and prioritizes the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' overarching value of diversity, equity, and inclusion and prioritize investment in creative entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous, or persons of color (BIPOC) or those located in and whose work benefits low-income communities.

### Who are creative entrepreneurs?

Under this program's definition, creative entrepreneurs are individuals who intend to form a business or who operate a for-profit micro business in Pennsylvania within one or more of the following creative industry areas:

- Marketing – Advertising and marketing agencies & professionals.
- Architecture – Architecture firms & architects.
- Visual Arts & Crafts – Galleries, artists, artisans & makers.
- Design – Product, interior, graphic, and fashion design firms and designers.
- Film & Media – Film, video, animation, TV & Radio businesses.
- Digital Games – Companies, programmers & individuals producing games.
- Music & Entertainment – Producers, venues, musicians & performers.
- Publishing – Print or electronic businesses & content creators, editors & writers.

### **Additional information:**

- Creative Entrepreneurs must be at least 18 years of age and a current resident of Pennsylvania for at least one year.
- Creative entrepreneur’s business must have gross revenue less than \$200,000.
- Creative entrepreneurs are eligible to receive fund through the Creative Entrepreneurs Accelerator Program once every three years.

This program is administered regionally by the PCA’s [Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts \(PPA\) Partners](#), in cooperation with a network of small business development organizations, including [the PA Small Business Development Centers](#).

***To learn more about the program in your county and participating referral coordinators, contact your regional [PPA partner](#).***

- Creative entrepreneurs will first receive consultation services from and business plan review by a local small business development organization (known as “referral coordinators” for the purposes of this program). Business consultation services will be provided at no cost to interested creative entrepreneurs.
- Referral coordinators can help with the how-tos of starting a business, development of a sound business plan, and business growth and sustainability strategies.
- Once a referral coordinator has reviewed a creative entrepreneur’s business plan, they will refer the creative entrepreneur to the regional PPA partner organization.
- Upon receiving the referral, the PPA partner will send application materials to the creative entrepreneur.
- After receiving an eligible and complete application, the PPA partner will enter into an award agreement with the creative entrepreneur and process a grant up to \$2,000.

## **Entry to Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP)**

Entry to Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) is the point of entry for organizations or programs to [the AOAP track](#). Entry to AOAP supports eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have a history of at least one year of consistent arts/cultural programming.

**Activity period:** July 1 – June 30

**For current grantees:** Download the [Reimbursement Request and Final Report template](#).

## Eligibility

- Must be nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, a unit of government, or school district, providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania;
- Organizations are required to provide proof of incorporation and activity in Pennsylvania before applications are reviewed or funds awarded;
- Must have at least one year of consistent arts programming;
- Must have an average fiscal size more than \$200,000.

For technical and login questions, contact the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) customer service at: (800) 379-7448. For narrative and attachment questions, contact Jamie Dunlap at (717) 525-5542 or [jadunlap@pa.gov](mailto:jadunlap@pa.gov).

## Entry to Program Stream

### Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Entry to Program Stream

Entry to Program Stream is a new funding opportunity that aims to provide valuable access to funding for small arts organizations and programs across the commonwealth.

Entry to Program Stream is the point of entry to ongoing support for arts organizations and programs that have annual revenue less than \$200,000.

For more information, contact your [regional PPA Partner](#) or Amanda Lovell, at (717) 787-1523 or [alovell@pa.gov](mailto:alovell@pa.gov).

[Access the 2022-2023 Entry to Program Stream application guidelines](#) (PDF).

### How Entry to Program Stream Works

Entry to Program Stream is available annually, statewide, and administered regionally by PPA Partners. Eligible organizations apply to Entry to Program Stream with the aim of eventually qualifying for Program Stream, which provides ongoing, flexible support at a higher average grant amount. Organizations may qualify for Program Stream after consistently receiving funds through Entry to Program Stream, receiving good panel assessments, and fulfilling grant award requirements. Entry to Program Stream is aligned with the Program Stream application deadline in February and Term of Agreement dates.

## Eligibility

- Nonprofit organizations
- Units of government
- Schools
- Departments of colleges and universities
- Un-incorporated groups that conduct ongoing arts programming may apply through a fiscal sponsor

**Note: Applicants cannot also be applicants in AOAP, PPA Program Stream, or Entry Track.**

## **Folk and Traditional Arts**

Folk and Traditional Arts are defined as those artistic traditions characteristic of specific ethnic, religious, linguistic, occupational, or regional groups. These arts are shaped and shared within families, neighborhoods, and communities. They are passed down from one generation to another and learned through ongoing participation in community-based activities, and through observation, practice or apprenticeships with elders and masters rather than through classes, books or other means of institutional instruction.

Folk and Traditional Arts Program Director: Dana Payne, (717) 525-5544 or [danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov).

### **Folk and Traditional Arts Partnership**

The goals of the Folk and Traditional Arts Partnership are to investigate, document, present, sustain, and promote the folk and traditional art of Pennsylvania in order to celebrate our diverse heritage. This system of local and regional organizations forms a mutually supportive network and specializes in, or includes, a focus on folk and traditional arts. Current Partnership organizations collectively serve 40 counties by promoting the creation and documentation of folk art; engaging the public in understanding the quality, breadth, and diversity of folk and traditional arts across the state; conducting critical discovery fieldwork in under-represented communities; and providing technical assistance for folk and traditional artists through workshops and gatherings

### **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships in Folk and Traditional Arts are grants from the PCA which support the learning of traditional arts within cultural communities across the state. Each grant award provides funding to a partnership between a master traditional artist and a qualified apprentice, enabling them to work together to share and develop advanced techniques or repertoire. Apprenticeships in Traditional Arts grants are offered annually in both performing or craft traditions. Artists who receive the award are also profiled on the statewide [Folk Art Infrastructure website](#).

### **Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP)**

The [AOAP](#) track supports eligible PA Folk and Traditional Arts organizations that provide programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

### **Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream**

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream supports qualified applicants that provide artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. PPA is a partnership between local organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA). Operating in all 67 Pennsylvania counties, PPA re-grants PCA funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities.

[Download or view the PCA's partnership regions map and contact information](#) (PDF)

[View the open application guidelines for region 12 of the PPA partnership](#) (PDF)

## **Preserving Diverse Cultures Division (PDC)**

The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports the creation, development and stabilization of organizations, programs and projects whose mission and artistic work are deeply rooted in and reflective of the perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Additionally, the applicant's programs and staff are representative of BIPOC communities.

The Division seeks to foster organizational stability, expansion of the arts and cultural programming in BIPOC communities; and to support the training of capable administrators.

See [due date calendar](#) for applicable program deadlines.

Data collection – The PCA Financial & Activity Report is used to collect your financial and selected non-financial information for the last two years. This form is available for download in the [Electronic Single Application \(ESA\)](#) and must be completed with the most up-to-date information possible. When finished you will need to upload it as an Attachment in ESA.

[PDC Consultant Program Report](#) (PDF)

[Appeals Process](#)

### **Strategies for Success Program**

The Strategies for Success program addresses organizational development for BIPOC organizations through Implementation Awards, Technical Assistance, Long-Term Consultation, and Individual Development workshops and conferences. Participation in the program is based on three levels of development:

- [Basic](#)
- [Intermediate](#)
- [Advanced](#)

### **Community-Based Engagement Projects**

Community-Based Engagement Project Support Grants are designed to engage BIPOC communities in the development and implementation of community-based arts and culture projects. Applicants may apply for artist-initiated projects with a sponsor nonprofit organization. Community projects may include but are not limited to exhibitions, performances, artist-in-community residencies, and murals. Applicants may receive up to \$3,500 for planning and programming. For more information regarding deadlines, eligibility criteria and the application process, please refer to the current funding year's guidelines, available on this page.

### **Technical Assistance & Professional Development**

Short-term, organizational [Professional Development and Consulting \(PD&C\)](#) awards of up to \$2,000 in non-matching funds available to ALANAH organizations that may be ineligible to participate in the Strategies for Success Program.

## Professional Development for Individual Artists

Offers individual artists up to \$500 to attend conferences and participate in other professional development opportunities. In the past, artists have received funds to cover conference fees, non-credit career advancement, and promotional materials.

Contact Dana Payne, Director of DEI Initiatives, Diverse Cultures & Heritage, for more information regarding program availability and the application process: [danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov) or (717) 525-5544.

Submit your grant application online via the [Electronic Single Application \(ESA\)](#) by the corresponding due date listed below.

**Contact the appropriate member of the [PCA staff](#) if you have questions.**

Program Name	Application Due Date	Grant Activity Period	Final Report Due Date
<a href="#">Arts in Education</a>	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
<a href="#">Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP)</a>	01/15/2025, 5 p.m. EST	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	7/30/2026
<a href="#">Creative Business Loan Fund</a>	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
<a href="#">Creative Catalyst Grants</a>	Quarterly: 09/20/2024 11/15/2024 02/14/2025	09/01/2024 - 08/31/2024	9/30/2025
<a href="#">Creative Communities Initiative</a>	11/22/2024, 5 p.m. EST	TBD - contact <a href="#">Sarah Merritt</a> for more details	TBD - contact <a href="#">Sarah Merritt</a> for more details
<a href="#">Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator</a>	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling

<a href="#">Creative Sector Flex Fund</a>	Reference this chart (PDF) for your region's application timelines.	-----	-----
<a href="#">Entry Track</a>	02/18/2025, 5 p.m. EST	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	7/30/2026
<a href="#">Folk and Traditional Arts - Apprenticeships in Traditional Arts</a>	04/16/2024, 5 p.m. EST	09/01/2024 - 08/31/2025	9/30/2025
<a href="#">Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) - Strategies for Success</a>	03/25/2024, 5 p.m. EST	09/01/2024 - 08/31/2025	9/30/2025

# PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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

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The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC) is a group made up of people with disabilities, family members, advocates, and state department representatives. They 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.

## Mission

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, to:

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

## Vision

We envision a commonwealth where all people are valued and thrive.

## Statement of Values

**Generic Change** – The Council has a responsibility to change communities in the broadest, most generic sense. Our work improves the lives, not only of people with disabilities, but of all Pennsylvanians. Our energy is increasingly directed at ensuring that the systems and supports that are available to the community in general are made equally available, with appropriate accommodation, to Pennsylvanians with disabilities. We prefer to improve disability services by making them available in the context of the systems and supports that exist for all people.

**Systems Change** – The Council has a responsibility to change the systems that impact people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. We are less and less interested in models of accommodation which rely on the person with the disability being the person doing the changing, or which provide temporary help in the context of systems that are broken. All our work, viewed over time and in the context of our interlocking strategies and approaches, must contribute to our broad view of systems change. We do not believe that we can change Pennsylvania one sub-system at a time. We view systems in a wide-reaching way; not just as human service systems, but as the broader and generic social systems and cultures, which influence people with disabilities in Pennsylvania.

**Natural Part of the Human Condition** – The Council believes that disability is a natural part of the human condition. We are not sympathetic to medical models of understanding disability. While we do not deny the importance of medical treatment and medical need, we are more sympathetic to understandings of disability as a social construct imposed on people with disability labels rather than as a quality inherent in the person with a disability. We are not impressed by the model of trying to “help” people with disabilities by making them more like people without disabilities.

**Inclusion** – The Council is deeply committed to inclusion and integration. We do not like approaches which are segregated and will not fund “special programs for special people”. We prefer activities to be alongside and integrated with people without disabilities, in regular and generic settings in regular communities. Groups of people with different disabilities congregated together do not constitute “inclusion”.

**Cross-Disability** – The Council is cross-disability in nature; we try to fund approaches that affect all people with disabilities in common areas of their lives, such as housing, health, employment, community inclusion, etc., and we are especially interested in the cross-disability impact of shared stigma and segregation. Having said this, we are acutely conscious of the vital and important differences in priorities and emphases between different disability communities and seek to provide opportunities for communication and the sharing of different disability experiences.

**Cultural Competence** – The Council believes that the skills involved in understanding disability are closely related to the skills which lead to other forms of cultural competence. We believe that disability competence cannot take place in isolation from the embrace of all human diversity. Therefore, we seek alliances with all those who are excluded or dispossessed on the grounds of poverty, race, ethnicity, or sexuality.

**Empowerment** – The Council seeks to engage in activities which meaningfully involve people with disabilities, or, if they cannot speak for themselves, their chosen family members, in all areas of their conception, preparation and implementation. We oppose activities which could be construed as doing things for, to, or on behalf of people with disabilities rather than under their direct leadership. We do not fund projects which portray people with disabilities as deserving pity, which, even unconsciously, endorse stigmatization of people with disabilities, or which incorporate portrayals of people with disabilities as the objects of charity or “the least of these”.

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.

## **How Do Organizations Get Grants From The Council?**

The council funds applications 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. We offer individual and family scholarships, and we accept community grant applications on a rolling basis.

Funding is typically available for only short periods of time and are generally for specified activities. The council periodically announces Requests for Applications (RFAs) and issues notices of funding for smaller grant.. It does not have discretionary funds beyond those publications. The council only accepts applications for the projects described in the RFA booklet and in response to notices of funding for the small Community Grants.

The RFA booklet contains descriptions of projects that the council will be funding and instructions on how grant proposals must be written to meet the council's requirements. People on the council's mailing list receive the booklet in the mail. Other copies of the booklet are distributed in person or accessed on the council's website.

Deadline: You may join our mailing list to receive an announcement notice that an RFA booklet or a notice of funding has been issued, and to have the most up-to-date information as **deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change**.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council 2330 Vartan Way, Suite 130  
Harrisburg, PA 17110 (717) 787-6057 Toll-free: 1 (877) 685-4452 or email [Ra-pwpaddc@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-pwpaddc@pa.gov)

# **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 U.S. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs. Must obtain a DUNS number.

**More Information:** U.S. Fire Administration website, [www.usfa.fema.gov](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.pa.gov/Recovery/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.pema.pa.gov/Recovery/Pages/default.aspx)

## **Emergency Management Performance Grant**

This program provides the necessary direction, coordination and guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. This program provides up to 50% of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50% county match.

Applications can be submitted electronically in the [Electronic Single Application](#)

**Contact:** PEMA Grants Coordinator (717) 651-2035

## **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants**

The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

All 67 counties are eligible to apply. These grants require a 20% county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a "soft-match," such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

**Contact:** PEMA Grants Coordinator, (717) 651-2014

## **Hazardous Materials Response Fund**

The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

**Contact:** PEMA Grants Coordinator (717) 651-2014

## **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency with the responsibility to allocate funding for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). PEMA is authorized to provide HSGP funds to support the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, maintenance, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

**Contact:** PEMA Grants Coordinator, (717) 651-7075

## **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**

PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security with the administration of this grant to eligible nonprofit organizations. The NSGP provides support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the urban areas.

**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

# 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 details. (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>)

## Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Pumpout Grant Program

Helps fund the construction, renovation and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats. Funds are available to both the public and private sector. This includes all local governmental entities and private businesses that own and operate boating facilities.

**Contact:** Scott Bollinger at (717) 346-8196 or email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)

## Boating Facility Grant Program

Provides grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion, and rehabilitation of publicly accessible boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. Eligible entities include: townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments, as well as nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed associations. The program is designed to help provide or improve further access to public recreational boating opportunities within communities across the Commonwealth.

**Application Deadline:** November 30, 2024

**Contact:** Scott Bollinger at (717) 346-8196 or email: [ra-boatgrants@pa.gov](mailto:ra-boatgrants@pa.gov)

## 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.

**Application Deadline:** Annually on July 31

**Contact:** Scott Bollinger at (717) 346-8196 or email: [scbollinge@pa.gov](mailto:scbollinge@pa.gov)

## Coldwater Heritage Partnership

Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

**Contact:** Rachel Kester at (814) 359-5233 or email: [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov)

## Cooperative Nursery Grants

Provides monies for new construction, additions and improvements, and equipment to

existing nurseries within the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery Program.

The Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) staff reviews grant applications each year. To be considered for funding, a completed application must be in the Cooperative Nursery Unit office by the date specified in the application memo from the unit.

**Contact:** Brian McHail at (814) 353-2225 or email: [bmchail@pa.gov](mailto:bmchail@pa.gov)

## **Erie Access Improvement Grant Program**

Provides funding to assist nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following areas: Acquisition of lands, easements, and/or other property rights; development, improvement, or rehabilitation of public access sites; or, any other projects that benefit public fishing within the Lake Erie Watershed.

**Contact:** Scott Bollinger at (717) 346-8196 or email: [ra-boatgrants@pa.gov](mailto:ra-boatgrants@pa.gov)

## **R3 (Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation) Education Grant Program**

Recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) of anglers and boaters is important to the Commission. The PFBC welcomes applications for the development and delivery of education programs that contribute to the Commission's efforts to: retain current anglers and reactivate former anglers; and increase the diversity of Pennsylvania's angler population. The R3 Grant will reimburse qualifying organizations up to \$25,000 for eligible program expenses. The grants require a minimum of 25% cash or in-kind match of staff time and/or other project expenses. Requests for amounts greater than \$25,000 may be considered. School districts, universities and colleges, community and civic groups, sportsmen's and conservation organizations, and local recreation departments may apply.

**Application Deadline:** December 6, 2024

**Contact:** [ra-be@pa.gov](mailto:ra-be@pa.gov)

## **Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program**

Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

**Contact:** Jeffrey Schmid at (814) 359-5242 or email: [jschmid@pa.gov](mailto:jschmid@pa.gov)

## **State Wildlife Grant Program**

Provides federal monies for high- priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania. The 2015-2025 Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan serves as the blueprint for guiding decisions on where to direct funds for conservation actions in Pennsylvania. Priority topics can change yearly. A media release will announce when there is a call-for-projects; check the PFBC website for information.

**Contact:** (717) 705-7912 or email: [ra-fbswap@pa.gov](mailto:ra-fbswap@pa.gov)

## **Tulpehocken & Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program**

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

**Contact:** Diana Day at (717) 346-8137 or email: [diday@pa.gov](mailto:diday@pa.gov)

## **Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program**

Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

**Contact:** Jeffrey Schmid at (814) 359-5242 or email: [jschmid@pa.gov](mailto:jschmid@pa.gov)

## **York and Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement Grant Program**

Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in these counties.

**Contact:** Tyler Neimond at (814) 359-5185 or email: [tneimond@pa.gov](mailto:tneimond@pa.gov)

# PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

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

## State Wildlife Grants Program

The State Wildlife Grants program (SWG) is the nation's core program for preventing species from becoming endangered. This federal program provides needed funds to states to develop and implement conservation actions, identified in the [State Wildlife Action Plan](#), that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species not hunted or fished. Created in 2000 by Congress, SWG has enabled the Pennsylvania Game Commission and [Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission](#) to direct conservation efforts toward species in decline or vulnerable to decline, with the goal of preventing endangered species listings. State Wildlife Grant funding to Pennsylvania has ranged from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million per year, split equally between the Game Commission and Fish & Boat Commission.

The Game Commission is not seeking project proposals at this time.

## How has Pennsylvania wildlife benefitted from State Wildlife Grant funding?

The [Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan](#) serves as the blueprint for guiding decisions on where to direct State Wildlife Grant funds for conservation actions. Grant funding has dramatically improved the Game Commission's ability to:

- Respond to emerging issues, such as white-nose syndrome in bats
- Implement conservation actions for species of greatest conservation need
- Assess wildlife populations

Since 2001, the Game Commission has supported more than 60 bird and mammal conservation projects through State Wildlife Grant funding, including wildlife research, habitat improvement, land acquisition and other efforts. Many projects are conducted through partnerships with colleges and universities, conservation organizations and natural history museums, thereby maximizing the Game Commission's use of these federal funds. To see a map and descriptions of select projects, click on the map below.



In 2020, the Game Commission and Fish & Boat Commission celebrate 20-years of the State Wildlife Grants Program with a retrospective of accomplishments. These successes are shared nationwide, as detailed in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 20 Years of Conservation Success report.

## **Contact**

If you have questions about the State Wildlife Grants program, please contact the PGC Wildlife Diversity Conservation Planning Coordinator, [PGCSWAP@pa.gov.pa](mailto:PGCSWAP@pa.gov.pa)

## **Help support wildlife!**

Learn about the [Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#) and how you can help.

# 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.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

**Contact:** Denise Miller-Tshudy, (717) 703-2562, [dmillertsh@pa.gov](mailto:dmillertsh@pa.gov), or [www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)

## Local Share Distribution:

In addition to the tax rate on gross gaming revenue owed to the Commonwealth as a result of casino gaming, the Gaming Act provides for a local share distribution from various forms of gaming to enhance the community by sending additional monies to municipal, county, and state governments. This is expressed as a percentage of gross gaming revenues as defined in the pertinent sections of the Act. How much money – and where that money goes – is highlighted below:

## Slot Machine Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility

The Local Share distribution is generally 4% (2% to host county and 2% to host municipality) of a Licensed Facility’s Gross Terminal Revenue[i] subject to noted exceptions below and is distributed as follows:

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

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

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

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

**Penn National (Cat 1):** \$220,000 goes to Lebanon County CFA, \$50,000 goes to Schuylkill County, \$30,000 goes to Londonderry Township, and \$30,000 goes to Annville Township, the remainder of the County 2% is remitted to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(ii)(d.3-d.7)); \$160,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Lebanon County and \$9,840,000 goes to East Hanover Township in Dauphin County – the remainder of the municipal 2% is remitted to the County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(v)(a)).

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

**Rivers Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(i)).

**Stadium Philadelphia (Cat 2):** \$5,000,000 goes to the Philadelphia School District, \$3,000,000 goes to the City of Philadelphia, and \$2,000,000 goes to Philadelphia DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(4)(i)).

**Rivers Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 2% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(2)(iii)(b)); \$10,000,000 annually to the City of Pittsburgh (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c)(3)(i)).

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

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

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

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

### **Table Games Local Share at a Category 1, 2, or 3 facility**

The Local Share distribution is 2% of a Licensed Facilities Gross Table Game Revenue<sup>[ii]</sup> and is distributed as follows:

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

**Mohegan Sun (Cat 1):** 1% to Luzerne County CFA; 1% to Plains Township (4 Pa.C.S §13A63(b)(1)(I)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Category 4 Slot Machine Local Share**

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 slot machine Gross Terminal Revenue is 4%, with 2% going to the host county (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(i)) and 2% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §1403(c.1)(2)(ii)). Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

**Penn National:** Springettsbury Township, York County

**Stadium Casino:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County

**Mount Airy:** Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County

**Parx:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County

**Penn National:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County

**SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County

#### **Category 4 Table Games Local Share**

The Local Share distribution for the Category 4 facility table games Gross Table Game Revenue

is 2%, with 1% going to the host county and 1% going to the host municipality (4 Pa.C.S. §13A63(a.1)). Current Category 4 Facilities are as follows:

- Penn National:** Springettsbury Township, York County
- Stadium Casino:** Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County
- Mount Airy:** Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County
- Parx:** Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County
- Penn National:** Caernarvon Township, Berks County
- SC Gaming State College/Ira Lubert:** College Township, Centre County

### Interactive Gaming Local Share

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

- Harrah's Philadelphia (Cat 1):** 1% to an authority created by Delaware County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iii)).
- Mohegan Sun (Cat 1):** 1% to Luzerne County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Meadows (Cat 1):** 1% to Washington County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Parx (Cat 1):** 0.5% to Bucks County; 0.5% to Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Penn National (Cat 1):** 1% to Dauphin County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Presque Isle Downs (Cat 1):** 1% to Erie County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Rivers Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).
- Stadium Philadelphia (Cat 2):** 1% to Philadelphia School District (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(ii)).
- Rivers Pittsburgh (Cat 2):** 1% to Allegheny County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Mount Airy (Cat 2):** 1% to Monroe County CFA (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Wind Creek Bethlehem (Cat 2):** 0.6% is distributed as follows: [20% to City of Bethlehem, 30% to Northampton County, 50% to Northampton County CFA]; 0.4% is distributed as follows: [60% to City of Allentown, 35% to Lehigh County, 5% to Lehigh County CFA] (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Valley Forge (Cat 3):** 1% to Montgomery County (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).
- Lady Luck (Cat 3):** 1% to Fayette County DCED (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(i)).

\*\*If an Interactive Gaming Certificate Holder does not have a Licensed Facility in the Commonwealth, the remaining 1% is added to the Commonwealth Financing Authority deposit and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the

Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13B53(b)(1)(iv)). There are not currently any Qualified Gaming Entities licensed in Pennsylvania.

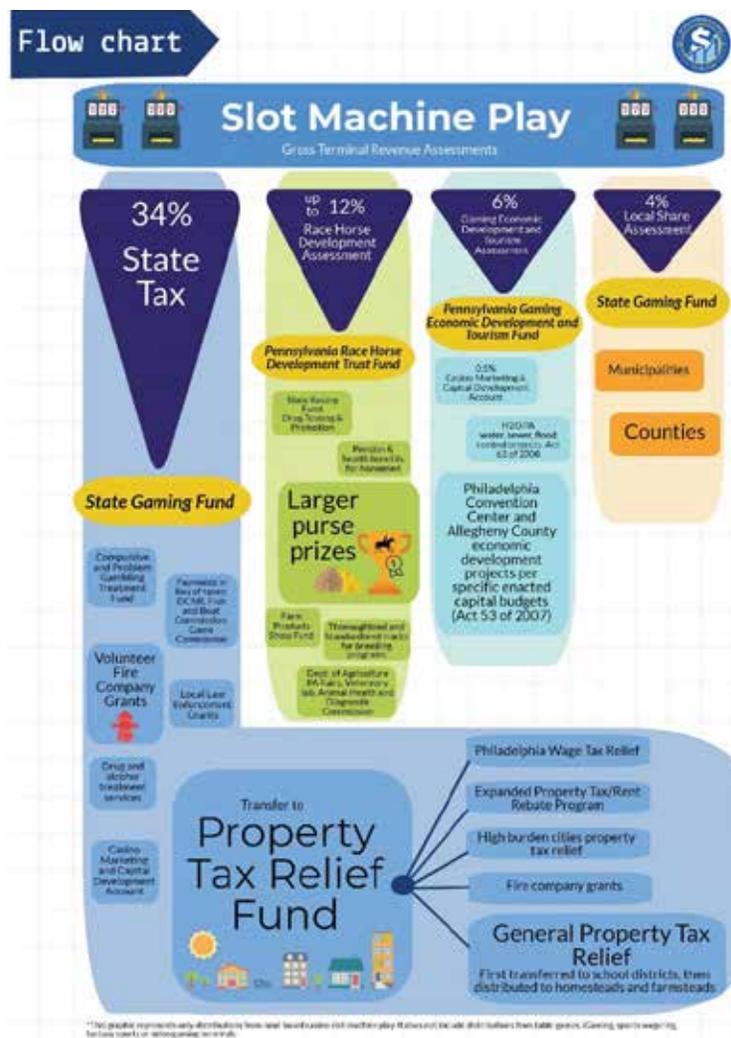
\*\*\*A list of currently operating interactive gaming certificates can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>).

### Sports Wagering Local Share

The Local Share distribution is 2% of Gross Sports Wagering Revenue and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §13C63(b)). A list of currently operating sports books can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)

### Video Gaming Terminal Local Share

The Local Share distribution is 10% of Gross Terminal Revenue and will be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be established in the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and distributed quarterly to be used for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth (4 Pa.C.S. §4103(a)(2)). A list of currently operating video gaming terminal establishments can be found on the Board's publicly accessible website (<http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>)



# PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

[PHEAA.org](http://PHEAA.org)

## State Programs

### PA State Grant Program

The PA State Grant Program provides grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial aid to attend an approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student. Award amounts vary from year to year based on funding levels. For the 2023-24 Award Year maximum awards are tied to college costs at approved Pennsylvania postsecondary schools.

PHEAA Allowable Costs	Maximum Award	Minimum Award
\$0 - \$12,000	\$3,059	\$500
\$12,001 - \$19,000	\$4,894	\$500
\$19,001 - \$29,000	\$5,261	\$500
\$29,001 - \$32,000	\$5,750	\$500

- **Veterans:** Qualified veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for special consideration for a PA State Grant while enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate student.
- **Out of State Institutions:** Applicants enrolled at an approved postsecondary institution outside of Pennsylvania may be eligible for a PA State Grant award. The minimum award amount is \$500 while the maximum is \$600 for non-veterans or \$800 if the student is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services.
- **Distance Education:** Students who take more than 50 percent of their credits online or who are enrolled in programs structured to be more than 50 percent online are eligible for the same award amount as a classroom student – if they attend a postsecondary institution that is headquartered and domiciled in Pennsylvania.

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and a PA State Grant

A student must complete the form by the announced deadline each academic year. The FAFSA is available at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/fafsa)

**Deadline:** PA State Grant deadlines are different for first-time applicants, renewal applicants, and summer-term applicants.

#### First-time Applicants

**(May 1):** First-time applicants enrolling in a degree program or a college transferable program at a 2-year private college or other college or university (excludes community colleges and designated Pennsylvania Open-Admission institutions) must file the FAFSA and PA State Grant Form by the May 1st deadline.

**(August 1):** First-time applicants enrolling at a community college; a business, trade, or technical school; a hospital school of nursing; a designated Pennsylvania Open-Admission institution; or a 2-year program that is not transferable to another institution must file the FAFSA and PA State Grant Form by the August 1st deadline.

**Renewal Applicants (May 1):** Students must file a renewal FAFSA and appropriate PA State Grant documents indicating any changes that may affect their PA State Grant award, such as a change in marital status or a change in income, by the May 1st deadline.

**Summer-term Applicants (August 15):** Students must submit the online Summer PA State Grant application by the August 15th deadline. Students must also have submitted the FAFSA and, if required, the PA State Grant Form.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/StateGrant](http://PHEAA.org/StateGrant)

### **PA Forward Student Loan Program**

Through the PA Forward Student Loan Program, PHEAA offers private student loan options for undergraduate students, graduate students, parents, and those looking to refinance existing student loans. More information can be found at [PHEAA.org/PAForward](http://PHEAA.org/PAForward).

Taking on a student loan is a significant financial commitment, and you should first consider your options for grants, scholarships, and other forms of free aid. At a minimum, be cautious not to borrow more than you'll be able to pay back.

**More Information:** visit [MySmartBorrowing.org](http://MySmartBorrowing.org)

### **PA Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program**

The PA Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program is administered by PHEAA in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The program provides awards to high-achieving undergraduate students whose annual family income does not exceed \$126,000. RTSS provides scholarships that, in combination with the PA State Grant Program, offer a total award up to \$2,000 for full-time and \$1,000 for half-time students. The minimum award is \$500.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/RTSS](http://PHEAA.org/RTSS)

### **PA National Guard Educational Assistance Program**

The PA National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial education assistance to students who enter into a 6-year service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Recipients must attend a Pennsylvania school, enroll in an approved program of study, and maintain at least part-time enrollment. The maximum award for a full-time undergraduate student is equivalent to the lesser of the in-state tuition plus technology fee charged at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged at the student's institution of enrollment. This program is jointly administered by PHEAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran

Affairs (DMVA). **IMPORTANT:** If the service commitment with the PA National Guard is not met, this grant will convert to a loan.

**Contact:** 1 (800) GO-GUARD or visit [nationalguard.com/select-your-state/PA](http://nationalguard.com/select-your-state/PA) or [PHEAA.org/EAP](http://PHEAA.org/EAP)

### **PA National Guard Military Family Education Program**

Together with the DMVA, PHEAA administers the PA National Guard Military Family Education Program (MFEP) to benefit the families of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard who completed an initial service obligation and enter into an additional 6-year service obligation with the Pennsylvania National Guard. MFEP awards undergraduate and graduate full-time or part-time students a grant which is the lesser of the in-state tuition plus technology fee charged at a PASSHE institution or the tuition plus technology fee charged to the student. The MFEP grant can be used for approved degree-granting curricula or certificate-granting courses of study, or training programs required for entrance into a specific career at an approved institution of higher learning for up to 5 academic years. The PA Guard Member can assign the entire MFEP benefit to one dependent or divide it among multiple dependents. **IMPORTANT:** If the service commitment with the PA National Guard is not met, this grant will convert to a loan.

**Contact:** 1 (800) GO-GUARD or visit [PHEAA.org/MFEP](http://PHEAA.org/MFEP)

### **PA Targeted Industry Program**

The PA Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP) provides need-based awards to students enrolled in approved short-term programs that are less than two years in length. PHEAA partners with the Pennsylvania departments of Education and Labor and Industry in the administration of this program. Students must be enrolled at a Pennsylvania institution and in a program of study that aligns with the career areas of energy, health, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, or agriculture and food production. Students cannot receive both a PA State Grant and a PA-TIP award for the same program of study. Awards are equivalent to the maximum PA-TIP award (\$6,000 for 2022-23 Award Year) or the student's unmet need, whichever is less. Awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and specific living expenses.

Students that did not receive a PA-TIP award during the 2021-22 Award Year will need to complete a PA-TIP application and the FAFSA. Applications are available at [PHEAA.org/PA-TIP](http://PHEAA.org/PA-TIP)

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/PA-TIP](http://PHEAA.org/PA-TIP)

### **PA Partnerships for Access to Higher Education**

The PA Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program provides additional grant money to eligible needy students who may have been awarded a scholarship or grant by one of PHEAA's PATH Partners. These scholarships have the potential to be matched by PHEAA on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to an annual maximum amount. To be considered for the PATH Program, students must be nominated by a participating PATH partner and be PA State Grant eligible.

The list of participating PATH partners is available at [PHEAA.org/PATH](http://PHEAA.org/PATH)

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/PATH](http://PHEAA.org/PATH)

### **PA Blind or Deaf Higher Education Beneficiary Grant Program**

The PA Blind or Deaf Higher Education Beneficiary Grant (BDBG) Program provides grants of up to \$500 to blind or deaf students pursuing undergraduate or graduate education. Recipients must be Pennsylvania residents who are attending a postsecondary institution and who are in need additional assistance with educational expenses. Completion of an annual application and the FAFSA is required.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/BlindDeaf](http://PHEAA.org/BlindDeaf)

### **PA Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program**

The PA Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program (PEGP) provides a tuition waiver 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. The waiver covers tuition, fees, room, and board not covered by other grants and scholarships at a Pennsylvania community college, state-owned university, or state-related postsecondary institution. Completion of an annual application, the FAFSA, and PA State Grant Form is required.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/PEGP](http://PHEAA.org/PEGP)

### **PA State Work-Study Program**

The PA State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides Pennsylvania students with opportunities to gain career-related, on-the-job work experience, up to 40 hours per week, while earning money to help pay for higher education. Students must be enrolled a least half-time at a PA State Grant-approved institution, be PA State Grant eligible (if an undergraduate student), and secure employment at an approved SWSP employer.

Applications are available at [PHEAA.org/funding-opportunities/work-study-employment/apply.shtml](http://PHEAA.org/funding-opportunities/work-study-employment/apply.shtml)

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/SWSP](http://PHEAA.org/SWSP)

### **PA Internship Program**

The PA Internship Program (PIP) provides scholarships to Pennsylvania students who participate in The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) located in Washington, DC. Students that benefit from this program must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania

public or private institution and complete an internship experience that complies with all requirements of their college.

**Contact:** For additional information, visit [twc.edu/](http://twc.edu/)

### **PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program**

The PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses (SLRN) Program provides a financial incentive, in the form of student loan relief, for nurses who have worked tirelessly fighting the COVID-19 pandemic to continue within the nursing profession. Qualified SLRN applicants could be selected to receive student loan relief of up to \$2,500 for each year of work (beginning with 2020) for no more than 3 years, with a maximum benefit of \$7,500.

IMPORTANT: The one-time application window for consideration has closed.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/SLRN](http://PHEAA.org/SLRN)

## **Programs For Foster Youth**

### **Chafee Education and Training Grant Program**

The Chafee Education and Training Grant (Chafee ETG) Program provides grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students who are aging out of foster care and are attending a postsecondary school approved for federal Title IV student financial assistance programs. Maximum awards vary per academic year depending on federal funding and are not guaranteed. This program is PHEAA-administered in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS).

To apply, first time students must submit both the FAFSA and a Chafee ETG application. Renewal applicants only need to submit the FAFSA. Completion of the application materials for the Chafee ETG Program will automatically allow the student to be considered for the PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program as well. Applications are available at [PHEAA.org/Chafee](http://PHEAA.org/Chafee)

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/Chafee](http://PHEAA.org/Chafee)

### **PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program**

The PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver (FosterEd) Program provides a waiver for tuition and mandatory fees charged for eligible students attending a Title IV approved postsecondary institution located in the Commonwealth. Eligible students are considered to be youth who are aging out of foster care. This waiver applies only to charges that remain after all other gift aid (federal, state, and other scholarships or grants) has been applied to the student's account. To apply, students must complete the Chafee ETG application and FAFSA. Renewal students are only required to complete the FAFSA in order to be considered for both the FosterEd and Chafee ETG programs. Participating Pennsylvania postsecondary institutions will have a Point of Contact identified on their website to assist students with obtaining verification of eligibility, completion of admissions and financial aid application, and referrals for on-campus and off-campus support services.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 692-7392 or visit [PHEAA.org/FosterEd](http://PHEAA.org/FosterEd)

## **Federal Programs**

### **The U.S. Department of Education**

The gateway to federal student aid; the site offers a single source of free information not only on applying for federal aid, but on choosing a career, selecting a school, and identifying non-federal resources to pay for higher education.

**More Information:** [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

### **Direct Loans Servicing Online**

If you have questions about your Direct Loan, you can go online to find the answers.

**More Information:** [studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans](http://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans)

### **Federal Work-Study Program**

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

**More Information:** [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study)

### **Choosing a School**

Explore college and university campuses by browsing through detailed profiles and key information of each school, including important financial aid information.

**More Information:** [studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college/students/choosing-schools](http://studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college/students/choosing-schools)

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Student Assistance Programs**

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) provides a variety of scholarships, loans, and loan repayment programs for students in the health professions, through the Student Assistance Programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Visit their website for more information.

**More Information:** [bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/schoolbasedloans](http://bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/schoolbasedloans)

### **Federal Pell Grant Program**

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides between \$650 and \$6,895 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 [studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/fafsa)

**Contact:** School's Financial Aid Office or U.S. Department of Education at 1 (800) 433-3243

### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program**

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program provides first-

time undergraduate students grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,000 annually. Priority is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

**Contact:** School's Financial Aid Office

### **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program**

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants to students who agree to teach in an elementary or secondary school or education service agency that serves low-income families. Recipients must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which they received a TEACH Grant. **IMPORTANT:** If a student fails to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that a student received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. A student must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

**Contact:** [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach)

### **Federal Direct PLUS Loan**

Federal Direct PLUS Loans provide long-term loans to parents that provide funds to cover the difference between their dependent undergraduate student's educational costs and other financial aid.

**Contact:** [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus)

### **Federal Direct Loan**

Federal Direct Loans provide long-term, low-cost education loans to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree students enrolled at least half time.

Complete a FAFSA, available online at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/fafsa)

**Contact:** [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized)

## **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

### **Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program**

The Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program provides up to a combined total of \$17,500 in loan forgiveness to eligible full-time elementary and secondary school teachers who are teaching at low-income schools and meet other qualifications.

**Contact:** [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher)

### **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and continue in full-time public service employment. The program allows you to receive forgiveness of the remaining balance of your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full time for a qualifying employer. To receive forgiveness, you must remain employed with a qualifying employer at the time you apply for and receive forgiveness for your loans.

**More Information:** [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service)

## **Federal Programs For People With Special Circumstances**

### **VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program**

The VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program provides funds to students who are the children of a parent who has a permanent disability or who died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Contact:** Local Veterans Administration Office; directory available online at [va.gov](https://va.gov)

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight, and other disabilities.

**Contact:** Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office; directory available online at [va.gov](https://va.gov)

## **Other Resources For Students**

### **Private Scholarships**

Private scholarships are funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions, and private businesses. Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information.

### **MySmartBorrowing.org**

[MySmartBorrowing.org](https://mysmartborrowing.org) is a FREE interactive tool where you can create up to four different scenarios to see how your career and college choices may affect how much you pay for college and if you are at risk for over borrowing.

### **YouCanDealWithIt.com**

On [YouCanDealWithIt.com](https://youcandealwithit.com), soon-to-be and recent college graduates find debt management and budgeting advice to get them started on the right financial foot after graduation. Parents and schools find information pertaining to them in separate sections.

### **EducationPlanner.org**

[EducationPlanner.org](https://educationplanner.org) guides students through the entire college-planning process, from choosing a major and a career, to applying for admission and paying for it. Information is targeted at college-bound students, as well as returning students, nontraditional students, parents, and school counselors.

## **Institutional Resources**

### **PA Institutional Assistance Grants Program**

The PA Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG) Program provides block grants to Pennsylvania private, nonprofit institutions that do not receive a direct appropriation from the Commonwealth. Award amounts are based on the annual commonwealth appropriation and

the number of full-time equivalent PA State Grant recipients at the participating institution.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 443-0646 or visit [PHEAA.org/IAG](http://PHEAA.org/IAG)

### **PA Act 101 Program**

The PA Act 101 (Act 101) Program provides state funding to institutions operating special support services for students who are educationally and economically underserved. Institutions must obtain PHEAA's approval for participation and once approved will receive a block grant based on the number of students the institution is serving up to 300 students.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 443-0646 or visit [PHEAA.org/Act101](http://PHEAA.org/Act101)

### **PHEAA Federal Work-Study On-Campus and Community Service Programs**

PHEAA administers the Federal Work-Study On-Campus (FWS-ON) and Community Service (FWS-CS) Programs to make matching funds available to eligible postsecondary institutions that apply for and receive federal dollars through the Federal Work-Study Program.

**Contact:** PHEAA's PA State Grant and Special Programs Division at 1 (800) 443-0646 or visit [PHEAA.org/FederalWorkStudy](http://PHEAA.org/FederalWorkStudy)

# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSIONS (PHMC)

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

## Certified Local Government Grant Program

This program provides funding for: Planning, Design Guidelines/Design Assistance, National Register Nominations/Multiple Property Documentation, Cultural Resource Survey, Revitalization/Reuse Studies, Public Education, and Training.

**Eligibility:** Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLG's). Applicants must consult with their Community Preservation Coordinator prior to making an application to ensure that projects fall within one or more of the above eligible heritage preservation activities.

**More Information:** visit the CLG section of the PHMC website.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Rairigh, (717) 705-4035. Email: [erairigh@pa.gov](mailto:erairigh@pa.gov)

## Cultural and Historic Support Grant Program

This program provides general operating support funding to museums and county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs. Funds can be used for a wide range of general operating support activities. Eligibility requirements for organizations and funding activities are detailed in grant guidelines available on PHMC website.

**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.

**Activity Period:** July 15, 2024 - August 23, 2024

**Contact:** [RA-PHGrantsupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PHGrantsupport@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:** December 3, 2025

**Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

**Contact:** [phmckeystonegrants@pa.gov](mailto:phmckeystonegrants@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 3, 2025

**Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.

**Contact:** [phmckeystonegrants@pa.gov](mailto:phmckeystonegrants@pa.gov)

## Historical and Archival Records Care Grant Program

This program provides funding for the preservation and accessibility of historically valuable records held at repositories including historical societies, libraries, and local government offices. Individual grants are funded up to \$5,000 while collaborative grants up to \$15,000 (\$5,000 per applicant) are available. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and funding for the awards is for two years.

**Who May Apply:** Historical records repositories such as: historical societies; libraries; universities; local governments; and school districts.

**Use:** To support collections care, including surveying; inventorying; preserving; arranging; and describing historical records significant to Pennsylvania, as well as for records reformatting and equipment.

**Funds:** Individual grants will be funded up to \$5,000 with no match required. Collaborative grants will allow two organizations to apply jointly for up to \$10,000 or three organizations to apply collaboratively for up to \$15,000, no match required.

**Application Deadline:** August 1, 2025

**More Information:** <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Records-Care-Grants.aspx>.

**Contact:** [Ra-pharchivesgrants@pa.gov](mailto:Ra-pharchivesgrants@pa.gov)

# PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

## Pa House of Representatives Scholarship

The 2023 PA House of Representatives Scholarship Program enhances educational opportunities for graduating high school seniors who reside in the Commonwealth of PA. The Program is administered through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) and provides four-year scholarships to two high school seniors per year. Each award consists of the value of one semester of tuition at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for each of four years. Students must maintain eligibility criteria in all four years in order to receive the ongoing award.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Legal Residency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Attendance at a PA College, university, or career school as a full-time student
- Academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA)
- Commitment to community and leadership qualities
- Extracurricular activities
- Financial need

\*Children of Legislators and their staff are not eligible

Details on how to apply and submit required documents are available online at [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) or by clicking [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** Spring (Jan-April)- October 1

Summer (May-Aug)- March 1

Fall (Sep-Dec)- July 1

**Contact:** Nicole Brunner, CORE Human Resources Specialist, Pennsylvania House of Representatives at [nbrunner@pabmc.net](mailto:nbrunner@pabmc.net) or (717) 787-4458.

## James R. Roebuck Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) Scholarship

The PLBC administers this scholarship. It is open to any graduating High School Senior or current Undergrad College Students. Applicants must be a resident of Pennsylvania and apart of the BIPOC community.

**Application Deadline:** April 5, 2024

**More Information:** <https://www.pahouse.com/PLBC/Form/?id=1384>

**Contact:** Ryan Bevitz, (717) 787-7895 [RBevitz@pahouse.net](mailto:RBevitz@pahouse.net)

# PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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## PHFA Programs for Homebuyers

### HFA Preferred™ Loan Program

The HFA Preferred™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with private mortgage insurance provided by a Fannie Mae-approved mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer makes a down payment of more than twenty percent, then mortgage insurance is not required. Private mortgage insurance payments on the loan will also end as soon as the homeowner pays off more than twenty percent (20%) of their home loan.

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

### Keystone Home Loan (KHL)

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

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

### Keystone Flex Loan Program

The Keystone Flex loan program provides two purchase options that includes K-Flex with K-FIT and K-Flex Purchase and Improvements (up to \$30,000) with K-FIT. Both the purchase options must include Keystone Forgivable in Ten Years Loan Program (K-FIT), which provides downpayment and closing cost assistance in a forgivable second lien loan. There is no first-time homeowner requirements for these loan products.

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

### Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov)

The Keystone Government Loan Program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), guaranteed by Rural Development (RD), or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). Homebuyer eligibility is determined by using the guidelines of the respective federal agency insuring or guaranteeing the loan. There are no income or purchase price limits specific to PHFA and there are no first-time homebuyer

requirements.

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

## **PHFA Purchase Assistance Loan Programs**

### **Keystone Forgivable in Ten Years Loan Program (K-FIT)**

The Keystone Forgivable in Ten Years Loan Program (K-FIT) provides a forgivable second mortgage loan to assist borrowers with the downpayment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to five percent (5%) of the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value, with no maximum dollar limit. The loan is forgiven at ten percent (10%) per year over a ten-year term. K-FIT can be utilized in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan and the Keystone Flex Loan Program (purchase options) only. It may also be combined with the Access Modification Loan Program.

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

### **PHFA Grant**

The PHFA Grant provides grant assistance of \$500 for borrowers approved for the HFA Preferred™ Loan Program. This grant is to assist with downpayment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. The grant can only be utilized in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ Loan Program. The PHFA Grant can also be combined with the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program as an additional downpayment and closing cost assistance resource when utilizing the HFA Preferred™ first mortgage.

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

### **Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)**

A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from twenty percent (20%) to fifty percent (50%) of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner's federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for down payment/closing cost assistance. Due to the source of funds, an MCC cannot be used in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan program. The tax credit is available for the 30-year life of the loan and only expires if the home is sold or the homeowner fails to occupy the home as their principal residence.

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

### **Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program (KAAL)**

The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up

to four percent (4%) of the purchase price or market value of the home, up to a maximum of \$6,000. The assistance loan is interest free and is repaid monthly over a 10-year term. The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan can be used to cover the down payment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan, or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate (“MCC”) program.

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

### **Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance**

Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive down payment/closing cost assistance through the Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance Loan Program. Eligible homebuyers may receive between \$1,000 and \$15,000 in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan with no monthly payments. These assistance funds become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or if the homebuyer fails to occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at eighty percent (80%) of the statewide median income.

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

### **HOMestead Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Loan**

First-time homebuyers applying for a Keystone Home Loan and who also meet the income and purchase price limits of the HOMestead program may qualify for \$1,000 to \$10,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMestead assistance funds are forgiven at twenty percent (20%) per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMestead program are at or below eighty percent (80%) of the county’s median income.

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

### **HomeStyle Renovation Program**

The HomeStyle Renovation program allows eligible borrowers to include financing for home improvements for a purchase or re-finance transaction of an existing home. This program

can only be used in conjunction with the HFA Preferred™ program. The total cost of the renovations, repairs or improvements cannot exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the “as completed appraised value” after renovations are completed.

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

### **Purchase & Improvement Loan Program**

The Purchase & Improvement loan allows buyers who qualify for a Keystone Home Loan to purchase and improve a home within the same transaction. Eligible buyers may include between \$1,000 and \$15,000 for repairs and/or improvements. The maximum mortgage amount cannot exceed ninety-seven percent (97%) of the total acquisition cost of the “as completed” appraised value, whichever is less. When the Purchase & Improvement option is utilized with the K-Flex loan program, borrower may receive up to \$30,000 for repairs.

**Contact:** PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1 (855) 827-3466 or <https://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx>

## **PHFA Programs for Homeowners**

### **Homeowners’ Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)**

This program was created to prevent widespread mortgage foreclosures and distress sales of homes which result from default caused by circumstances beyond a homeowner’s control. The program provides temporary loan assistance to help bring delinquent mortgage payments current and may provide continuing assistance for a maximum of 24 or 36 months.

**Contact:** PHFA’s HEMAP hotline at 1 (800) 342-2397 or [www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx)

### **PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Loan, previously known as PENNVEST Individual On-Lot Sewage System Repair Program**

This loan is available to eligible homeowners who need to repair or replace their individual on-lot sewage disposal system or connection to public sewer OR make a first-time connection to public sewer from an existing home. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20\*-year low-interest loan (\*15 years for a manufactured home). As of 1/1/2020 there is no household income limit.

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

### **Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP)**

This PHFA product permits specific energy-related home improvements (roof replacement; caulking, sealing and insulation; heating/cooling systems repair/replacement; window and door replacements; and limited other repairs that permit federal weatherization assistance or replicate its assistance for non-eligible households). Loans are up to \$10,000 for a term of 10 years. See website for income limits and other requirements.

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

## **PHFA Refinance Options**

### **HFA Preferred™ Refinance Option**

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

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

### **FHA Streamline Refinance Loan Program**

The FHA Streamline Refinance loan product allows eligible homeowners to refinance their existing FHA loan to reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the outstanding principal balance minus any applicable refund of the Up Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP) plus the new UFMIP, up to a maximum amount of 97.75 percent of the original appraised value. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan. A copy of the homebuyer’s repayment history verifying timely mortgage payments will be required.

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

### **Keystone Flex Refinance**

Borrowers can obtain a refinance loan of their current PHFA loan or another lender. Keystone Flex Refinance includes cash out funds of up to \$10,000. Available loans include conventional, FHA and VA financing. Income is calculated using qualifying income and no homebuyer education is required.

**Contact:** PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center 1 (855) 827-3466 or <https://www.phfa.org/programs/refinance.aspx>

## **PHFA Multi-Family Rental Housing Programs**

### **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**

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

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3860 or Tax Credit Program Department at (717) 780-3948

### **PennHOMES Program**

This program offers interest-free, deferred payment loans to support the development of rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. The loans can be structured as primary or secondary mortgage loans. The sources of the funds for the program include agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a sub-recipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3860

### **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 programs.

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3860

### **Pennsylvania Housing Tax Credit**

Legislatively established in 2021, this program provides a state tax credit for owners/investors with Pennsylvania Tax Liability. The credit is claimed over five years and are awarded through the same application round as federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3860 or Tax Credit Program Department at (717) 780-3948

### **MAP Lending**

Funding for the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing is available through HUD-FHA mortgage insurance products utilizing HUD's Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP). The most commonly used MAP programs are Section 223(f) and Section 221(d)(4). FHA's commitment of mortgage insurance allows the agency to access mortgage backed security ("MBS") guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"). Interest rates for a Ginnie Mae guaranteed MBS are extremely competitive.

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3860

## Capital Magnet Funds

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

**Contact:** PHFA’s Development Division at (717) 780-3876

## Other PHFA Programs

### PAHousingSearch.com

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

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

### Housing Counseling

This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget, foreclosure intervention counseling and financial education services generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling). Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA approved and trained agencies.

**Contact:** PHFA’s Counseling Division at (717) 780-3907 or [www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx)

### Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)

As part of the Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 budget (and amended in FY 2021/2022), language was included establishing the MUDTC program with a current tax credit allocation of \$4.5 million. PHFA uses the proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to fund the Community Revitalization Fund Program (CRFP). The program provides grants to help finance the construction or rehabilitation of critical mixed-use projects providing affordable housing in commercial corridors across the Commonwealth. The Program is expected to continue as an annual RFP process for both MUDTC bidders and CRFP applicants.

**Contact:** Shelby Rexrode at (717) 780-1854 or <https://www.phfa.org/mhp/developers/loans.aspx>

### Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Act (PHARE)

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

## **PHARE/Marcellus Shale**

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

**Contact:** Clay Lambert at (717) 780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

## **PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax (RTT)**

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

**Contact:** Clay Lambert at (717) 780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

## **PHARE/National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**

The federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established the NHTF to provide resources for the development, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing for very and extremely low households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the commonwealth. The initial round of funds was made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws and through an annual application process done simultaneously with the 9% LIHTC application.

**Contact:** PHFA's Development Division at (717) 780-3867 or <https://www.phfa.org/legislation/act105.aspx>

## **Home4Good**

Home4Good is a collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and PHFA to provide grant funds to address systemic gaps in support and services to help make homelessness in the Commonwealth rare, brief and nonrecurring. Applications are accepted through an annual RFP process to support projects, programs or activities in Pennsylvania that lead to stable housing for individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

**Contact:** Clay Lambert at (717) 780-3924 or <https://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/>

## **Other Resources**

PHFA receives numerous requests for home modifications and improvements assistance for persons with disabilities. The following outlines alternative options for modifications and assistive technology. (Some of these programs overlap with other state and federal programs.)

## **Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS)**

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

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

## **Local Government**

Start with your county unless you live in a larger city. Some townships and boroughs also have funds available. Phone numbers can be found in the blue, government pages of your phone book. Often the right office is a “Redevelopment Authority,” a “Housing and Redevelopment Authority or Agency,” “Weatherization Program” or a “Planning Office.” If you do not find a listing similar to this for your local government, try the general information number and explain that you need assistance with home repairs, accessibility modifications or your specific housing issue. Funds may be available and may include: HOME, CDBG, Act 137 Funds and PA Accessible Housing Program.

## **U.S. Rural Development Agency (USRDA)**

This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500. If you live in a rural area, contact the state office at 1 (800) 670-6553 and ask for help in determining which regional office you should contact or use the web and go to the regional office directly at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](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.

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

## **For Accessibility Only**

### **PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)**

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

**More Information:** <https://patf.us/>

### **Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP)**

Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP) is a statewide organization that recently merged with Inglis as a program of their Community Services division. SDHP advocates for accessible, affordable, and integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth. SDHP leverages collective knowledge to connect stakeholders with information and resources to increase choice and affordability in housing for people with disabilities.

**More Information:** <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp>

### **Centers for Independent Living (CILs)**

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

**Contact:** Go to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) website at <http://pasilc.org/independent-living/find-a-cil/>

### **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**

This organization assists/supports veterans and service members. See below regarding the three types of VA grants available.

**More Information:** <https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/disability-housing-grants/>

### **The Specially Adapted Housing grant (SAH)**

Currently limited to \$100,896 for FY 2021.

### **The Special Housing Adaptations (SHA) grant**

Currently limited to \$20,215 for FY 2021.

### **The Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant**

It is available to eligible veterans and seriously injured active duty service members who are temporarily living or intend to temporarily live in a home owned by a family member. For more information on the TRA grant go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

**More Information:** [https://www.veteransunited.com/lp/?src=msn&adg=mholn&desc=2021-2&msclkid=6ee195b46ea51a9ac621f5b25ce50120&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=NS%20-%20Head%20Terms&utm\\_term=va%20home%20loan&utm\\_content=VA%20Home%20Loans%20-%20E](https://www.veteransunited.com/lp/?src=msn&adg=mholn&desc=2021-2&msclkid=6ee195b46ea51a9ac621f5b25ce50120&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=NS%20-%20Head%20Terms&utm_term=va%20home%20loan&utm_content=VA%20Home%20Loans%20-%20E)

**Contact:** local VA regional office at 1 (800) 827-1000

### **Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**

Each agency offers a wide array of programs to help disabled Pennsylvanians age 60 and older and their families to get the help and information they need.

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

## **For Programs and/or Services for Older Adults and/or Persons Disabilities**

### **Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program (811 Program)**

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

**More Information:** [www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/)

**Contact:** Kristen Nagel at (717) 780-3816 or [Knagel@phfa.org](mailto:Knagel@phfa.org)

### **The Department of Human Services (Office of Long Term Living)**

Counselors are available to provide information and referrals to local agencies that can offer assistance with planning and arranging long term care and services. Contact the Long-Term Care Helpline at 1 (800) 753-8827.

**More Information:** <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Services.aspx>

### **The Department of Aging and 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**

AAAs provide a wide variety of non-medical, social services, and support that make it possible for people to remain in their homes and communities. Locate a local AAA by visiting <http://www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources/Pages/AAA.aspx>

### **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**

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

state legislators' offices. For more information visit Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program ([pa.gov](http://pa.gov)).

### **Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)**

This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash. For more information regarding this program, contact a HECM counselor at 1 (800) 569-4287. For an approved FHA lender, view HUD's website at [www.hud.gov](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.

**Contact:** 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.

**Contact:** your local agency, call (717) 233-1075 or view Community Action Association of Pennsylvania ([www.thecaap.org](http://www.thecaap.org)).

### **Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**

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

**Contact:** (800) 442-6351 or view their website at [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/)

### **Sustainable Home Improvement Partnership (SHIP)**

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

**Contact:** Bill Vandivier at (412) 931-6996 Extension 6510 or [BVandivier@chfmanor.org](mailto:BVandivier@chfmanor.org).

### **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

LIHEAP assists low income households with paying their heating bills through cash grants, sent directly to the utility company, and crisis grants for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and Area Agencies on Aging.

**Contact:** statewide hotline at 1 (866) 857-7095 or visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

**More Information:** Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants can found at <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>

### **Federal Tax Credits**

These credits may be available for energy efficiency work, depending on the type of work and the year completed. PHFA does not provide tax guidance; however, we encourage you to determine if your home qualifies for these credits by viewing [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information. You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return.

**More Information:** [www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en\\_US\\_publink100014798](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798)

# **PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL (PHC)**

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

## **Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) Overview**

Founded in 1973, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, one of 55 state and territorial humanities councils operating across the United States, has been the sole nonprofit in the Commonwealth dedicated to the humanities. A federal-state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), PHC's mission is to champion the humanities as a means to spark civic engagement, build community, educate, inspire, and make change that lasts.

We believe the humanities are accessible and useful to everyone. We put people first, ensuring the stories, values, assets, and perspectives of each community we serve impact the outcomes of our programs. We create and encourage spaces where everybody belongs and can find common ground, speak their truth, and work together for collective action. Our focus is on continually innovating and growing – always looking for new and better ways to serve the people of Pennsylvania. Our work centers on sharing tools and building networks, working towards a future without barriers, where people take the lead in making meaningful change in their own communities.

Pennsylvania Humanities Council staff members are engaged grantmakers, innovative program designers, dedicated partners, and passionate advocates. Our programs and grants focus on areas of need where the humanities can have the greatest impact in Pennsylvania today: community engagement and education. We work with communities to build their capacity to achieve long-term goals, from engaging teens in strengthening skills for school and life, to coaching residents as they plan a better future for their town.

We also advocate for the crucial role the humanities play in our lives and our society – and for continued resources to keep them vital and visible.

PHC engages in research, education, and special projects in addition to its core programs: Teen Reading Lounge, Community Heart & Soul, and Chester Made. More recently, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, PHC began administering recovery and growth grants.

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:** PHFA at 1 (800) 822-1174 or PENNVEST at [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

## Drinking Water, Wastewater, Storm Water and Non-point Source Loans and Grants

Provides low-interest loans and grants to communities or private entities for designing, engineering and constructing publicly and privately-owned drinking water distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, storm water management systems and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

**Programmatic Financing:** Provides low-interest loans to public or private entities to fund capital improvement plans (in entirety or in part) for a group of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

**Small Project Initiative:** Provides a low-interest loan up to \$500,000 to public or private entities to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

**Brownfields Remediation:** Provides low-interest loans to developers or other private entities, municipal or county governments or an affiliated industrial or economic development or redevelopment entity for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to local groundwater or surface water sources.

**Advance Funding Program:** Provides low-interest loans and grants to provide funding for the design and engineering needed to improve water and wastewater management systems.

**Sub Level Revolving Loan Program:** Provides 1% loans to counties or other regional entities with the ability to capitalize the funds as a revolving loan program to fund drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source pollution prevention best management practices.

## **Growing Greener and Other Grants**

PENNVEST has grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater, storm water and non-point source projects. Consideration is given to each applicant depending upon their capacity to handle debt service. There is no special application to be considered for these funds.

**Eligibility:** Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible for Growing Greener or other available grants under the PENNVEST program.

**Contact:** PHFA at 1 (800) 822-1174 or PENNVEST at [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

## **On-lot Sewage Disposal Funds**

Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner-occupied property, which is the primary residence of the owner.

**Eligibility:** first time connection to a public wastewater system or lateral replacement

**Contact:** PHFA at 1 (800) 822-1174 or PENNVEST at [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

## **Pennvest Regional Contacts**

PV Region 1 – Northwest PA – Brendan Linton at [blinton@pa.gov](mailto:blinton@pa.gov) or (717) 783-6799

PV Region 2 – Southwestern PA – Dan Mikesic at [dmikesic@pa.gov](mailto:dmikesic@pa.gov) or (717) 783-6673

PV Region 3 – South Central PA – Tess Schlupp at [tschlupp@pa.gov](mailto:tschlupp@pa.gov) or (717) 783-8618

PV Region 4 – Northeastern and Southeastern PA – Rebecca Hayden at [rhayden@pa.gov](mailto:rhayden@pa.gov) or (717) 574-8454

PV Region 5 – North Central PA – Leslie Cote at [lecote@pa.gov](mailto:lecote@pa.gov) or (717) 783-4489

# **PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD (PLCB)**

[lcb.pa.gov](http://lcb.pa.gov)

## **Website**

A section of the PLCB website is dedicated to alcohol education and provides information and resources to the public. Parents, students, professionals and licensees can check out the latest statistics, find county resources, research current alcohol-related laws, order prevention materials through PLCB+ and link to state and national organizations working to address underage and high-risk alcohol consumption.

**More Information:** [lcb.pa.gov](http://lcb.pa.gov) then click Education

## **Know When. Know How.**

Know When. Know How.<sup>SM</sup> is a statewide, research-based education and prevention campaign targeted to Pennsylvania parents of children ages 8 through 12. The objective of the campaign is to prevent underage drinking by providing information and tools for parents so they can engage their children in early discussions before trial or use of alcohol begins.

[KnowWhenKnowHow.org](http://KnowWhenKnowHow.org).

## **Alcohol Education Conference**

The PLCB's Bureau of Alcohol Education hosts or sponsors a statewide conference for prevention personnel from law enforcement, colleges, communities and schools. The conference offers a venue to share the latest information on prevention strategies and innovative programs that have made a difference in communities across Pennsylvania.

## **Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking (RUDD) Grant**

The PLCB's Bureau of Alcohol Education's RUDD Grant is awarded biannually to offer additional resources and funding to eligible community partners – Pennsylvania colleges, universities, municipalities and community organizations – to develop and enhance the PLCB's mission to reduce underage drinking, reduce dangerous drinking by those who are of legal drinking age and promote responsible alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age. This includes funding for such things as establishing campus and community coalitions, reducing the availability of alcohol, increasing enforcement efforts and creating a local environment that reduces excessive and underage consumption of alcohol.

The current grant cycle is July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026. The grant application will reopen in early 2024.

## **Facebook**

The PLCB's 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.

[facebook.com/PAAcoholEducation](https://facebook.com/PAAcoholEducation)

## **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 provide educational resources.

## **Materials**

The PLCB develops and disseminates numerous alcohol education materials. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and materials are distributed. Items, such as brochures, posters, stickers and coloring sheets are available, free of charge, to Pennsylvania residents and liquor license holders. Materials are developed based on current trends and audiences and regularly updated. Materials can be ordered and/or downloaded through PLCB+ by selecting the PLCB+ heading from the Education dropdown menu at [lcb.pa.gov](http://lcb.pa.gov).

## **Public Service Campaigns**

The PLCB uses various media – television, radio, online, outdoor and print – to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues.

## **RAMP**

Act 141 of 2000 established the Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) as a voluntary certification that provides incentives for licensees that participate and complete four program prerequisites - Owner/Manager Training, Server/Seller Training, New Employee Orientation and Signage – that upon successful completion, enable the licensees to apply for RAMP certification through PLCB+. RAMP certification and/or one or both trainings may also be mandatory for certain licensees/servers. RAMP makes training and resources available to licensees and their employees, so that they may understand and employ responsible alcohol management practices.

**Contact:** Bureau of Alcohol Education, RAMP division, (866) 275-8237 or email [ra-lbramp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-lbramp@pa.gov)

## **Training/Technical Assistance**

The PLCB coordinates statewide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics.

Alcohol Awareness for Student Leaders and Influencers Training is offered to colleges and universities, free of charge, at their request, for all student leaders, including but not limited to Greek Life chapter leaders, team captains, resident assistants, tutors and club leaders. This comprehensive training is designed to provide student leaders with the resources and knowledge to educate and influence their peers to abstain from underage drinking and to inform responsible consumption for those over 21.

Understanding the Liquor Laws and Alcohol Related Offenses in Pennsylvania Training provides an overview of the commonwealth's laws and immunities regarding underage drinking, the current environment of the liquor laws and the resources and authorities of the PLCB and Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. Since 2019, this

training is required for all RUDD law enforcement grantees.

**Contact:** Bureau of Alcohol Education, EGM division, (800) 453-7522 or email [ra-lbeducation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-lbeducation@pa.gov)

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

[www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu)

## **Penn State Cooperative Extension**

Penn State Extension is a modern educational organization dedicated to delivering science-based information to people, businesses, and communities. We provide access to face-to-face and online education to our customers—when they want it, where they want it, and how they want it—to help them address problems and take advantage of opportunities for improvement and innovation. Partnering with and funded by federal, state, and county governments, we have a long tradition of bringing unbiased support and education to the citizens of Pennsylvania. We make a difference locally through focused engagement, and more widely to customers connecting in the digital landscape.

**Contact:** Penn State Cooperative Extension at 1 (877) 345-0691 or visit [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

## **Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP)**

PennTAP is one of the nation's first technical assistance programs and is a valuable resource to help Pennsylvania companies compete and grow. A program of Penn State University, PennTAP is a federal-state-university partnership for economic development. PennTAP helps Pennsylvania companies improve their competitiveness by providing technical assistance and one-on-one consultation to resolve specific business needs. PennTAP serves the entire state of Pennsylvania through a network of Technical Advisers who provide unbiased technical advice and connections to other partners, expertise, resources, and programs. (<http://penntap.psu.edu/>)

PennTAP provides training to companies and their employees through monthly webinars and workshops focused on specific technical areas.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania State University at 1 (814) 865-0427 or visit [www.penntap.psu.edu](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

## **Invent Penn State**

Invent Penn State is a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success. Entrepreneurs in all 21 Penn State undergraduate communities now enjoy free access to accelerator programs, co-working space, legal and IP advice, mentorship, rapid prototyping, pitch competitions and funding.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania State University at (814) 865-4700 or visit <https://invent.psu.edu/>

## **Plastics Training Academy**

Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania State University at 1 (814) 898-6103 or visit Plastics Training Academy Penn State Behrend ([www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu))

# **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities to ensure safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; furthers economic development; and fosters new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.

## **Consumer Programs**

### **Home Heating Rebates and Loan Programs**

[Keystone Help](#)

A loan energy program that allows consumers to get a low cost loan for ENERGY STAR® rated and high efficiency heating, air conditioning, air sealing, insulation, windows, doors, geothermal and “whole house” improvements using Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®.

[HEELP](#)

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency’s (PHFA) Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP) offers loans between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for specific energy efficiency repairs at a fixed-rate of one percent (1%) for ten years with no prepayment penalties.

### **Utility Assistance Programs**

If you live in a low-income household or are undergoing a hardship, you may qualify for support in paying utility bills. Most electric, gas, water, phone and internet companies offer assistance programs. Review the types of programs below and contact your utility to see what is available for your household.

## **Electricity and Natural Gas Assistance**

### **Budget Billing**

Any residential customers may contact their electric or natural gas company to request budget billing. Budget billing means each monthly bill will be the same amount. The company may adjust the bill up to four times a year, up or down, depending on your usage.

### **Customer Assistance Program (CAP)**

Customer Assistance Programs (CAPs) are designed to help low-income residential customers maintain utility service. CAPs can help lower your monthly utility bill and may also reduce or remove the amount you already owe. The company works with you to determine what you can pay based on your household income.

Customer Assistance Referral and Education Programs (CARES)

The CARES program provides referral service for customers experiencing temporary hardships,

such as family emergencies, divorce, unemployment or medical emergencies. CARES may provide support, direction and resources to help customers address their hardship situations and make it easier to pay their utility bills.

### **Low Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)**

LIURP helps eligible low-income residential customers lower the amount of electricity or natural gas used each month. The company may install energy saving features in your home to help reduce bills. A smaller bill means you'll be able to cover more of your bill.

### **Hardship Funds**

Utility company hardship funds provide grants to pay utility bills. These funds offer help to customers who “fall through the cracks” of other financial assistance programs. They can also be used for those who still need help after other resources have been used. The hardship funds make payments directly to the utility company on behalf of the customer.

## **Assistance Qualifications**

Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows the income levels at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines customers must meet in 2020 for CAP. The income levels are slightly higher for LIURP, CARES and Hardship Funds. Customers who meet these limits should call their local electric or natural gas company for details to see if you qualify. Each company's toll-free number is listed below.

Customers must meet certain income limits to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Customers may need to make a payment arrangement with the company. Refer to the chart below for the latest income levels customers must meet for CAP. If your household's monthly income is less than these limits, call your local utility company to see if you qualify.

### **2024 Household Size Monthly Income - 150% Federal Poverty Income Guidelines**

The following income levels for CAP are effective as of January 2024.

1 person	\$1,882
2 persons	\$2,555
3 persons	\$3,227
4 persons	\$3,900
5 persons	\$4,572
6 persons	\$5,245
7 persons	\$5,917
8 persons	\$6,590

*For each additional person in the household, add \$672.*

**Note:** The income levels may be slightly higher for LIURP, CARES and Hardship Funds. Income levels may also be higher for People's Natural Gas CAP.

## **Federal Energy Assistance Programs**

### **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

LIHEAP is the federal program that provides financial assistance to needy households for home energy bills. In Pennsylvania, the Department of Human Services (DHS) administers the LIHEAP program. The LIHEAP program provides both cash and crisis benefits to low-income households. Cash benefits help low-income customers pay for their home energy needs, while crisis payments may help resolve emergency home energy situations.

Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on the [DHS website](#). The LIHEAP Application Form is located on the DHS website. For more information, contact the LIHEAP hotline at (866) 857-7095.

### **LIHEAP Recovery Crisis Program**

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income households pay some energy costs associated with heating your home. In response to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act, in part, has provided additional funding for LIHEAP to aid households that have been negatively financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to get this much needed assistance to as many households as possible, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) has created the LIHEAP Recovery Crisis Program. If your household is experiencing a heating emergency, such as being out of fuel or having a past due balance that may result in your electricity or natural gas being shut off, LIHEAP may be able to help. For more information on this special Recovery Crisis Program, visit the [DHS website](#).

Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on Department of Human Services website at [Energy Assistance - General Information](#).

**More information:** LIHEAP and an application for, visit the Department of Human Services' website: [LIHEAP Application Form](#)

## **Telephone and Internet Service Assistance Programs**

Telephone and broadband internet assistance programs are available for consumers with limited incomes. Programs can help you keep service connected, reduce monthly bills, help pay connection fees and avoid shutoffs. Eligibility is determined based on your income or participation in other assistance programs. Each company and program has different benefits and restrictions. Some programs have restrictions on the optional services available to participants. Contact your telephone or internet company to see if you qualify for their assistance program.

### **The Lifeline Program**

The Lifeline Program is a government program that helps low-income consumers with a discount on monthly service for:

- Voice (telephone)

- Broadband internet access service (internet service)
- Combination of telephone and internet service

Lifeline works with both landline and wireless providers. The programs give consumers the opportunities and security that phone and internet service provides, such as connecting to jobs, family, health care, schools, and 911 emergency services.

You may qualify for Lifeline Assistance based on income (at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines) or if you participate in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

### Lifeline Resources

**Stay Connected with Lifeline:** A brochure explaining telephone assistance programs. Updated November 2022.

**Lifeline Across America Website:** This FCC website provides information and resources about federal and state Lifeline programs.

**Lifeline Eligibility:** This website by Universal Service Administrative Company explains if you qualify for the program.

**Wireless Lifeline Providers:** This chart lists the wireless telephone companies that provide Lifeline discounts in Pennsylvania through the federal Lifeline program. The chart describes and highlights each wireless company’s service plan options.

**Landline Lifeline Providers:** This list contains company phone numbers and web addresses for the companies, and the counties served.

**Lifeline Providers by County:** This list shows all of the providers in each county.

**Customer Participation:** Lifeline and Link-Up information for all participating telephone companies in 2020 and 2021

### Contacts for Electricity and Gas Utility Assistance Programs

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs
Columbia (CAP)	(800) 537-7431
Duquesne (CAP)	(888) 393-7600
NFG (LIRA)	(800) 365-3234
PECO (FCO CAP)	(800) 744-7040
Penelec (PCAP)	(888) 282-6816
Penn Power (PCAP)	(888) 282-6816

Peoples Natural Gas (CAP)	(800) 400-WARM (9276)
Peoples Gas (CAP) (formerly Peoples TWP)	(800) 400-WARM (9276)
PGW (CRP)	(215) 235-1000
PPL (OnTrack)	(800) 358-6623
UGI Utilities - Electric (CAP)	(800) 844-9276
UGI Utilities - Gas (CAP)	(800) 844-9276
West Penn Power (PCAP)	(888) 282-6816

## Contacts for Water Utility Assistance Programs

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs	Phone Numbers
<a href="#">American Water Works Association</a>		(800) 366-0107
Pennsylvania American Water (H2O-Help to Others)		(888) 282-6816 Dollar Energy Fund
Conservation Consultants		(877) 346-7384
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	Bucks County	(215) 785-3296
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	Delaware County	(610) 874-8451 or (610) 583-9133 (Wed. Only)
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	Montgomery County	(610) 277-6363
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	Northumberland County	(570) 644-6570
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	All Other Counties and for ALL Questions	(800) 360-2998
<a href="#">National Drinking Water Clearinghouse</a>		(800) 624-8301
<a href="#">National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)</a>		(202) 898-2201
<a href="#">National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)</a>		(202) 833-8383
<a href="#">Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)</a>		(717) 787-8137
<a href="#">Pennsylvania One Call System Inc.</a>		(800) 242-1776
<a href="#">Pennsylvania Rural Water Association</a>		(814) 353-9302 or <a href="mailto:prwa@prwa.com">prwa@prwa.com</a>

<a href="#">Pittsburgh Water &amp; Sewer Authority-PWSA</a> (PGH2o)		(866) 762-2348 Dollar Energy Fund
<a href="#">Rural Community Assistance Corporation</a> (RCAP)		(570) 321-7375 or <a href="mailto:dschwart@ptdprolog.net">dschwart@ptdprolog.net</a>
York Water Cares (YWC)		(800) 750-5561 or (717) 845-3601
United Water (UW CARES)	Cumberland and Dauphin counties	(717) 564-3662
United Water (UW CARES)	Columbia, Luzerne, Perry, Schuylkill, Wyoming and York counties	(888) 299-8972
<a href="#">U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Hotline</a>		(800) 426-4791