



Local Business Resource Newsletter

November/December 2025

December 16, 2025

Greetings Neighbor,

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

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

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

In Service,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Nonprofit Security Grant Fund

Who May Apply: Any nonprofit organization designated under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the organization must primarily serve individuals, groups, or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidence identified by the FBI in its Hate Crime Statistics Publication (race/ethnicity/ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, or gender identity).

Use: For security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth.

Funds: A total of \$10 million in state funding is available for this round. Grants may range from \$5,000 to \$150,000 with match funding required above a request of \$25,001 based on the size of the grant request.

Application Deadline: January 12, 2026

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Conservation and Natural Resources: Volunteer Fire Assistance

Who May Apply: Volunteer fire companies in rural areas or communities under 10,000 in population

Use: To prevent, control, and suppress the threat of wildfires through the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment, wildfire protective gear, mobile radios, installation of dry hydrants, wildfire training, or wildfire prevention and mitigation

Funds: Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The maximum grant for 2025 is \$15,000.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2025

More information: [DCNR Website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) + Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Combined Grant Program

Who May Apply: Community-based nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status (VIP or BOOST), municipality, county, or district attorney's office (VIP only), institute of higher education (VIP only), school district or career and technical center (BOOST only), library (BOOST only).

Use: VIP + BOOST funds can be used to support a wide range of eligible activities designed to reduce and respond to community violence.

Funds: Approximately \$60 million in state funding is available, with no less than \$11.5 million designated for BOOST funding.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2026

More information: [PCCD website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Statewide Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Program

Who May Apply: Statewide youth-serving nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(4) status.

Use: Funds for the proposed program may be used to support upstream prevention initiatives focused on school-age youth who are at risk, such as mentoring and OST programs.

Funds: No less than \$11.5 million in state VIP funding has been designated for BOOST funding.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2026

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Historical & Museum Commission: Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant

Who May Apply: Local governments, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, conservancies, colleges and universities, religious institutions, museums, and other historical organizations. Historic property must be publicly accessible and listed in, or documented as eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Private property owners and businesses are not eligible.

Use: To support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities.

Funds: Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. A 50/50 cash match is required.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2026

More information: [PHMC Website](#)

Historical & Museum Commission: Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant

Who May Apply: Local governments, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, conservancies, colleges and universities, religious institutions, museums, and other historical organizations. Historic property must be publicly accessible and listed in, or documented as eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Private property owners and businesses are not eligible.

Use: To support projects that rehabilitate, restore, or preserve historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Funds: Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. A 50/50 cash match is required.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2026

More information: [PHMC Website](#)

PennDOT: Green Light-Go Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities and planning organizations.

Use: To improve existing traffic control signals, such as LED replacement, traffic signal retiming, and studies, among other projects.

Funds: Up to \$40 million is available and projects require a 20% match.

Application Deadline: Pre-application scoping forms will be accepted until January 2, 2026. PennDOT will provide comments by February 28, 2026. The full application window will be between March 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

More information: [PennDOT website](#)

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Application Deadline: December 31, 2025

More information: [DCNR Website](#)

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

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

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

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

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

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: PA SITES

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

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

Funds: \$400 million in funding is available.

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

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant

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

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

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

Application Deadline: Applications will be received until funds are exhausted

More information: [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

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

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

Funds: Rebates vary depending on type of vehicle purchased.

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

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program

Who May Apply: Qualified well pluggers

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

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

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

More information: [DEP website](#)

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Department of Community and Economic Development: Local Share Account Philadelphia

Who May Apply: Community Development Corporations, economic development organizations and redevelopment authorities, business improvement districts/neighborhood improvement districts, non-profit organizations with a 501(c) designation, the City of Philadelphia, the School District of Philadelphia. Any eligible organization must be located in Philadelphia.

Use: Economic development projects, neighborhood revitalization projects, community improvement projects, projects in the public interest. Any eligible project must be located in 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: January 31, 2026

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: School Safety and Mental Health Grants

Who May Apply: This noncompetitive, formula-based solicitation is specifically for eligible school entities as defined under 24 P.S. §13-1314.2-B of the PA Public School Code (i.e., a school district, area career and technical school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter school, and cyber charter school)

Use: To support physical security enhancements and/or mental health initiatives at schools.

Funds: \$100 million in state funding is available to support this program.

Application Deadline: January 28, 2026

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Small Business Advantage Grant Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania-based small businesses

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

Funds: Funding can range from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) and will vary depending on environmental impact and project location. A total of \$1 million is available in this round of funding.

Application Deadline: March 13, 2026, or whenever funds are exhausted.

More information: [DEP website](#)

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

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

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

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

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

More information: [PCCD Website](#)

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

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

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

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

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

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department of Environmental Protection: WIIN 2107: Voluntary School and Childcare Lead testing and Reduction Grant

Who May Apply: Childcare facilities and schools located in Pennsylvania with lead in drinking water sample results within 36 months of the application date showing water fixtures exceeding the remediation trigger level of 5 ppb (parts per billion).

Use: Reduction activities may include purchasing and installing hydration stations, point-of-use devices designed to remove lead or replacement of faucets. The primary goal of this grant program is to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water.

Funds: Funding under this grant has been appropriated under 1464(d) of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Funding provided will be up to \$3,000 per hydration station per 100 students in one building. Up to \$30,000 may be awarded per building/childcare facility or \$100,000 per school district.

Application Deadline: Applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss their lead reduction plans to ensure they meet applicable program criteria. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing RA-EPWIINLEAD@pa.gov.

More information: [DEP Website](#)

Department of Community and Economic Development: PA SITES

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Funds: \$400 million in funding is available.

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More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant

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

Use: Create or obtain business plans, management strategies, transition plans, ownership plans, or plans to maintain the long-term economic viability of a farm.

Funds: \$500,000 in funding is available. Individual grants shall not exceed \$15,000.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted until funds are exhausted.

More information: [PDA Website](#)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Community and Economic Development: Pennsylvania First

Who May Apply: Businesses, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Redevelopment Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities or Corporations, Local Development Districts.

Use: Machinery/equipment; Job training; Infrastructure; Land and building improvements; Environmental assessment/remediation; Acquisition of land, buildings, rights-of-way; Working capital; Site preparation.

Funds: Grants and loans are available assuming an applicant can meet the private investment requirement.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

More information: [DCED Website](#)

Department of Aging: Senior Community Center Grants

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania Senior Community Centers with an existing, contractual relationship with an Area Agency on Aging.

Use: Enhancements to increase participation and programming, attract a new generation of older adults, and enable Senior Community Centers to provide a safe and healthy environment for their participants.

Funds: \$2 million in state funding is available.

Application Deadline: January 9, 2026

More information: [Aging Website](#)

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

Funds: Funding can range from 50% or \$7,500 (whichever is less) up to 80% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) and will vary depending on environmental impact and project location. A total of \$1 million is available in this round of funding.

Application Deadline: March 13, 2026, or whenever funds are exhausted.

More information: [DEP website](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

FREE Administrative Support for Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits

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

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

Community Development Financial Institutions that Serve Philadelphia County

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

<p>Community First Fund</p> <p>1301 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (267) 236-7000</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p>	<p>Reinvestment Fund</p> <p>1700 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 574-5800</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p>
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<p><u>Local Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Affinity Group Lending</u></p> <p><u>Commercial Real Estate</u></p> <p><u>Housing Project Loans</u></p> <p><u>Nonprofit Financial Support</u></p> <p><u>First-Time Homeownership</u></p> <p><u>New Market Tax Credits</u></p> <p><u>Lender Support.</u></p>	<p><u>Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending</u> Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814</p> <p><u>Small Scale Real Estate Development</u> Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882</p> <p><u>New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)</u> Reema Fakhri, Sr. Director of NMTC Reema.fakhri@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883</p> <p><u>Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors)</u> Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer *Contact our office for support with this resource</p> <p><u>Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports</u></p> <p><u>Food Systems Grants and Supports</u></p>
<p>Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) 1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102 (215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Support Services</u></p> <p><u>Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Commercial Real Estate Development</u></p> <p><u>Tax Exempt Bonding</u></p> <p><u>Grants Administration</u></p> <p><u>New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)</u></p> <p><u>Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)</u></p>	<p>Impact Loan Fund 1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u></p> <p><u>Landlord Working Capital</u></p> <p><u>Rental Improvement Fund</u> 19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY</p>
<p>Beech Capital 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; info@beechinterplex.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u> Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending info@bcvc.com</p>	<p>VestedIn (Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution) 3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; info@vestedin.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p>

<p>Revitalization Project Funding Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation inforabf@beechinterplex.com</p>	<p>Business Grants Local Business Loans Entrepreneur Programs Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program Local Business Technical Support</p>
<p>Enterprise Center Capital 45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (215) 895-4000; info@theenterprisecenter.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p>Local Business Loans</p> <p>Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)</p> <p>Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)</p> <p>Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses</p> <p>Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and Consumer Packaged Goods.</p>	<p>Neighborhood Progress Fund Liberty Square, West Tower 1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 232-0516; contact@npfp.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p>Microloans</p> <p>Local Business Loans</p> <p>Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p>Flexible Financing</p> <p>Local Business & Entrepreneur Support</p>
<p>Entrepreneur Works 400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p>Local Business Loans</p> <p>Women-Owned Local Business Loans</p> <p>Group/Individual Coaching</p>	<p>Women's Opportunities Resources Center 2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 564-5500, info@worc-pa.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p>Credit Builder Loans</p> <p>Direct Loans</p> <p>Local Business Loans</p> <p>Credit Lines</p> <p>Expansion Loans</p> <p>Near Equity Loans</p> <p>Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p>Advising & Technical Support</p>



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