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Commonwealth Financing Authority

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 the Department of Banking and Securities. Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees. Many of these grant programs utilize the DCED Single Application found at <https://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/>. Additional information can be found at <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>. The most recent application calendar for recurring programs is as follows:

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>APPLICATION PERIOD</u>
Act 13 Programs (7 Programs)	2/1 – 5/31 Annually
Alternative Clean Energy (ACE).	Closed*
Building PA.	Always Open*
Business in Our Sites.	1/1/24 - 3/31/24
H2O PA Programs.	Closed
LSA Category 4 Facilities –	
Berks, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and York Counties.	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Luzerne.	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Monroe & Contiguous Counties.	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Northampton & Lehigh.	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
Multimodal Transportation Fund.	3/1 – 7/31 Annually
New PA Venture Capital Investment.	Always Open*
PA Small Water and Sewer.	Closed
Pipeline Investment.	Always Open*
Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program.	3/1 - 5/31/24
Renewable Energy Program.	Closed
Second Stage Loan Guarantee.	Always Open**
Solar Energy Program.	Closed
Statewide LSA.	9/1 - 11/30 Annually
Tax Increment Financing Guarantee.	Always Open*

* Applications must be received 60 days prior to the scheduled board meeting

** Applications must be received 30 days prior to the scheduled board meeting

Act 13 Programs

The Marcellus Legacy Fund was created by Act 13 of 2012 to provide for the distribution of unconventional gas well impact fees to counties, municipalities, and commonwealth agencies. Pursuant to Section 2315 (a) (6) (i) of the Act, a portion of the fee revenue will be transferred to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for statewide 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.

Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for abandoned mine drainage, abatement, and treatment with the Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program (AMDATP). 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. Grants shall be awarded to eligible applicants for projects that do not exceed \$1,000,000. The grant requires at least a 15% match of the total project cost.

Baseline Water Quality Data Program

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) to be used fund statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP). Grants shall be awarded to eligible applicants for projects that do not exceed \$250,000. The grant requires at least 15% match of the total project cost.

Flood Mitigation Program

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for funding statewide initiatives to assist with flood mitigation projects. Grants shall not exceed \$500,000 for any project and require a 15% match of the total cost.

Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the “Authority”) for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP). Grants shall not exceed \$250,000 for any project. A 15% match of the total project cost is required.

Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program

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. There is a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any project.

Sewage Facilities Program

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. Grants shall be awarded to eligible applicants up to \$100,000. A 50% match of the total project cost is required.

Watershed Restoration and Protection Program

Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for watershed restoration and protection projects. The overall goal of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) is to restore, and maintain restored stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff, and ultimately to remove these streams from the Department of Environmental Protection’s Impaired Waters list. There is a maximum of \$300,000 for any project. A 15% match of the total project cost is required.

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Building PA

The CFA, through the Building Pennsylvania Program, provides loans to fund managers for investment in real estate projects within the Commonwealth.

Studies and experience have shown that many real estate projects within the commonwealth are unable to obtain “gap” or mezzanine financing in order for worthwhile projects to become reality. The commonwealth’s traditional bricks and mortar, infrastructure, and site preparation financing programs lack the flexibility to fill this financing void. Additionally, many Pennsylvania communities are struggling to attract adequate real estate investment to meet the needs of a fast-changing economy. The CFA Building Pennsylvania Program has been created to meet the needs of those projects, targeting its investment to projects of highest impact like those in low-income communities, those that revitalize our central business districts or redevelop our brownfields, and those that create facilities for our future high growth industries. These projects will create jobs while stimulating economic growth and increase the vitality of our communities.

The Building Pennsylvania Program is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania initiative intended to address these financing needs. By providing \$150M in loans to real estate fund managers, another \$150M of private capital will be leveraged, creating a total pool of \$300M which will be available to finance high impact real estate projects within the commonwealth. Focused on industrial, commercial, and multi-use projects, the program will support the acquisition, development, redevelopment, and revitalization of communities. In addition, in order to focus capital investments in traditionally underserved areas, the commonwealth has earmarked 50% of the funds to be made available for those real estate projects located in areas other than cities of the first and second class. All loans are made pursuant to the statutory authority of the CFA.

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Business in Our Sites Program

The Business in Our Sites Program provides grants and 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 Business in Our Sites program was established under the Act of April 1, 2004 (P.L.163, No. 22) (64 Pa.C.S §1551), as amended.

The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities and others to plan and 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 the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED").

There is 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.**

Loans will be repaid over a period not to exceed 20 years. The interest rate for the loan will be 2% or 3% depending on the unemployment rate of the county where the project is located when the CFA is in a first lien position. If the CFA is in a subordinate lien position, the interest rate will be 8% or 9% based on the unemployment rate of the county where the project is located.

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COVID-19 ARPA 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 sewers, and storm water projects. Act 54 of 2022 appropriated \$205.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the H2O PA Program. Grant awards must be a minimum of \$500,000 or more and a maximum of \$20,000,000 for any single project. Applications for this program were accepted from October 1, 2022, through December 21, 2022.

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COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water & Sewer

The PA Small Water and Sewer Program was established pursuant to § 1774.1-A of the Act of April 25, 2016, as amended, and authorizes the Commonwealth Financing Authority to award grants to municipalities and municipal authorities for water, sewer, and storm water projects with a cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000. Act 54 of 2022 appropriated American Rescue Plan Act funds to the PA Small Water and Sewer Program. American Rescue Plan Act funds are subject to federal compliance and reporting requirements. Applications for this program were accepted from October 1, 2022, through December 21, 2022.

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Local Share Account Programs

Statewide LSA

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. Grant awards must have a minimum eligible cost of \$25,000 and requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000 for any project.

Category 4 Facilities LSA Program (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. Grant amounts will vary based on the specific project requirements. Eligible applicants must be located Berks County, Westmoreland County, or York County.

Fayette County LSA

As required under the Gaming Act, DCED has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Fayette County. 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 LSA

As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), the CFA has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Luzerne County. Projects must be in the public interest. Eligible applicants include the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority and any municipality in Luzerne County. Grant amounts will vary based on the specific project requirements.

Monroe County LSA

As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), the CFA has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Monroe County. LSA funds may be used for economic development, community development and public interest projects in Monroe County and the following counties contiguous to: Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne. Grant amounts will vary based on the specific project requirements.

Northampton and Lehigh Counties LSA

As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), the CFA has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Northampton and Lehigh Counties. LSA funds may be used for economic development, community development and public interest projects. Grant amounts will vary based on the specific project requirements.

Montgomery County LSA

Under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), Montgomery County grants are available for the redevelopment, reuse, or revitalization of previously developed land, development of undeveloped land, and projects which construct, expand, or improve water and wastewater infrastructure related to business development. This program is currently archived.

Philadelphia LSA

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has established the Local Share Account (LSA) – Philadelphia program to distribute a portion of slot machine license operation fees from Category 1 or 2 facilities operating within the City of Philadelphia. Funds are available for economic development, neighborhood revitalization, community improvement, and other projects in the public interest within the City of Philadelphia. 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. This program is not directly administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Washington County LSA

As required under the Gaming Act, DCED has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Washington County. LSA funds may be used for economic development, job training, community improvement and public interest projects in Washington County. 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.

Contact Information for LSA Programs

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CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Multimodal Transportation Fund program provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of this commonwealth. The Multimodal Transportation Fund program was established under Section 2104(a)(4) of the Act of November 25, 2013, as amended.

The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies and rail and freight ports in order to improve public transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization. The program will be jointly administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Transportation, under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

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

Applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund are accepted annually between March 1 and July 31. All applications and all required supplemental information must be electronically submitted by close of business on July 31st for hopeful consideration by the CFA.

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New PA Venture Capital Investment Program

The New PA Venture Capital Investment Program shall provide loans to venture capital partnerships for investment in Pennsylvania-related companies. The nature of the investments by the venture capital partnerships shall be equity or convertible debt.

The CFA New PA Venture Capital Investment Program is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania initiative intended to address the financing needs of Pennsylvania businesses by providing loans to venture capital partnerships. In addition, in order to increase the amount of capital available in traditionally underserved areas, the Commonwealth has instructed that 50% of Program funds be made available to those venture capital partnerships with primary offices staffed with at least one full-time senior-level partner located in Pennsylvania counties which are outside the Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area, and which have a population of one million people or less. All loans are made pursuant to the statutory authority of the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The CFA New PA Venture Capital Investment Program's flexible financing is designed to meet the needs of technology-oriented businesses and are adaptable to the newly developed business structures evolving in the technology economy. The CFA New PA Venture Capital Investment Program holds the promise of more firmly establishing a technology-based economy within Pennsylvania, allowing Pennsylvania to compete in the global marketplace.

The actual method of financing to be offered by the CFA New PA Venture Capital Investment Program is through a loan product to either the general partnership of the fund, to the management company of the fund, or to a separate entity established and under the control of the management company or general partnership of the fund. A venture capital partnership is an entity whose purpose is to make investments in companies and is formed as a limited partnership, limited liability company or comparable investment entity.

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Pipeline Investment Program

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.

Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, and site preparation costs associated with extending natural gas pipelines to serve eligible applicants. The maximum grant amount of any Pipeline Investment Program project award shall not exceed \$1.5 million or 50% of the total project costs, whichever is less. In addition to the maximum grant amount, the CFA may provide grants for tapping costs not to exceed \$500,000. An eligible applicant shall provide matching funds of not less than 50% of the total project cost.

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Second Stage Loan Program

The Second Stage Loan Program offers guarantees for working capital bank loans to second stage manufacturers, advanced technology, and life sciences businesses to support growth in these vital sectors. The SSLP is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

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Public School Facility Improvement Grant

The Public School Facility Improvement Grant was created to provide grants to public school districts and area career and technical schools for eligible facility improvement projects. The Program was established under Section 1753.2-E of Subarticle E of Act 34 of 2023 (P.L. 251, No. 34) (72 P.S. §1753.2-E). The Program is administered by the DCED under the direction of the CFA.

Funds may be used for roof repairs and roof replacement; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment; boilers and controls; plumbing systems; energy-saving projects; health and safety upgrades; emergencies; accessibility projects; internet connectivity; demolition; and window repairs and window replacement. A school entity is eligible to apply for a grant. "School Entity" is defined as a school district or area career and technical school.

Grants are available for eligible projects with a total project cost of \$500,000 or more. Grants shall not exceed \$5,000,000 for any project. A single grant cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible costs, projects require a cash match of 25% of total eligible costs.

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Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program

The Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program is designed to promote and stimulate the general economic welfare of various regions and communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and assist in the development, redevelopment and revitalization of brownfield and greenfield sites through the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11, 1990, as amended, 53 P.S. §6930.1 et seq. (the “TIF Act”).

The program is part of an effort by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (“CFA”) and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide credit enhancement for TIF projects to improve market access and lower capital costs through the use of guarantees to issuers of bonds or other indebtedness.

Any issuer of TIF Debt Obligations for a project located within a municipality, other than a city of the first or second-class, may apply to the Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program. Eligible issuers under the TIF Act include all municipal authorities, industrial and commercial development authorities, and redevelopment authorities including boroughs, townships, towns, counties, and home rule municipalities.

The maximum amount that the CFA will pay under its guarantee is \$5,000,000, inclusive of principal and interest. Guarantee amounts will be determined by the scope of the project, the estimated projections of future tax revenues to be generated by the project, the estimated financing cost savings realized through the provision of a guarantee, and the ability of the CFA to assume the rights to security provided to the holders of the TIF project debt in the event of a default.

Contact Information

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Department of Aging

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging works to ensure that older adults across Pennsylvania have access to quality services and supports that help them age and live well.

Created in 1978, the department serves as the state unit on aging, advocating for the interests of all older Pennsylvanians, overseeing an array of benefits, services, and programs that are made available through its network of 52 local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which cover the commonwealth's 67 counties.

The department provides a wide array of services and programs intended to help older Pennsylvanians live and thrive in their homes and communities for as long as possible. These services include home-delivered and congregate meals, caregiver support, health and wellness services, personal assistance, senior community centers, Medicare enrollment counseling, transportation, job training, elder abuse prevention, PACE prescription assistance and more.

Senior Community Center Grants

Grant funding opportunities are intended for 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. This funding opportunity is only open to Pennsylvania Senior Community Centers with an existing, contractual relationship with an Area Agency on Aging in accordance with Aging Program Directive #96-04-01. All applications and required documentation must be submitted electronically through the Commonwealth's Electronic Single Application before the deadline. Additional information can be found online at the following website: <https://www.aging.pa.gov/SeniorCommunityCenterGrants/Pages/SeniorCommunityCenterGrants.aspx>

Contact Information

PDA Senior Community Center Grant Program

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Department of Agriculture

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture encourages, protects, and promotes agriculture and related industries throughout the commonwealth while providing consumer protection through inspection services that impact the health and financial security of Pennsylvania's citizens.

Pennsylvania's 52,700 farm families are stewards of more than 7.3 million acres of farmland. With \$7.3 billion in cash receipts annually from production agriculture alone, Pennsylvania farms and agribusinesses are a leading economic driver in our state.

Pennsylvania agriculture contributes \$132.5 billion to our state economy annually and supports more than 593,600 jobs, paying wages of \$32.8 billion. Agriculture contributes \$1 out of every \$16 in gross state product. Agriculture supports 1 in 10 jobs in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Program

The Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Program was created by state law, and up to \$1 million in funding may be allocated annually by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to the program for the purposes of increasing the production of Pennsylvania-made malt and brewed beverages and enhancing the Pennsylvania malt and brewed beverage industries through promotion, marketing, and research-based programs and projects. The program is administered by five Board members who are appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly. The Board meets throughout the year to solicit, evaluate, and recommend projects to the PLCB for funding.

Funds are made available annually. The request for proposals (RFP) is published annually in the Pennsylvania Bulletin under the Department of Agriculture. This publication usually takes place in January. Proposals are reviewed and recommended by the Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverage Industry Promotion Program Board to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for funding. Proposals should be sent to RA-AGCOMMODITIES@pa.gov within the application period. More information can be found here: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/state/commodity/Pages/Malt-Brewed-Beverage.aspx>

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Next Generation Farmer Loan Program

The Next Generation Farmer Loan Program uses federal tax-exempt financing to reduce a farmer's interest rate for capital purchases, such as the purchase of farmland or agricultural machinery and equipment. Maximum loan amounts are \$552,000 with no more than \$62,500 being used toward the purchase of used equipment. Applications must be submitted through the Single Application for Assistance online application system. Additional information can be found at the following website: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/state/Pages/Next-Gen.aspx>.

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Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program

The Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program is an innovative non-point source pollution control program for local municipal road officials. Under this program, the State Conservation Commission provides grant funding through county conservation districts to state and local entities to eliminate stream pollution caused by runoff and sediment from dirt, gravel, and low volume roads. Eligible applicants are state and local entities that own public roads. Federal roads and privately owned roads are not eligible for grant funds.

The Commission provides an annual allocation to local conservation districts based on the amount of eligible roads and identified pollution sites in a county. The conservation district, based on the local DGLVR program policy, award grants to eligible public road-owning entities.

Public entities such as townships, cities and boroughs may apply to the conservation districts for grant funding. Conservation districts establish their own grant application periods. More information can be found here: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/state/Pages/Dirt-Gravel-and-Low-Volume-Road.aspx>

Contact Information

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Dirt and Gravel Roads Program Coordinator

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Department of Community and Economic Development

The Department of Community and Economic Development's mission is to encourage the shared prosperity of all Pennsylvanians by supporting good stewardship and sustainable development initiatives across our commonwealth. With a keen eye toward diversity and inclusiveness, we act as advisors and advocates, providing strategic technical assistance, training, and financial resources to help our communities and industries flourish.

Information on grant and loan programs offered through the Department of Community and Economic Development can be found here: <https://dced.pa.gov/program/>

Act 47 Grants and Loans

The DCED Act 47 program provides loan and grant funds to financially distressed local governments, as well as technical assistance to formulate financial recovery plans. Funding levels for this program vary. Applications must be made through the Center for Local Government Services.

Contact Information

Governor's Center for Local Government Services
Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-787-8158
Telephone: 1-888-223-6837
Email: ra-dcedclgs@pa.gov

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.

For purposes of this program, the BFTDA seeks to lend funds to venture capital funds. VIP funding will be provided in the form of a loan. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or the BFTDA is prohibited from holding an equity position and therefore, is not a traditional limited partner but a Lender.

Contact Information

PA Department of Community and Economic Development
BFTDA Venture Investment Program
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-787-4147

Email: dcventureinvest@pa.gov

Ben Franklin Technology Partners Challenge Grant

This program 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.

Contact Information

Telephone: 1-866-466-3972

Business Opportunities Fund

This program provides installment loans, lines of credit, and technical assistance for minority business enterprises, women-owned business enterprises and small businesses. Any small business may apply, but the program will give priority to small businesses requiring capital and technical assistance in order to compete for governmental and private sector contracts.

Contact Information

PA Department of Community & Economic Development
Center for Private Financing
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-783-1109

Community Development Block Grant

This program provides grants and technical assistance for eligible municipalities as identified under Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984 as amended, for any eligible community development activities. Uses for funds include housing rehabilitation, public services, community facilities, infrastructure improvement, development, and planning. 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. The competitive program has a minimum request of \$100,000 and has no maximum.

Contact Information

Telephone: 1-866-466-3972

To apply for funding, the applicant must submit the electronic on-line DCED Single Application for Assistance located at dced.pa.gov/singleapp.

The application must be submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community and Housing Development through the Electronic Single Application.

Paper copies will not be accepted.

Direct any questions in preparing the Application to your designated Grant Manager. If you do not know who your Grant Manager is, reach out to: ra-dcedCDBGhomequestions@pa.gov.

COVID-19 ARPA Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance Program

The Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance (HDBA) Program supports socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own at least a 51% interest and control management and daily business operations and meet the definition of “targeted population” as defined by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. This program is deployed in partnership with the PA CDFI Networks member CDFIs, the City of Philadelphia Office of Neighborhood Economic Development, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

This program also has partnered with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), minority chamber organizations in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania Professional Image Alliance to provide technical assistance to historically disadvantaged small businesses.

A single grant shall be at least \$2,500 and up to \$10,000 and shall be based on past and anticipated costs associated with, but not limited to working capital, inventory, equipment, safety and security equipment, marketing, and costs to support ongoing operations. Eligible businesses may not use the grant funds for expenses already paid with other relief measures such as federal, state, or local grants and/or loan programs. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis between February 5, 2024, and February 23, 2024. Businesses must apply through the PA CDFI Network only applications system at <https://pacdfinetwork.org/about/hdbagrants/>.

Contact Information

PA CDFI Network
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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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Email: info@pacdfinetwork.org

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. DCED will allocate regional funding following a competitive process.

Contact Information

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Center for Strategic Partnerships
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Engage! Program
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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First Industries Fund

The First Industries Fund (FIF) is a program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries through loan guarantees. The program is administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Loan funds can be used for land and building acquisition and construction, machinery and equipment purchases and upgrades, working capital.

Contact Information

The First Industries Guarantee Loan Program
Commonwealth Financing Authority
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-783-1109
Email: ra-dced-cpf@pa.gov

Foundations In Industry Training

The Foundations in Industry Training (FIT) Grant Program is a statewide program which offers 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 for expenses related to instruction that complements on-the-job learning. Eligible applicants include: 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. Sponsors may request funding for plans not to exceed three years, at \$3,000 per apprentice per year. Costs incurred above this amount are the responsibility of the employer.

Contact Information

Department of Community and Economic Development
Office of Workforce Development
Gwen A. Ross, MPA, Director of Workforce Development Initiatives
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Industrial Sites Reuse Program

This program provides grant and low-interest loan financing to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work at former industrial sites. The program is designed to foster the cleanup of environmental contamination at industrial sites, thereby bringing blighted land into productive reuse. Grants and loans up to \$200,000 for environmental assessments, and grants and loans up to \$1 million for remediation are available.

Contact Information

Department of Community and Economic Development
Site Development Office
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-787-6245

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Keystone Communities Program

The Keystone Communities Program (KCP) 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.

Communities may wish to consider designation through the KCP program as a Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Enterprise Zone, or Keystone Community. Designation is an opportunity for targeted investment and development. Designation applications are accepted at all times. Competitive funding applications are normally accepted July 1 through August 31.

Contact Information

Center for Community Enhancement
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Local Government Capital Project Loan Program

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% per annum. Requests for assistance may be submitted any time throughout the year.

Contact Information

Governor's Center for Local Government Services
Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Manufacturing PA Industrial Resource Center Program

The Manufacturing PA – Industrial Resource Center (IRC) 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. Grant funds may be used for reasonable salary and other personnel expenses, leased space for operational purposes, travel, administrative, equipment, supplies and other expenses associated with the development and delivery of IRC services.

Contact Information

PA Department of Community and Economic Development
Technology and Entrepreneurship
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400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant Program

The Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant program is designed to help companies identify and train a skilled workforce for existing or near future open positions, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of career opportunities in manufacturing, and or advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers.

Grant funds may be used for professional services/consultants, internships, equipment purchase, shop modifications, program development, marketing, domestic travel, and salaries and fringes.

Contact Information

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Marketing to Attract Tourists

The Marketing to Attract Tourists Program provides funding to support and development international tourism, sports marketing, outdoor recreation, and cultural attractions. A primary goal of the program is to promote overnight stays. Applicants should, as part of the project narrative, explain how their project will meet this goal.

Contact Information

PA Department of Community and Economic Development
Customer Service Center
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

1-866-466-3972

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Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

This program 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 two groups of activities: shared services, and community planning. Counties and municipalities may apply. 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.

Contact Information

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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Email: ra-dced-kcp@pa.gov

Office of International Business Development

The Office of International Business Development (OIBD) helps companies reach new markets. By partnering with the Regional Export Network (REN) and managing a global network of Authorized Trade Representatives, OIBD ensures clients have access to the programs and services. Additional information can be found here: <https://dced.pa.gov/business-assistance/international/trade/office-of-international-business-development/>.

Contact Information

Office of International Business Development
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400 North Street, 4th floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Fax: 717-772-5106

Executive Director: Jen Black

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Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance

The Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) is designed to encourage regional coordination with Industrial Development Organizations, Local Development Districts (LDDs), and Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) 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 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.

Contact Information

PA Department of Community and Economic Development

Executive Office

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Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)

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Pennsylvania First Program

Pennsylvania First (PA First) is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. Grants under this program are processed under the authority of Section 3 of the Commerce Law, which authorizes the Department of Community and Economic Development to undertake ways and means of promoting and encouraging the prosperous development of Pennsylvania businesses. Applicants should also contact the Governor's Action Team to learn more about this program.

Contact Information

Department of Community and Economic Development

Center for Business Finance and Workforce Development, Grants Office

Pennsylvania First Program

Commonwealth Keystone Building

400 North Street, 4th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: 717-787-6245

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.

Contact Information

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Customer Service Center
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225

Telephone: 800-379-7448

Telephone: 717-787-3405

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)

PMBDA program provides low-interest loans to businesses owned and operated by ethnic minorities. Eligible applicants include any businesses owned and operated by ethnic minorities, except non-franchised restaurants. PMBDA can finance up to 90% of the eligible total project costs, or \$250,000, whichever is less. Funds from other sources must equal at least 10% of PMBDA eligible project costs.

The interest rate for PMBDA loan will be fixed at 2% at the time the loan is approved and will remain fixed for the duration of the repayment term. Interest rates are subject to change from time to time; Up to 15-year term for land and buildings; Up to 10-year term for machinery and equipment; Up to 3-year term for working capital; May subordinate lien position; \$50,000 cost per job for new job created, and \$35,000 cost per job for job retained.

Contact Information

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225

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Fax: 717-213-5402

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Program

This program provides a source of funds with extended payment terms to successful Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community-based Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) to make low-interest loans to businesses owned and operated by ethnic minorities. The maximum loan amount is \$400,000 per applicant, and the interest rate is 1.5% for a period of 5 years.

Contact Information

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Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program

The Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program (PA SITES) was established to provide grant funding to eligible applicants to develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within the Commonwealth. The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Pennsylvania First Program (PA First).

The program is intended to serve as gap financing for strategic sites that need financial assistance to help reduce development risk for businesses. The grant funding is intended to help finance strategic investments that will enhance sites across the Commonwealth to effectively compete for expanding and relocating businesses. The program will help reduce development risk for businesses by timeline reduction from the development of public infrastructure or reducing unknown development costs.

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount. However, grant awards will be subject to availability from the annual funding appropriation.

Contact Information

Department of Community and Economic Development
Center for Business Financing – Grants Office
Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites Program
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225
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Sports Tourism and Marketing Account

Section 1721-A.2 of Subarticle C of the Fiscal Code (Act of April 2, 1929, P.L. 343, No. 176) establishes the Sports Tourism and Marketing Account within the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund as a restricted account. The purpose of the account is to attract high-quality, amateur, and professional sporting and e-sports events to this Commonwealth with the goal of advancing and promoting year-round tourism, economic impact, and quality of life through sport.

Eligible applicants will apply through DCED's electronic Single Application System which can be found at <https://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/Login.aspx>.

Strategic Management Planning Program

The Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP) was designed to offer a pre-emptive step for municipalities who are realizing financial difficulties and seeking to improve their financial position. The program supports municipalities by offering grants that can be used to fund costs associated with hiring an independent financial consultant to prepare a three to five-year financial plan and management review of their municipality. The plan will outline short and long term financial, managerial, and economic development strategies that the municipality can consider implementing to possibly strengthen their financial capacity. The program provides fiscal stability to Pennsylvania's local governments.

Contact Information

Governor's Center for Local Government Services
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Established on July 1, 1995, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is charged with maintaining state parks, managing state forest land, and providing information on the state's ecological and geological resources. The department is also responsible for establishing community conservation partnerships with grants and technical assistance to benefit rivers, trails, greenways, local parks and recreation, regional heritage parks, open space, and natural areas. DCNR's mission is to conserve and sustain Pennsylvania's natural resources for present and future generations' use and enjoyment.

Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants

DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) assists local governments and recreation and conservation organizations with funding for projects related to parks, recreation, and conservation. Applications for DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants are accepted once a year.

The application period for the recreation and conservation grants opens in January and closes in April each year:

- **Opens:** (Third Tuesday of January)
- **Closes:** (First Wednesday of April)

There are exceptions for ATV and Snowmobile Trails Management Restricted Account Grants, which are conducted during the spring and fall:

- **Spring:** Always opens the first business day in February and closes the last business day in March.
- **Fall:** Always opens the first business day in August and closes the last business day in September.

Peer and Circuit Rider Grants are open year-round.

Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants can fund:

- Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks
- Recreation areas
- Motorized and non-motorized trails
- River conservation and access
- Conservation of open space
- Community and Watershed Forestry

Grants also support regional and statewide partnerships that build capacity to better develop and manage resources. Eligible applicants for program funding include local governments, nonprofits, state

heritage areas, prequalified land trusts, and for-profit enterprises (for some grant types). More information can be found at <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>. Regional advisor contact information can be found here: <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>.

Funding opportunities include:

Community Recreation and Conservation Planning Funding

Planning projects “lay the groundwork” for future land acquisition, development, and/or management of parks, recreational facilities, critical habitat, open space, natural areas, greenways, and river/watershed corridors.

Park Rehabilitation and Development Funding

These projects involve the rehabilitation and development of public parks, recreation facilities, greenways, and river conservation projects.

Land Acquisition and Conservation Funding

These projects involve the purchase and/or donation of land for parks and recreation areas, greenways, critical habitat areas, and open spaces.

Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Funding

Trail projects include the acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, or maintenance of designated routes on land or water for motorized and non-motorized recreation activities. This includes the purchase of equipment for trail construction or maintenance.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Snowmobile Projects

All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and snowmobile projects include projects related to facilities that support the use of ATVs and/or snowmobiles.

State and Regional Partnership Funding

Partnerships projects are collaborative statewide or regional initiatives that help build local, county, regional, and statewide capacity to better develop and manage recreation and park facilities and to promote the conservation of natural and heritage resources through plan implementation, education, and training.

Peer and Circuit Rider Funding

These grant projects fund projects that help municipalities, counties, multi-municipal partnerships, and councils of government to increase local capacity for recreation, parks, and conservation.

The Peer program funds collaborative projects that focus on a specific need identified by the grantee and its partners.

The Circuit Rider program aids in the hiring of a full-time park, recreation, or conservation professional whose services are shared by the members of a formal partnership, commission, or authority.

Rivers Conservation Grants and Community and Watershed Forestry Funding

Rivers Conservation projects focus on protecting and enhancing the conservation or recreation value of Pennsylvania's waterways. Applications are submitted under the appropriate primary grant category. For example, funding for a Rivers Conservation Plan would be requested through a Community Recreation and Conservation Planning grant application; an easement or purchase to protect a headwaters area would require a Land Acquisition and Conservation grant.

The DCNR Community & Watershed Forestry Program provides financial assistance to identify locations in need of riparian forest buffers, lawn conversion, and urban tree-planting and to design, implement, and establish those practices. This program supports projects that produce conventional buffers and multifunctional buffers -- a buffer type that provides an opportunity to harvest products such as nuts, berries, woody florals, forbs, and potentially woody biomass in addition to the conventional buffer of riparian tree and shrub species.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides financial, technical, and other assistance to state officials in cooperative efforts to organize, train, and equip local forces in rural areas or communities under 10,000 in population to prevent, control, and suppress fires which threaten rural areas. The key objectives of this program are to save lives and protect property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas. Therefore, the selection of the participating agencies must be based on vulnerability and the adequacy of existing fire protection.

This is a cost-share program. Financial assistance on any project during any fiscal year cannot exceed 50 percent of the actual expenditures -- including expenditures of local, public, and private nonprofit organizations participating in the agreement. Grants can be used for the following:

- Purchase of wildlife suppression equipment
- Wildfire protective gear
- Mobile or portable radios
- Installation of dry hydrants
- Wildfire prevention and mitigation
- Wildfire training
- Certain projects involving the conversion and maintenance of federal excess vehicles received from the DCNR Bureau of Forestry and used for fire suppression.

Grants **cannot** be used for the following:

- Purchase of structural fire equipment or protective gear
- Supply hose larger than 2.5 inches in diameter
- Structures

- Routine maintenance of vehicles not received from the DCNR Bureau of Forestry
- Medical services
- Ambulance services
- Fire police equipment and gear
- Search and rescue equipment and gear
- Unmanned aerial systems

Contact Information

DCNR Bureau of Forestry's Division of Forest Fire Protection

Telephone: 717-787-2925

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Wild Resource Conservation Program

The Wild Resource Conservation Program mission, in partnership with agencies, organizations and concerned citizens, is to maintain, manage, enhance, and restore Pennsylvania's native wild flora and fauna and their habitats. Wild Resource Conservation Program grants help achieve this by funding research for non-game wildlife and native wild flora. This is the only source of funding for plant conservation in Pennsylvania.

WRCP is soliciting grant applications for priorities in the following categories – surveys, conservation and management, and climate change. Detailed priorities within each of these categories can be found in the link above (WRCP Grant Priorities with detailed descriptions).

It is recommended that projects/grant applications address one of the priorities. However, applications may be accepted that address priorities outlined in the Pennsylvania State Wildlife Action Plan and/or address the needs of plant species or plant communities of concern within the Commonwealth. The applicant should contact the WRCP Agency Coordinator to discuss the project, how it may fit into flora or fauna priorities and potential for funding.

WRCP's director or the appropriate agency coordinator (see information below) should be contacted prior to submitting a grant application. They can give valuable advice about the program's priorities, how to improve your project design and application content, and the probability of success for your application. Applications should be submitted at <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>.

Contact Information

WRCP Director: Rebecca Bowen
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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Native Wild Plants: Chris Firestone
DCNR-Bureau of Forestry
Telephone: 570-724-8149
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Non-game Birds and Mammals: Lisa Williams
PA Game Commission
Telephone: 814-505-8659
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Non-game Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles and Aquatic Organisms: Chris Urban
PA Fish & Boat Commission
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Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

As of July 2012, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), formerly under the Department of Health, became a standalone department. This change reflects a strong commitment by the Commonwealth to provide education, intervention, and treatment programs to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and dependency for all Pennsylvanians.

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs mission is to engage, coordinate and lead the Commonwealth's effort to prevent and reduce drug, alcohol and gambling addiction and abuse, and to promote recovery, thereby reducing the human and economic impact of the disease.

DDAP offers and administers competitive grant programs related to recovery and housing programs. Grants that are offered vary year to year. Information about current programs can be found at the following website: <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>.

Grant initiative funding opportunities are established through service needs and grant funding availability. These opportunities are developed by DDAP staff and may include collaboration with other Commonwealth agencies. Information about the competitive grant process can be found at the following website: <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Competitive-Grant-Process.aspx>.

Contact Information

Telephone: 717-783-8200

Substance Abuse Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP

Website: <https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx>

Contact Form: <https://forms.dhs.pa.gov/ddap-contact-us/>

Department of Education

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) oversees 500 public school districts, more than 170 public charter schools, public cyber charter schools, Career and Technology Centers/Vocational Technical schools, public Intermediate Units, the education of youth in State Juvenile Correctional Institutions, Head Starts and publicly funded preschools, and community colleges. PDE also oversees policies related to public, academic, and school libraries, and the State Library of Pennsylvania.

Information about grants administered by PDE can be found at the following website:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/SchoolGrants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Career and Technical Education Grants

Competitive Equipment Grants

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

Supplemental Equipment Grants

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

Contact Information

Career and Technical Education Advisor
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Division of Data Analysis, Assessment, and Contracts
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Career and Technical Education
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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.

Eligible grant proposals must focus on addressing the goals of the Governor's It's On Us PA Campaign, including prevention, reporting, and response initiatives.

Contact Information

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PAsmart

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, the Department of Education launched the PAsmart initiative. Built upon recommendations of the governor's Middle-Class Task Force, PAsmart strategically invests resources in education and training opportunities to support Pennsylvania's economic growth now and in the future.

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.

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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.
- 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). Applicants must register with eGrants in order to submit an application.

Contact Information

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The Office for Safe Schools
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Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) mission is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land, and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. We will work as partners with individuals, organizations, governments, and businesses to prevent pollution and restore our natural resources.

Additional information on grants administered by DEP can be found at the following website:

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

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

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. A 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.

Contact Information

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Alternative Fuels Incentive Grants

DEP offers grant funding for clean, alternative fuel projects in Pennsylvania and investment in Pennsylvania's energy sector. DEP receives approximately \$5 million in funding each year through the utilities gross receipts tax collected during each fiscal year to carry out the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act. The primary goals of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program (AFIG) are to improve Pennsylvania's air quality and reduce consumption of imported oil through the use of homegrown alternative fuels that will help the Commonwealth's economy and environment.

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Agriculture Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

DEP is offering rebates to Pennsylvania agricultural producers for energy efficiency projects. Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available, through March 31, 2023. Interested applicants should apply to secure a rebate voucher prior to installing the equipment.

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Driving PA Forward

The following programs are part of the Driving PA Forward suite of financial incentive programs utilizing funds from the VW settlement to improve Pennsylvania's air quality.

DC Fast Charging & Hydrogen Fueling Grant Program

This is a competitive grant program that provides funding for new, publicly accessible DC Fast Charging and Hydrogen Fueling projects built in strategic locations in PA and designed to supply light duty vehicles. Grant funding is available for up to 70% of project costs, capped at \$500,000 per award for hydrogen fueling projects and \$250,000 for DC fast charging projects.

Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program

The Electric Cargo Handling Grant Program is a competitive grant program that provides funding for the repower or replacement of diesel-powered: forklifts (with a lift capacity of greater than 8,000 pounds), Tier 0-2 airport ground support equipment, and port cargo handling equipment. Eligible vehicles must be scrapped and replaced with the same equipment in an all-electric form. Grant funding is available for up to 60% of project costs for government applicants and up to 40% for non-government applicants.

Level 2 EV Charging Rebate

This program provides rebates for new Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging projects to be installed in public spaces, workplaces, and multi-unit dwellings. Rebates up to \$4,500 per plug are available, though final rebate amount is based upon the project characteristics, cost, and location. The application period is rolling, and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful applicants are issued a 180-day voucher, which can be redeemed for the approved rebate amount upon successful completion of the project and submittal of required documentation.

Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program

This is a competitive grant program that provides funding to (1) repower or replace diesel-powered, pre-Tier 4 freight switcher locomotives, that operate 1,000 hours or more per year, with any new EPA or CARB-certified diesel, alternative fuel, or all-electric engine, or (2) repower or upgrade unregulated, Tier 1 or Tier 2, diesel-powered marine engines in ferries or tugboats with an EPA Certified Remanufactured system or an EPA Verified Engine Upgrade. Grant funding is available for up to 60% of eligible project costs (up to 80% for electric projects), with no maximum dollar amount per award.

Medium- & Heavy-Duty Zero-Emissions (MHD-ZEV) Fleet Pilot Grant Program Initiative

The primary goal of the Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Pilot (“MHD-ZEV”) is to improve the Commonwealth’s air quality by reducing NOX emissions from Class 4-8 trucks while driving the transformation from older, polluting diesel engines to cleaner transportation technologies.

Ocean Going Vessel Shorepower Grant Program

The Ocean-Going Vessel Shorepower Grant Program is a competitive grant program that provides funding for the purchase and installation of eligible dock-mounted, containerized, or barge-mounted marine shore power systems at eligible ports in Pennsylvania. Grant funding is available for up to 75% of project costs for government applicants and up to 25% of project costs for non-government applicants.

Onroad Rebate Program

This program provides rebates for Class 4-8 local freight trucks, drayage trucks, school buses, transit buses and shuttle buses. Rebates vary based on vehicle type, fuel, type, and vehicle owner, though the final rebate amount is based upon actual project costs. Maximum rebates are determined by maximum dollar rebate per vehicle or engine, or percentage of total project costs, whichever is less, combined for all vehicles in the application. Between 1 and 5 vehicles may be submitted per application. Applicants proposing more than 5 vehicles should apply to the Truck and Bus Fleet Grant Program. The application period is rolling, and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful applicants are issued a 365-day voucher, which can be redeemed for the approved rebate amount upon successful completion of the project and submittal of required documentation.

Truck and Bus Fleet Grant Program

This program provides grants for Class 4-8 local freight trucks, drayage trucks, school buses, transit buses, and shuttle buses. Grant awards vary based on vehicle type, fuel, type, and vehicle owner, though the final reimbursement amount is based upon actual project costs. Maximum reimbursements are determined by maximum dollar amount per vehicle or engine, or percentage of total project costs, whichever is less, combined for all vehicles in the project. A minimum of 6 vehicles must be submitted per application.

Contact Information

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Phone: 717-787-9495

Environmental Education Grants

The Environmental Education Grants Program, established by the Environmental Education Act of 1993, mandates that five percent of all pollution fines and penalties collected annually by the Department of Environmental Protection be set aside for environmental education.

Each year, Pennsylvania invests in its schools, colleges and universities, county conservation districts, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to improve environmental literacy among youth and adults.

Administered through DEP, the Environmental Education Grants Program provides funds to support a wide range of environmental education projects including meaningful, hands-on programs for students, teacher training workshops, and community conservation projects for adults.

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Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant

The intent of the Food Recovery Infrastructure grant program is to reduce, to the greatest extent practicable, the amount of fresh and processed foodstuffs currently entering Pennsylvania's waste stream. Not-for-profit agencies operating programs in the Commonwealth that provide food to segments of the public will be supported in partnering with retailers/wholesalers of foodstuffs operating in the Commonwealth to capture Apparently safe and wholesome foods before these items become waste, which can then be made available by these agencies to the public they serve.

Contact Information

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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.

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Pump and Plug Program

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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Small Business Advantage Grant

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.

Contact Information

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Underground Heating Oil Tank Cleanup Reimbursement Program

The Underground Heating Oil Tank Cleanup Reimbursement Program provides funds to assist tank owners with eligible environmental cleanup costs resulting from releases of heating oil from underground tanks.

All reimbursements are funded through the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund, and up to \$750,000 per year is available for this program through 2027.

Contact Information

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Department of Labor & Industry

The Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) employs more than 5,000 workers in 200 offices statewide. Established in 1913, the department originally inspected the working conditions in factories around the state. Over time, the department's responsibilities expanded.

L&I administers benefits to unemployed individuals, oversees the administration of workers' compensation benefits to individuals with job-related injuries, and provides vocational rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities. The department prepares job seekers for the global workforce through employment and job training services for adult, youth, older workers, and dislocated workers. In addition, L&I enforces various laws and safety standards in the workplace and administers the commonwealth's programs for community service by young Pennsylvanians.

L&I also promotes economic development and an improved business climate through a variety of initiatives and programs to help Pennsylvania's workforce remain world-class and globally competitive.

More information about L&I grants can be found at the following website:

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

Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grant – Round 5

The PA Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) announces the availability of approximately \$5,000,000 in funding for the Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grant (DLWDG) Round 5, to include awards of up to \$100,000 per project. The purpose of this grant is to enhance the digital literacy skills necessary for securing and maintaining jobs and careers offering family-sustaining wages, including job search capabilities and access to employment postings. To ensure equitable access to employment, it is necessary to increase digital literacy skills, particularly in communities in need. This funding will allow the department to meet a critical workforce barrier for individuals seeking employment. *The application deadline for this grant opportunity is Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. E.T.*

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PAsmart Supporting Pennsylvania's Organic Agriculture through Registered Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships

The PA Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) announces the availability of \$700,000 in PAsmart funding to support the development of new Registered Apprenticeship and/or Pre-Apprenticeship Programs specific to occupations in organic agriculture. For the purposes of this opportunity, the following occupations are prioritized: **organic inspectors, certified organic farmers, certified organic processors, and experienced labor on organic farms and in certified organic processing facilities.** Applicants may request awards of up to \$350,000 each. *The application deadline for this grant is Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. E.T.*

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Direct Care Worker Job Quality Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) announces the availability of \$2,800,000 in Reemployment funds for the Direct Care Worker Job Quality (DCWJQ) Grant. This competitive grant opportunity will be focused on working with agencies and employers to create better places to work and to identify the job quality metrics needed to affirm these goals are being achieved. Applicants may request awards of up to \$600,000 each. *The application deadline for this grant opportunity is Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. E.T.*

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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Pennsylvania's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has a dual mission: to provide quality service to the commonwealth's veterans and their families, and to oversee and support the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG).

Military Family Relief Assistance Program

At the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), we understand that there are times when unforeseen circumstances pose a financial challenge to service members and their family. To help alleviate some of the financial burden in these instances, the DMVA provides grants through the Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP). The amount of a grant is based on documented financial need up to a maximum of \$5,000. Those eligible for an MFRAP grant will not be asked to pay any of it back.

MFRAP is available to eligible Pennsylvania residents who...

- Are serving on 30 or more consecutive days of active duty with the Pennsylvania Army or Air National Guard or Reserve Components of the Armed Forces (Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and Space Force Reserve)
- Are serving on 30 or more consecutive days of active duty with the active armed forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force)
- Are serving on 30 or more consecutive days of state active duty for emergencies or duty under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in the Pennsylvania Army or Air National Guard
- Are members in good standing of the Pennsylvania Army or Air National Guard or a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces for a period of three years after completion of a qualifying tour of active duty of 30 or more consecutive days when the financial need is directly related to the member's active-duty period
- Are former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Reserve Components and the Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guard for a period of four years after medical discharge for medical disability incurred in line of duty while serving on a qualifying tour of active duty of 30 or more consecutive days. (Financial need must be directly related to the former member's service, to exigent circumstances beyond the eligible members' control or the disability incurred in the line of duty of the military service.)
- Are eligible relatives of qualified eligible service members in limited circumstances

Contact Information

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Annville, PA 17003-5002

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Veterans' Trust Fund Grant Program

DMVA has announced the availability of competitive grant funding from the Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF). Grants will be considered in the following areas:

Grants to Veterans' service organizations (VSOs) with 501(c)(19) status under the Internal Revenue Code and non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code that have a mission of serving Pennsylvania veterans. Funding priorities for the 2023-24 grant year are programs that address transportation services, behavioral health initiatives, homelessness, and employment & education. The maximum grant request in this category is \$40,000.

Grants to Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs or grants to counties, either individually or jointly for multiple counties working together, for programs operated by their County Directors of Veterans Affairs. The priorities for the 2023-24 fiscal year are programs in support of veterans' outreach, transportation services, and homelessness. The maximum grant request in this category is \$15,000 per county.

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Department of Revenue

The Department of Revenue (DOR) was established in 1927 and is charged with collecting and distributing most of the tax monies due to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On an annual basis, the department receives and collects all of the Commonwealth's General Fund tax revenue. In addition, the department annually processes more than 10 million business and individual tax reports and payments. The scope of services and programs provided by the department affects every business and citizen in Pennsylvania.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians aged 65 and older; widows and widowers aged 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. In addition to age requirements, household income must be \$45,000 or less annually. Spouses, personal representatives, or estates may also file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in the claim year and meet all other eligibility criteria.

The maximum standard rebate is \$1,000, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$1,500.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program's 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$8 billion in property tax and rent relief. The rebate program also receives funding from slots gaming.

Contact Information

PA Department of Revenue
Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
PO Box 280503
Harrisburg, PA 17128-0503

Telephone: 1-888-222-9190
Claim Status Telephone (After June 1st): 1-888-728-2937

Department of Transportation

PennDOT oversees programs and policies affecting highways, urban and rural public transportation, airports, railroads, ports, and waterways. More than three-quarters of PennDOT's annual budget is invested in Pennsylvania's approximately 121,000 miles of state and local highways and 32,000 state and local bridges. PennDOT is directly responsible for nearly 40,000 miles of highway and roughly 25,400 bridges, a system first established in 1911.

Roughly 7,095 of PennDOT's complement of nearly 11,579 employees are engaged in the maintenance, restoration, and expansion of the state highway system. They work in central headquarters in Harrisburg and 11 engineering districts, with facilities in all 67 counties.

PennDOT also administers the state's 12.1 million vehicle registrations, and 10.1 million driver's licenses and IDs and oversees safety and emission inspection programs.

Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program

The Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant Program (ARLE Funding Program) was established in 2010 as a PennDOT-administered competitive grant program in accordance with Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.) §3116(l)(2), §3117(m)(2), and §3370(m)(2) §3117(m)(2). Funding for the program is generated from the net revenue of fines collected through Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems and Automated Speed Enforcement Systems. Grant applications are accepted annually during the month of June.

Information can be found at:

<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/Bureaus/BOMO/Portal/TSPortal/FUNDARLE.html>

Contact Information

Email: ARLE@pa.gov

Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program

The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the "Green Light-Go Program", is a competitive state grant program designed to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Established by Act 89 of 2013 and revised by Act 101 of 2016, the program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Maintenance and Operations.

The Green Light-Go Program is a reimbursement grant program and applicants are required to provide a minimum 20% match. More information is available at:

<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/Bureaus/BOMO/Portal/TSPortal/FUNDGLG.html>

Contact Information

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PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

The Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) also provides funding for priority investments in any mode through PennDOT's MTF Statewide Competitive Funding Program.

The MTF program provides grants to ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of this commonwealth.

The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, and ports and rail freight entities to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization.

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Traffic Safety Grants

PennDOT provides traffic safety grants to local governments, Pennsylvania State-related universities and Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities, and nonprofit organizations to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes.

The grant program utilizes federal funding authorized under 23 U.S.C. 402 and 23 U.S.C. 405 and administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The program is structured on the federal fiscal year, which runs Oct. 1-Sept. 30. Grant opportunities reflect evidence-based countermeasures proven to address the most critical traffic safety needs identified through data analysis. Available funds are distributed to projects using allocation formulas based on crash data. See below for Federal Fiscal Year 2024-26 grant opportunities:

Community Traffic Safety Project

Grants for traffic safety educational outreach programs to schools and communities targeting local safety issues identified through data analysis. Provides support towards national and statewide enforcement mobilizations and other programs.

Contact Information

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Municipal Police Traffic Services Enforcement Program

Coordination of local police participation in impaired driving, occupant protection, aggressive driving, and pedestrian safety enforcement countermeasures, including officer overtime, necessary equipment purchases, and associated training.

Contact Information

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DUI Courts Program

Development and facilitation of a DUI Court system, including judicial training in the area of DUI courts, establishment of new probation officers to monitor DUI court participants, and necessary equipment.

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Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

Coordination of the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor position in accordance with national and state guidelines in support of the Commonwealth's Highway Safety Program.

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Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) Program

Coordination of the Judicial Outreach Liaison position in accordance with national and state guidelines in support of the Commonwealth's Highway Safety Program.

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Statewide DUI Program Coordination

Coordination of technical services in support of the Commonwealth's Impaired Driving Program, including specialized training and statewide coordination of the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program.

Contact Information

Troy Love, Police Traffic Services Program Manager

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Statewide Traffic Records Program Support

Coordination of activities designed to assist PennDOT with supporting Pennsylvania Police Agency crash report filing in addition to other services as identified.

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Statewide Law Enforcement Liaison Program Coordination (PTS)

Provides administrative and technical support for state and local law enforcement participation in grant-funded enforcement operations in alignment with National Law Enforcement Liaison Program standards and best practices.

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Child Passenger Safety Educational Initiatives

Supplements efforts provided by the existing statewide child passenger safety project organized by the PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project (PA TIPP) by providing additional trainings for CPS technicians across the state, broaden outreach efforts, and distribute car seats to underserved communities.

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Distracted Driving Outreach

Provides education and outreach to change dangerous driving behaviors especially among teen drivers.

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Office of the State Fire Commissioner

The Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) had its beginning in 1976 with Governor Milton Shapp's appointment of the state's first fire commissioner. In 1981, Governor Richard Thornburgh reorganized the then-separate Fire Commissioner's Office, State Fire School, and Volunteer Loan Assistance Program as the Office of Fire Safety Services under the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

The current OSFC was created by legislation as its own agency under the direct jurisdiction of the governor by Act 91 of 2020.

Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program

The Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program makes an annual grant program available for volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services and rescue squads. The program provides grant eligibility information and makes an online grant application available for all eligible applicants.

Based on applicant and project criteria, staff reviews and approves or disapproves all applications, processes signed grant agreements, and authorizes dispersal of grant funds. Final grant reports are reviewed for compliance with project description and program guidelines. More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Established by law in 1978, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) serves as the justice planning and policymaking agency for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. By bringing together a wide range of experts in the fields of criminal and juvenile justice, victim services, and related professions, PCCD coordinates the collective examination of problems, proposes solutions, and evaluates the impact of those solutions.

PCCD initiates, validates, and makes financial investments in programs that demonstrate promise in improving outcomes related to the agency's mission and strategic priorities. The administration of federal and state funding programs is one of PCCD's core responsibilities.

Grant programs offered by PCCD vary in what specific resources are available. For information about current open funding opportunities, how to seek and manage grant funds, and related resources interested individuals should visit the PCCD funding page at the following website:

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

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Pennsylvania Council on the Arts

The mission of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) is to strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. PCA promotes equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the Commonwealth. Information related to grants can be found at the following website:

<https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/Pages/default.aspx>.

Arts in Education

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.

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Arts Organizations and Arts Programs

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.

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Creative Business Loan Fund

In partnership with Bridgeway Capital 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.

Contact Information

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Creative Communities Initiative

The Creative Communities Initiative (CCI) provides multi-year funding for place-based, community-driven, arts-based projects that serve as catalysts for social cohesion, livability, and community and economic development. Commonly referred to as creative placemaking, these projects are rooted in deep community engagement and authentically engage artists, culture bearers, designers, and community members through conversation, cultivation, and creation activities to address community needs, challenges, and opportunities.

Contact Information

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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.

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.

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Creative Sector Flex Fund

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) is excited to introduce a new grant program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year: the Creative Sector Flex Fund (CSFF). The CSFF is designed to address the changing needs of dynamic PA arts organizations with average annual revenue between \$10,000 - \$200,000.

This grant program incorporates the current needs of the field by offering grantees the flexibility to use \$5,000 grants in ways that ensure the most significant impact for their organizations and communities.

Eligible uses of funds are flexible, including the support of applicants' administrative, programmatic, and project-related expenses.

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Entry to Arts Organizations and Arts Programs

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 two years of consistent arts/cultural programming.

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Folk and Traditional Arts Program

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.

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Preserving Diverse Cultures Division: 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 sponsored 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 guidelines at: <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/PDC/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Statewide 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:
 - 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.
- Demonstrate statewide benefit for the creative sector in Pennsylvania.
- Include mechanisms to implement the PCA's overarching value of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Up to 25% of the grant can be used for administrative expenses. A one-to-one match is required.

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Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) helps communities and citizens mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other human-made disasters. PEMA supports county emergency management agencies by coordinating and engaging with the whole community. Grant information can be found at the following website: <https://www.pema.pa.gov/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

The BRIC program is an annually funded nationwide competitive grant program; a federal disaster declaration is not required.

The BRIC program guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

The overall goal of this non-disaster grant is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

As with the Flood Mitigation Assistance program, this program is open to any local government or eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program.

The federal cost share for a PDM project is 75 percent. At minimum, a FEMA-approved local flood mitigation plan is required before a project can be approved. Some funding is available for planning.

Only the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may apply as an applicant. Sub-applications must come from local governments or other eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program.

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Cybersecurity Grant Program

The federal government created the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to help state and local governments:

- Address cybersecurity risks
- Strengthen cybersecurity of critical infrastructure
- Ensure resilience against persistent cyber threats to services governments provide their communities.

Starting in year two of this program, local governments will be able to apply to the Commonwealth to participate in cybersecurity projects identified by the committee.

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Emergency Management Performance Grant

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) encourages the development of comprehensive disaster preparedness and assistance plans, programs, capabilities, and organizations by the states and by county governments. Funds under this program are appropriated by Congress for allocation to the states by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The states, in turn, are responsible for subgranting these funds to county emergency management organizations for reimbursement of salaries and benefits. Grants are available on a 50 percent matching basis. Eligible entities are all county governments within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Hazardous Material Response Fund

The Hazardous Material Response Fund (HMRF), supported by fees assessed to the chemical industry, is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency preparedness at county and state levels.

These funds are to be used for the preparation of chemical emergency plans by local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous material response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and the conduct of training and exercises.

Eligible entities are all county governments within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grant application period is in January of each calendar year.

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a grant that requires a federal disaster declaration. The purpose of HMGP is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in the areas of the state, tribe, or territory requested by the Governor or Tribal Executive. The key purpose of this grant program is to enact mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

Once a federally declared disaster is provided to the commonwealth, municipalities which adopted the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan are eligible. Only the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may apply as an applicant. Sub-applications must come from local governments or other eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program. This program is open to any local government or eligible organizations; individuals cannot apply directly for the program.

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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 the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

Eligible entities are all county governments within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grant application period is in the spring of each year, dependent on the timing of federal announcement.

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High Hazard Potential Dams Grant

The objective of this program is to reduce or eliminate the risk of eligible, high hazard potential dams. The National Dam Safety Program, run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, protects lives and property from the risks associated with dams.

The Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Program makes federal funds available to states for pass-through to non-federal government organizations and nonprofits. The funds are for the rehabilitation of eligible, high-hazard potential dams that don't meet minimum state dam safety standards, posing unacceptable risk to life and property.

Applicants must have a High Hazard Potential Dams Program hazard mitigation action in their county's FEMA-approved county hazard mitigation plan and must have participated in and adopted the county hazard mitigation plan as a special district.

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Homeland Security Grant Program

The State Homeland Security Grant Subprogram (SHSP) supports state, local, tribal, and territorial preparedness activities that address high priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities that support terrorism preparedness.

The grant application period is in the spring of each year, dependent on the timing of federal appropriations/announcement. The grant application announcement will be via email to eligible entities, with submission in the Electronic Single Application.

Eligible entities are county governments within the respective Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Regional Task Forces as established following Title 35. Eligible entities must ensure and maintain the adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

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Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

This is an annual congressional grant that makes federal funds available to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to plan for and implement sustainable, cost-effective measures.

The goal of this program is to reduce the risk to people and property when it comes to future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding. This funding is offered in addition to funds provided through other Federal Emergency Management Agency grant programs for projects that will support growing mitigation needs nationwide.

During the application window, applications can be submitted in accordance with the guidelines through FEMA.

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Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is an independent Commonwealth agency comprised of ten Commissioners appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. The mission of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. Information on grants can be found at the following website: <https://www.fishandboat.com/Transact/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>.

Boating Facility Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) created the Boating Facility Grant Program to provide grants for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion, and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. The goal of the program is to ensure Pennsylvania's recreational boaters have the highest quality boating facilities.

Boating Facility Grants are available to public entities, including townships, boroughs, municipal and county governments as well as to nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed associations that have or will have the capability to provide boat access facilities that are open and available for general public use.

Grants cover up to 50% of costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and construction of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs, and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long-term lease or agreement on the site. Grant funds are for major site improvements and are unavailable for routine maintenance or operational activities.

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Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Transient means passing through or by a place, staying 10 days or less. The program is administered in Pennsylvania by the PA Fish and Boat Commission, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Grants may be made to public and private operators of open-to-the-public boating facilities: municipal agencies (cities, towns, counties, etc.), state agencies (State Parks, DNR, Fish & Wildlife, etc.), and other government entities.

There are two "tiers" of grant support. Tier 1 provides funding for small-scale projects. Up to \$100,000 is available annually to each state. Tier 2 is for projects that request more than \$100,000. Tier 2 projects compete nationally in a process managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program)

Clean Vessel Act grant 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. To participate in this program, the pumpout stations must be open to the general boating public.

Grants will reimburse recipients for up to 75% of the installation cost of pumpout and dump stations. This includes the cost of new equipment, or the renovation or upgrading of existing equipment, as well as necessary pumps, piping, fitting, lift stations, on-site holding tanks, pier or dock modifications, signs, permits and other miscellaneous equipment needed for a complete and efficient station.

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Cooperative Nursery Grants

Requests from organizations involved in the PA Fish & Boat Commission's (PFBC) Cooperative Nursery Program may be considered for grants from the PFBC. The PFBC reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a project for support. Grants will be for a maximum of \$3,000.

The Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) staff reviews grant applications each year. To be considered for funding, a completed application (PDF) must be in the Cooperative Nursery Unit office by the date specified in the application memo from the unit (this letter will accompany grant applications). Application memos are sent to sponsors in February or March.

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R3 Grant Program

Recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) of anglers and boaters is important to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). The R3 Education Grant Program (R3 Grant) provides funding to support R3-related educational programs delivered by our partners. Supporting partners in their efforts to deliver such programming significantly increases the number of learning opportunities provided to current, past, and future anglers and boaters.

Education programs play a role in R3 by providing experiences that increase fishing knowledge and skills, facilitate social support, and provide information on angling and boating opportunities close to home. The Commission established this grant program to help others start new R3 education programs, or to expand their existing efforts.

The R3 Grant will reimburse qualifying organizations up to \$25,000 for eligible program expenses for the period ending June 30, 2023. 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.

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Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1963 to provide affordable access to higher education for PA students and families. Through the years, PHEAA has evolved into one of the nation's leading providers of student financial aid services, including the Commonwealth's state-based student loan program. PHEAA also serves millions of students through guaranty, servicing, financial aid processing, and other programs.

PA State Grant Program

The PA State Grant Program is a financial assistance program that provides funding to eligible Pennsylvanians and helps them afford the costs of higher education at the undergraduate level.

PHEAA administers the PA State Grant Program at no cost to taxpayers, ensuring that every dollar appropriated to the program goes directly to students.

Funding for the PA State Grant Program may be paid in part or in whole by the Commonwealth of PA.

To be considered for a PA State Grant, you must fill out the FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and complete the PA State Grant Form. Most renewal students do not have to complete the PA State Grant Form.

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School and Financial Aid Officers

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Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created in 1945, PHMC is responsible for the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania's historic heritage, which they accomplish through the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Trails of History (historic sites and museums), the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, and the Bureau of Management Services. As the state's history agency, it is PHMC's mission to discover, protect and share Pennsylvania's past, inspiring others to value and use our history in meaningful ways. Information on grants can be found at: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/default.aspx>.

Cultural and Historical Support Grant Program

This grant program uses funds placed in PHMC's operating budget by the state legislature and is restricted for this purpose only. Working in concert with legislative leadership to determine the best way to distribute these limited funds, applicants must meet organizational eligibility requirements, and awards are based on a calculation that uses the operating budget from the most recently completed fiscal year. Eligible organizations include:

- 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). If a museum receives operating support from another Pennsylvania agency or commission, please check with the Program Contact to verify if the museum has a discreet and itemized operating budget for its activities to be funded through the Cultural and Historical Support grants program. Please see the Who May Apply section below for a list of eligible museum types.
- Official County Historical Societies. If the operating budget is less than \$300,000, the organization must apply as an Official County Historical Society. Official County Historical Societies with operating budgets in excess of \$300,000 must apply as a museum.

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Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grants

As established under the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, funding under the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant program is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development for publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The purpose of the grant is 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. These guidelines address only historic preservation projects under the planning category. Please review the separate guidelines for the Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants for information pertaining to the bricks and mortar program.

Requests for funding to the Historic Preservation Planning Grants may range from \$5,000 (for \$10,000 projects) to \$25,000 (for projects of \$50,000 and over) and require a 50/50 cash match.

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Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants

PHMC provides funding for construction activities through its Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants with revenue from the Commonwealth's Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for small construction projects for publicly accessible historic resources.

The purpose of the grant is to support projects that rehabilitate, restore, or preserve historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These guidelines address only construction-related activities. Please review the separate guidelines for the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grants for information pertaining to the preservation projects.

Requests for funding to the Historic Preservation Construction Grants may range from \$5,000 (for \$10,000 projects) to \$100,000 (for projects of \$200,000 and over) and require a 50/50 cash match.

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Historical & Archival Records Care Grants

The Historical & Archival Records Care Grant Program is administered by the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) with funding provided by PHMC. Grant awards will be used to improve the preservation of historically valuable original records.

The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and funding for the awards is for two years. Grants will be awarded based on review of the application by a sub-committee(s) of the SHRAB. Please note that works-of-art, textiles, artifacts and museum objects are not eligible.

Individual grants in amounts up to and including \$5,000. Collaborative grants, where organizations can apply jointly for up to \$15,000. This would include two organizations applying jointly for up to \$10,000 or three organizations applying collaboratively for up to \$15,000. No match required for either.

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Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

The mission of the PLCB is to responsibly sell wine and spirits as a retailer and wholesaler, regulate Pennsylvania's alcohol industry, promote alcohol education and social responsibility, and maximize financial returns for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians. The PLCB regulates the manufacture, importation, sale, distribution and disposition of liquor, alcohol, and malt or brewed beverages in the commonwealth. The agency issues licenses to private individuals or entities that wish to engage in wholesale operations of beer, either as an importing distributor or as a distributor. The agency is also responsible for wholesale distribution of wine and spirits, which licensees may pick up from state-operated Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores or licensee service centers or have delivered from PLCB distribution centers.

Grants for Reducing Underage and Dangerous Drinking

Since inception of the grants program in 1999, the PLCB has awarded more than \$21.1 million in alcohol education grants to fund programs that focus on proven strategies to discourage and reduce both underage and dangerous drinking. Grants are awarded to schools, community organizations, municipalities, law enforcement organizations, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and for-profit institutions, and grant-funded initiatives have included increased police patrols, social norms campaigns, "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" campaigns, college alcohol assessment surveys, online alcohol education programs, peer training and more. More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.lcb.pa.gov/Education/Programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>.

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PENNVEST

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

PENNVEST's low-cost financial assistance helps make the water that is consumed every day by thousands of Pennsylvanians safe to drink. It helps clean rivers and streams in communities for the enjoyment of our citizens and the protection of our natural resources. PENNVEST funding also assists businesses to locate and expand their operations in Pennsylvania to create permanent, well-paying jobs for our workers.

PENNVEST has been empowered by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act (Act 16 of 1988) to administer and finance the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) pursuant to the federal Water Quality Act of 1987, as well as to administer American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds. PENNVEST also finances, through the issuance of special obligation revenue bonds, water management, solid waste disposal, sewage treatment and pollution control projects undertaken by or on behalf of private entities.

Funding and other resources offered by PENNVEST can be found at the following website:

<https://www.pennvest.pa.gov/Information/Funding-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Additional contact information can be found at the following website:

<https://www.pennvest.pa.gov/about-us/Contact-Info/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx>

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget 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. RACP projects are state-funded projects that cannot obtain primary funding under other state programs.

A project is eligible for RACP funding only if that project has been itemized in a PA Capital Budget Project Itemization Act, such itemizations have remaining “Project Allocation” amounts, and have not been statutorily “sunset” according to Act 77 of 2013. Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit an e-RACP Application to the Office of the Budget. Please refer to our website for more detailed information on eligibility, funding schedules, and submission requirements.

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.

More information can be found at the following website:

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