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Dear Community Leader:

I am pleased to provide you with an updated resource that will help you, local organizations and residents find grants and other state resources.

From the Department of Agriculture to the Historical and Museum Commission to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority, the Pennsylvania Grant Directory is a great starting point for constituents and groups seeking financial support for their work, operations and ideas.

Please know that some state grant programs limit eligibility to only municipalities, school districts, and nonprofit organizations. It is also important to note that the specifics and requirements of certain grant, loan, and assistance programs can change each fiscal year. As a result, I encourage you to contact the appropriate agency or check its website to learn about the current status of any program listed in the directory.

As always, if you need additional assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Dinniman".

**Andy Dinniman**  
State Senator – 19th District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Nutrition Services**—The Department of Aging provides for quality nutrition services to older Pennsylvanians through: senior community center and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and personalized assessments, assistance with applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and information and online resources. Nutritious meals are available to individuals age 60 or older and their spouses at various senior community centers across the state. These meals are available either on location at the center (congregate meals) or they can be delivered directly to a home-bound individual. Meals are provided free of charge but participants may give an anonymous donation to help offset the cost of the service.

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

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**Older Adults Protective Services**—The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA) for older adults 60 years of age and over. OAPSA provides services necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of older adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves and who are at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment. This law also safeguards the rights of older adults while providing for the detection, reduction, correction or elimination of abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment. The department works closely with a network of 52 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) who administer the older adults' protective services program at the local level. The local AAAs are responsible for intake of reports, investigation into allegations of all types of abuse and providing protective services to older adults. Within the department, the Protective Services Office is responsible for conducting quality assurance reviews and providing technical assistance to local protective services programs across the commonwealth.

Reports may be made on behalf of an older adult whether the individual lives in the community or in a care facility. **Any person who believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned may call the 24/7 elder abuse hotline: 1-800-490-8505.** The reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

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

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**OPTIONS**—The Department of Aging's OPTIONS Program provides in-home services to help Pennsylvanians who are 60 years of age and older remain in their homes and communities. A comprehensive interview is conducted by the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to determine each individual's service needs. A

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

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care manager is then assigned to work with the individual to develop a plan of care as well as coordinate and arrange for the provision of services. Services available under the OPTIONS Program include: adult day care, counseling, care management, home health, personal assistance and care services, personal emergency response systems, home-delivered meals, transportation services and more. Depending on their income, participants may be required to pay some of the costs toward the services they receive.

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

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

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**Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCoA)**— The Pennsylvania Council on Aging serves as a statewide forum, clearinghouse, guardian, and advocate for the rights and interests of the elderly in determining a comprehensive program of services for the elderly. The purpose of the council is to assure full participation of commonwealth seniors in developing a program of services for aging in accordance with the Older Americans Act. The council is comprised of 21 members, at least 11 of whom are 60 years of age or older. Sixteen members are nominated by the governor and must be confirmed by the Senate. Five additional members each serve on council by virtue of their service as regional council chair. Each council member serves without compensation.

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

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

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

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**Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE)**— PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare are Pennsylvania's pharmacy assistance programs for older adults, offering low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older.

For more information or to apply, call 1-866-712-2060 or visit <https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com>

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They cover most medications that require prescriptions, including insulin, insulin syringes, and insulin needles. PACE and PACENET are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and are funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery.

*Additional Department resources for assistance with prescriptions include:*

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

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**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**—The SCSEP is a program that provides on-the-job training to unemployed, low-income individuals age 55 or older with the goal of transitioning them into employment. Eligible individuals who participate in the program receive a minimum hourly wage for approximately 20 hours per week. In addition to receiving valuable on-the-job experience and preparing for employment, program participants are also providing services to the community that may not otherwise be provided. SCSEP is the only federal program that is specifically designed to assist low-income older Pennsylvanians by providing part-time community service positions and training to prepare these individuals for employment.

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

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

**Agritourism**—Find ways to attract consumers to your Agritourism operation.

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

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**Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund**—A grant designed specifically to provide Pennsylvania Fairs with matching funds for capital improvement projects on fair grounds.

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

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

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

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**Crop Insurance Program**—Since many farmers cannot control disasters, it is wise to transfer some risk to crop insurance in exchange for a manageable premium that can be a part of a budget. Crop insurance can also work as part of a seamless package with pre-harvest crop marketing programs that can help to increase profits in good years. The Crop Insurance Program is a work in progress that may have new benefits for your farm on a year-to-year basis.

Farmers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent to get the details or their local Farming Service Agency.

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

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**First Industries Fund**—One of 19 programs in the June 2004 economic stimulus package. Funds are for Small Business First program (SBF), Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF), new loan guarantee program, business and marketing plans, and other pre-construction costs. No date specified. Land, buildings, working capital, equipment, etc. per SBF and MELF guidelines; implementing Best Management Practices; and energy-related activities impacting production agriculture or agribusiness.

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

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**First Industries Fund Loan Guarantees**—Provides private lenders with a risk management tool, and agricultural borrowers access to private credit sources at lower-risk rates and terms. No date specified. Applicant must submit application with the following: information about applicant and business; a description of the project; a description of all sources of financing; prior two years of financial statements; meet regulatory/permitting; and other information required by the CFA.

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

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**Land Trust Reimbursement Grant Program**—An individual grant will reimburse a qualified land trust up to \$5,000 of expenses incurred in acquiring an “agricultural conservation easement,” as defined in the Agricultural Area Security Law. Expenses include appraisal costs, legal services, title searches, document preparation, title insurance, closing fees, and survey costs. Land trust must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c)(3) and include the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements or other conservation easements in its stated purpose. An eligible land trust seeking reimbursement grants under the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Contact—Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at 717-783-3167



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<p><b>Next Generation Farmer Loan Program (NGFLP)</b>—Encourages lenders to finance beginning farmers. The loan is made at lender’s credit standards and other terms and conditions. No date specified. Terms for the loan along with any additional conditions will be at the discretion of the individual lender and will depend on the type of project. Beginning farmers (at least 18 years of age with no prior ownership of substantial farmland where the parcel size is greater than 30 percent of the median farm size in the county where it is located and whose net worth does not exceed \$520,000 or \$1,040,000 as a partnership).</p>	<p>Contact—Jared Grissinger at <a href="mailto:jgrissinge@pa.gov">jgrissinge@pa.gov</a>, <a href="http://www.keppagrowing.com">www.keppagrowing.com</a> for more information or call 888-PAgrows</p>
<p><b>Organic Cost Share Program</b>—Reimbursement toward organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>Contact—Kyle Heffner at <a href="mailto:kyheffner@pa.gov">kyheffner@pa.gov</a>, 717-836-3973, or <a href="http://www.keppagrowing.com">www.keppagrowing.com</a></p>
<p><b>Good Agriculture Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Cost Share Program</b>—Reimbursement toward GAP/GHP certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>Contact—Kyle Heffner at <a href="mailto:kyheffner@pa.gov">kyheffner@pa.gov</a>, 717-836-3973, or <a href="http://www.keppagrowing.com">www.keppagrowing.com</a></p>
<p><b>PAgrows</b>—Provides technical assistance to help producers, processors and agribusinesses find the right funding program for their operation. PAgrows can help access low-interest loan and grant programs related to agriculture.</p>	<p>Contact—888-PAgrows or <a href="http://www.keppagrowing.com">www.keppagrowing.com</a></p>
<p><b>PA Preferred® Program</b>—Assists Pennsylvania farmers by encouraging consumers to purchase Pennsylvania products. At the same time, consumers will know that they have found foods grown and processed under some of the world’s most stringent food safety standards.</p>	<p>Contact—<a href="http://www.papreferred.com">www.papreferred.com</a></p>
<p><b>Small Business Administration 504</b>—The CDC/504 loan program is a long-term financing tool for economic development within a community. The program provides growing businesses with long-term fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings. No dates specified. Any for-profit small business with a net worth less than \$7.5 million and profit after tax less than \$2.5 million is eligible. One job to be created or in some cases retained for every \$50k of net SBA 504 funds in the project within two years of disbursement.</p>	<p>Contact—<a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.keppagrowing.com">www.keppagrowing.com</a> for more information or call 888-PAgrows</p>
<p><b>Specialty Crop Block Grant Program</b>—To increase the visibility and market share of Pennsylvania’s produce, nursery, horticulture and nut products; there are federal grants authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.</p>	<p>Contact—Morgan Sheffield, <a href="mailto:msheffield@pa.gov">msheffield@pa.gov</a>, 717-787-3568</p>
<p><b>State Food Purchase Program</b>—Grants to counties or a designated lead agency to purchase food to be provided to the needy. Grants are allocated based on unemployment, food stamp recipients not on public assistance, legal immigrants, medical assistance recipients, and households with earned income receiving assistance.</p>	<p>Contact—Sandy Hopple, 800-468-2433</p>

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**USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Direct Loans**—Government-funded loans made by FSA. FSA also provides loan customers with supervision and credit counseling. Farm Ownership, Operating, Emergency, and Youth loans are the main types of loans available under the Direct program. Funds are also set aside each year for loans to minority applicants and beginning farmers. No dates specified. Loan applicant must pay a credit report fee, lien searches (if loan is made), and filing and recording security instruments.

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

**USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Guaranteed Loans**—The loan provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. No dates specified. FSA charges a guarantee fee of 1 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This fee may be passed on to the borrower. Guarantee waived for: assistance loans; loans where more than 50 percent of the loan funds are used to pay off direct FSA loan debt; and loans in conjunction with down payment farm ownership loan program.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED)

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<p><b>Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement &amp; Treatment (AMDATP)</b>— Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA for abandoned mine drainage, abatement and treatment with the (AMDATP). As one of the largest sources of stream impairment in Pennsylvania, billions of gallons of Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) impair over 5,500 miles of streams within the commonwealth. Funding is used for projects involving the reclamation of Abandoned Mine Well(s), construction of a new AMD site, remediation and repair of existing AMD project sites, operation and maintenance of current AMD remediation sites, establishment of a trust fund to ensure ongoing maintenance is achieved, and monitoring of water quality to track or continue to trace nonpoint source load reductions resulting from AMD remediation projects.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Alternative and Clean Energy Program (ACE)</b>—The Alternative and Clean Energy Program provides financial assistance in the form of grants and loans that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects; infrastructure associated with compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas fueling stations; and energy efficiency and energy conservation projects throughout the commonwealth. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Funds are used to promote the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects, plus energy efficiency and energy conservation projects in the commonwealth.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)</b>—The commission was established by Congress in 1965 to support economic and community development throughout the Appalachian Region. ARC is a unique partnership composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a presidential appointee representing the federal government. The Office of Appalachian Development (OAD) is responsible for specialized services designed to improve conditions for citizens in our 52 Appalachian counties. Grassroots participation is provided through Local Development Districts (LDDs) – multi-county organizations with boards made up of elected officials, business people, and other local leaders. The LDD program provides grants to support services provided by the seven Pennsylvania LDDs. The program provides technical assistance for businesses seeking to expand their markets; identifies resources for community development projects and activities; and provides regional solutions for local government needs. Appropriated funds are allocated by formula to the seven LDDs. Eligible applicants are LDDs designated in the Pennsylvania Local Development District Act.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>

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<p><b>Baseline Water Quality Data</b>—Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to CFA to be used for statewide initiatives to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data Program (BWQDP). Funding is used for projects involving water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Ben Franklin Technology Partners Challenge Grant Program</b>—The Ben Franklin Technology Partnership is comprised of a network of four independent organizations known as the Ben Franklin Technology Partners. The network serves the commonwealth by playing a major role in promoting and supporting business innovation within the state. The Ben Franklin Technology Partners provide access to capital, business expertise, technology commercialization services and a network of resources in order to advance the development of new technologies. The Challenge Grant funds private company and university joint research and development along with technology training and entrepreneurial infrastructure.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Building PA</b>—The program provides mezzanine capital for developers of real estate assets in small to mid-sized Pennsylvania communities. Funds are awarded to Professional Investment Fund Managers through a Request for Qualification (RFQ) (advertised in Pennsylvania Bulletin), through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The RFQ criteria includes: demonstrated capacity for serving the Pennsylvania marketplace, including specific geographic areas and/or market segments; expertise in the proposed real estate sector; expertise in range of investments demonstrated by experience and success with previous investments; demonstrated capacity to attract additional investment for projects.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Business in Our Sites (BOS) Loans</b>—The Business in Our Sites Program provides loans for the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers, and others. The program is administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities and others to prepare sites for future use. Projects which require site development assistance where a business has already committed to locating at a specific site or where a private developer has already committed to locating a facility for a specific user may also seek financial assistance under other appropriate programs administered by DCED.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>—The Community Development Block Grant provides grants to enable communities to effectively address local community development needs in smaller cities/communities and rural areas. (Urban counties and major cities are funded directly by HUD, not through DCED.) Funds are used for community development needs such as infrastructure, housing, and community facilities (senior centers, fire halls, recreational improvements). All activities must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income people</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>

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(below 80 percent of area median income), eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need.

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**Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**—The CDBG-DR program provides grants to units of local government for federally designated disaster areas impacted by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene. There are 36 identified counties impacted by the storms. This program is designed to fit the needs identified from the disaster.

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

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

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**Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)**—Educational Improvement Tax Credit program provides tax credits to operating business firms authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are subject to one the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine), Mutual Thrift Tax, Malt Beverage Tax or Retaliatory Fees under Section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1912. Such business firms include pass-through entities and special purpose pass-through entities. To receive tax credits, businesses must be approved to make contributions to Scholarship Organizations (SO) and/or Educational Improvement Organizations (EIO) and/or Pre-K Scholarship Organizations (PKSO) that are on the list of such organizations published by the Department. A business firm will be approved for a tax credit equal to 75% of its contribution(s) to listed organization(s), up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. The tax credit may be increased to 90% of the contribution(s) made, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year, if the business firm agrees at the time of application to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive tax years. The tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.

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

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**Family Savings Account (Assets for Independence) (FSA)**—The program’s mission is to stimulate economic self-sufficiency and empowerment of individuals by helping qualified low-income participants to focus on long and short-term financial skills and goals while encouraging savings and asset development. Participant savings are matched with both state and federal funds. At the state level, federal grants must be matched by state funds. Funding is used to provide savings incentives targeting Pennsylvania families at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level or 80 percent of the area median income. The program allows a total of \$2,000 per family to be saved and matched. Approved savings plans in the past included the purchase of vehicles, home purchases, home repairs and post-secondary education. Savings goals will be limited to home purchases, business entrepreneurship and post-secondary education as per a federal ruling.

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**Film Tax Credit Program**—The Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit Program is an economic development tool to foster the growth and development of the commonwealth’s film industry. The program, authorized under Act 55 of 2007, provides a tax credit equal to 25 percent of a film production’s “qualified Pennsylvania production expenses” for films in which at least 60 percent of the total production budget is spent in Pennsylvania. Qualified projects include feature films, television pilots, each episode of a television series intended as programming for a national audience, and television commercials. The eligible expenses include the total amount of wages and salaries of individuals employed in the production of the film, the costs of construction, editing, photography, sound synchronization, lighting, wardrobe and accessories, and the rental cost of the facilities and equipment.

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

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<p><b>Flood Mitigation (FMP)</b>—Act 13 of 2012 establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for funding statewide initiatives to assist with flood mitigation projects. Projects authorized by a flood protection authority, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or identified by a local government for flood mitigation are eligible for the program.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Global Access Program (GAP)</b>—Designed to enhance the capability of small and mid-sized Pennsylvania companies to increase export sales, the Pennsylvania Global Access Program (GAP) is a valuable tool available to qualifying companies seeking financial assistance and foreign market entry support. GAP is designed to provide flexibility and encourage innovative use of funds to meet the specific international marketing needs of the applicant. Valid uses: overseas trade shows participation, overseas trade mission participation, foreign market sales trips, and subscription to US DOC services. The Global Access Program (GAP) provides up to \$3,500 per year to qualifying companies.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Greenways, Trails &amp; Recreation Program (GTRP)</b>—Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the CFA for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects using the (GTRP). Funding is used for projects which involve development, rehabilitation and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Growing Greener II</b>—The Growing Greener II program provides Main Street and Downtown Redevelopment Grants to municipalities and nonprofits to help a community’s downtown redevelopment effort, focusing on the improvement of downtown sites and buildings. Funding is used for capital improvement costs and those costs directly related to physical building improvements such as acquisition and pre-development costs.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: (800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>High Performance Building Program (HPB)</b>—The High Performance Building Program provides financial assistance in the forms of grants and loan funds to underwrite the cost premiums associated with the design and construction or major renovation of high performance buildings in the commonwealth. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Protection under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). <i>*An HPB is a building that adheres to the standards adopted by the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection that optimizes the energy performance of buildings.</i></p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>

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**Historic Preservation Tax Credit**—The Historic Preservation Tax Credit provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will complete the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure into an-income producing property. All projects must include a qualified rehabilitation plan that is approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as being consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer which includes an individual, corporation, business trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity. The tax credits awarded to a qualified taxpayer shall not exceed 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures as determined by the application in connection with the completed project. The total tax credits awarded to a qualified taxpayer may not exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year.

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

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

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

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**Innovate In PA**—Established by Act 52 in 2013, enables the Department of Community & Economic Development to sell up to \$100 million of insurance premium tax credits to qualified insurance companies and deploy the revenues generated by the sale to the Department's strategic partners including the four regional Ben Franklin Technology Partners, the state's three Life Sciences Greenhouses and the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority's (BFTDA) Venture Investment Program. By using the proceeds of the sale of the insurance premium tax credits, the Department's Office of Technology & Innovation will deploy much needed capital to Pennsylvania's technology-enabled businesses using the aforementioned strategic partners and the Venture Investment Program. The Venture Investment Program provides a loan to qualified venture capital firms who make investments in Pennsylvania companies.

**Innovate in PA—Ben Franklin Technology Partners**—Innovate in PA is a new initiative whereby the four regional Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTPs) will receive new capital from the sale of \$100MM in insurance premium tax credits. Revenue generated through the sale of the tax credit will be deployed to the four regional BFTPs through the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA). The Innovate in PA enabling legislation allows for up to 50% of the net proceeds received to be deployed to the four regional BFTPs. Each BFTP will share the proceeds equally. The partners will provide access.

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**Innovate in PA—Life Science Greenhouse**—Innovate in PA is a new initiative whereby the three regional Life Sciences Greenhouses (LSGs) will receive new capital as a result of the sale of \$100mm in insurance premium tax credits. Revenue generated through the sale of the tax credits will be deployed to the three LSGs through the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA). The Innovate in PA enabling legislation allows for up to 5% of the net proceeds received to be deployed to the three LSGs which will share the proceeds equally. Funding is administered through the Life Science Greenhouses to businesses that support the accomplishment of the mission of the LSG program. This support may be in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, royalty/payback agreements, or other forms of financial support. Companies in the life science and biotechnology industries are encouraged to reach out to their designated LSG to learn more about funding opportunities.

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**Innovate in PA—Venture Investment Program**—The Innovate in PA 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 market. For the purpose 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)**—The program provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Businesses, property owners and residents located in a KOZ are eligible to receive significant state and local tax benefits. Projects in KOZ are given priority consideration for assistance under various community and economic building initiatives. Pennsylvania businesses relocating to a KOZ must either: increase their full-time employment by 20 percent within the first full year of operation, or make a 10 percent capital investment in the KOZ property based on their prior year's gross revenues. Eligibility for benefits is based upon annual certification. In order to receive benefits, any entity applying must be compliant with all local and state taxes and building and zoning codes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)**—The Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) is created to help local governments efficiently and effectively plan and implement a variety of services, improvements, and soundly managed development. The program provides funding for three groups of activities –

- 1) Shared service
- 2) Community planning
- 3) Floodplain management.

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The program is administered by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS) in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The MAP guidelines are divided into two parts –

- Part 1 for shared service and community planning activities
- Part 2 for floodplain management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<p><b>Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC)</b>—The program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used by Opportunity Scholarship Organizations to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students residing within a low-achieving school district to attend a nonpublic school or a public school outside of their district. Tax credits may be applied against the tax liability of a business for the tax year in which the contribution was made.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program</b>—The Marcellus Legacy Fund allocates funds to CFA for plugging orphan or abandoned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety, or environmental concerns. Funds are used for projects which involve the cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells; stray gas mitigation systems; and well venting projects.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)</b>—The Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP) is designed to encourage regional coordination in economic development efforts, yielding superior customer service to the business community and a comprehensive, efficient statewide economic delivery strategy. PREP will provide grants to a consortia of economic development service providers that may co-locate, develop formal partnership agreements, or otherwise create a coordinated and performance-based service delivery system that ensures each inquiry or lead from a business or potential entrepreneur is referred to, and acted upon expeditiously by the appropriate service provider(s) in the region.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>PEER</b>—The Governor’s Center for Local Government Services maintains a network of qualified “peers” who have experience in local government administration (i.e. municipal finances and public safety) and offer on-site technical assistance to municipalities. Funds are used to provide on-site technical assistance to municipalities and local offices.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP)</b>—The Pennsylvania Capital Access Program provides a loan guarantee to small businesses based on a portfolio concept. The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) provides capital to guarantee loans made through participating lending institutions in conjunction with the program. Most companies authorized to do business in Pennsylvania will qualify for a PennCAP loan. Start-up businesses may be financed through PennCAP. Consult a loan officer at a participating bank for a list of excluded activities. Loan proceeds must be used for business purposes in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>

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<p><b>Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program (PCD Bank)</b>—Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program provides debt financing for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that support job creation. The PCD Bank leverages public sector funds with private sector investment to provide access to capital that is reinvested in distressed regions throughout the state. CDFIs play an important role in providing critical financial resources to low- and moderate-income communities and in molding the financial acumen of small businesses and community development groups. Loans range from \$250,000 to \$5 million.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt and Taxable Bond Program</b>—The program issues tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land and building acquisition; building renovation and new construction; machinery and equipment acquisition and installation; and designated infrastructure. Loans are for no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$10 million for manufacturers.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania First</b>—Pennsylvania First is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. This is the principal closing fund used by GAT. Funds may be used toward job training, land and building acquisition and construction, purchase and upgrade of machinery and equipment, construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure, working capital, environmental assessment, and remediation.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)</b>—This program provides loans for industrial development projects, manufacturing, research and development, agricultural processors, firms establishing a national or regional headquarters, or computer/clerical operation centers. Funds are used for land and building acquisition, building construction, and renovation.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)</b>—The program provides low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction costs associated with publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment facilities and Brownfield site remediation.</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)</b>—PITA is a collaboration of DCED, Lehigh University's Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS), and Carnegie Mellon University's Institute for Complex Engineered Systems to support advanced manufacturing research, improve the global competitiveness of Pennsylvania companies to launch new companies, and retain engineering talent in Pennsylvania. DCED funding supports a matching program for manufacturing research and development projects with Pennsylvania university graduate students, faculty and companies. A call for proposals in specific technology areas is released to support competitive and</p>	<p>Contact DCED Customer Service Center: 800-379-7448 or 717-787-3405 or <b>www.dced.pa.gov</b></p>



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collaborative research projects with manufacturing companies and universities.

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

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

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

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**Renewable Energy Program—Geothermal & Wind**—The Renewable Energy Program (REP) provides financial assistance in the form of grants and loans to promote the use of alternative energy in Pennsylvania. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

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**Research & Development Tax Credit Program**—The Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D Tax Credit) program was established to assist the growth and development of technology-oriented businesses, particularly small start-up technology businesses. R&D tax credits

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

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

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

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**Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)**—The Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans and lines of credit to small diverse businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs within the Commonwealth. Loan applications are packaged and underwritten by a network of certified economic development organizations (CEDOs) that partner with PIDA to administer the program. The SDBCA program finances a portion of total eligible project costs. The maximum participation amount is determined by a variety of factors such as the proposed use of the SDBCA funds, the amount of matching financing from sources outside of SDBCA and the number of full-time jobs to be retained or created. The maximum term loan amount is \$200,000. The maximum line of credit amount is \$100,000.

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**Tax Increment Financing Guarantee Program (TIF)**—This program promotes and stimulates the general economic welfare of various regions and communities in the commonwealth and assists in the development, redevelopment and revitalization of Brownfield and Greenfield sites in accordance with the TIF Act. The program provides credit enhancement for TIF projects to improve market access and lower capital costs through the use of guarantees to issuers of bonds or other debt. Funds are used for infrastructure and environmental projects for industrial enterprises and retail establishments, infrastructure, environmental and building projects for manufacturers, hospitals, or convention centers, utilization of abandoned or

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underutilized industrial, commercial, military, previously mined institutional sites or buildings; or undeveloped sites planned and zoned for development in accordance with any existing comprehensive municipal plan.

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**Water Supply & Wastewater Infrastructure Program**

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

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

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

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

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### **BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**

*Information is available at any DCNR regional office:*

#### **North Central Field Office (Danville)**

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Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union counties*  
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Danville, PA 17821  
Phone: 570-401-2465 • Fax: 717-787-9577  
E-mail: mfahringer@pa.gov

#### **South Central Field Office (Harrisburg)**

*Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin,  
Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry,  
Somerset and York counties*  
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#### **Northeast Field Office (Lehigh)**

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Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and  
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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center  
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Phone: 610-746-5607 • Fax: 610-746-2804  
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cdettore@pa.gov

#### **Southeast Field Office (Philadelphia)**

*Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties*  
801 Market Street, Suite 6020, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3158  
Phone: 215-560-1183 • Fax: 215-965-5686  
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jealynch@pa.gov

#### **Southwest Field Office (Pittsburgh)**

*Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana,  
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#### **Northwest Field Office (Pittsburgh)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Land Trust Projects**—Land Trust grants are awarded to pre-qualified Land Trusts and Conservancies to fund projects for open space and natural areas planning and acquisition. Priority is given to protecting critical habitat; creating connections to other natural, cultural, historic, or recreational areas; and implementing a River Conservation Plan for the protection and enhancement of our waterways. These grants require a 50% cash match and/or a land donation non-cash value.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

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

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### WILD RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**Wild Resource Conservation Program (WRCP)**—The Wild Resource Conservation Program awards grants for biodiversity research, conservation, and education. While the exact grant priorities vary from year to year, our current focus is on better understanding and addressing the effects of environmental stressors, such as development and climate change, as well as surveys and status assessments of our native species. Most of the funds available through this grant program come from the Environmental Stewardship Fund; therefore, applicants must be counties, municipalities, or tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Contact Ellen Shultzabarger at 717-705-2817 or visit [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/conservationscience/wrcp/index.htm](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/conservationscience/wrcp/index.htm)

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**The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)** develops and implements a plan for the control, prevention, intervention, treatment, rehabilitation, research, education, and training aspects of the drug and alcohol abuse and dependence problems of the commonwealth to include coordination of the efforts of all state agencies in these efforts. The department works closely with other state agencies, counties, policy makers, treatment providers and other stakeholders to ensure that quality prevention, intervention, rehabilitation and treatment programs are made available throughout Pennsylvania. The department is also responsible for the development and oversight of services to prevent and treat problem gambling.

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**Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention**—Programs are implemented and services are provided through grant agreements with the 47 Single County Authorities (SCAs) who, in turn, contract with private service providers. SCAs provide administrative oversight to the local contracted programs funded with state and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds.

Contact—Treatment Information: Division of Treatment at 717-783-8200 or the Need Help Now? tab at [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov)  
Prevention Information: Division of Prevention & Intervention at 717-783-8200

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**Problem and Compulsive Gambling Treatment and Prevention**—The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs develops programs related to public education, awareness, and training regarding compulsive and problem gambling, as well as the treatment and prevention of compulsive and problem gambling. Prevention programs are implemented and services are provided through grant agreements with the 47 Single County Authorities (SCAs) who, in turn, contract with private service providers. Treatment is available through department-contracted treatment providers.

Contact—Treatment Information: Gambling Addiction Treatment Hotline, toll-free phone at 1-877-565-2112 or the Need Help Now? tab at [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov)  
Prevention Information: Prevention Division at 717-783-8200 or [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov)

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**Training**—The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs also provides a variety of training programs for substance abuse and human service professionals. These trainings cover a variety of alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention topics.

Contact—Training Section at 717-783-8200 or [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov)



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### BUREAU OF POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION

**Act 143 of 1986**—Provides funds for adult literacy programs that will enable out-of-school youth and adults 17 and older who are residents of the commonwealth and need basic skills training in mathematics, reading and English, including English as a second language, to function more effectively in their personal lives and as citizens, to earn a secondary credential if needed, and be better prepared for workforce training and employment.

Application Deadline—March/April  
Contact—Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

**Act 143 of 1986 for a Family Literacy Program**—Provides funds for family literacy programs that integrate adult basic education, parenting education, interactive literacy activities and early childhood education services to assist parents in achieving the knowledge and basic skills necessary to effectively fulfill their role as their children's primary teacher and be full partners in the education of their children.

Application Deadline—March/April  
Contact—Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 223, State Leadership**—Provides funds to support activities of statewide significance that promote the purpose of Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, including the alignment of adult education and literacy activities with other core programs and one-stop partners, establishment of professional development services, the provision of technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation of adult education programs, and dissemination of information about models and promising practices. (Not more than 12.5 percent of the state's allocation under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Title II shall be used for State Leadership Activities.)

Application Deadline—March/April  
Contact—Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 231, Adult Basic Education**—Provides funds for adult basic education programs that assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family; assist adult in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways; and assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in improving their reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills in English and mathematic skills and acquiring an understanding of the American system of government, individual freedom, and the responsibilities of citizenship. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide a 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind. Not more than 5 percent of a local applicant's grant may be used for administrative costs, unless a higher percent is approved in advance.

Application Deadline—March/April  
Contact—Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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**Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014: Section 243, Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education in combination with Integrated Education and Training activities—** Provides funds for programs that help adults who are English language learners acquire English literacy skills, gain knowledge about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship while preparing those adults for, and placing them in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency (local match requirements and administrative costs limitations are the same as those for Section 231 Adult Basic Education).

Application Deadline—March/April  
Contact—Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education at 717-772-3737

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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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

Application Deadline—30 days after grant announcement. Grants will be awarded on a matching basis, one state dollar (\$1) for every local dollar (\$1). The local match can be supported by either local school funds or contributions from business and industry. Federal funds may not be used as a match.  
Contact—Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-772-4853

**Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grants—** The purpose of the 2016-17 Career and Technical Education Supplemental Equipment Grant program is to purchase equipment that meets industry standards. Funds must be used to purchase equipment that: (a) supports student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs; (b) meets industry standards; (c) costs \$3,000 or more per unit; and (d) has been recommended by the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) with a recommendation date that is PRIOR to submission. If funds remain after purchases of equipment that costs \$3,000 or more, the remaining funds can be used to purchase equipment that costs less than \$3,000, but otherwise meets the criteria for eligible expenditures. The occupational advisory committee shall mean an occupational committee established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational education).

Application Deadline—September  
Contact—Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-783-6990

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

Application Deadline—August 31  
Contact—Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-3188

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

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**Professional Personnel Development Centers**—Provide an alternative education preparation system for career and technical education teachers: comprehensive career and technical education preparation programs for teachers, administrators, and other support staff; teacher pre-service; teacher in-service; continuous teacher professional development services; support research in career and technical education; and occupational competency assessment.

Application Deadline—June 15. Restrictions apply as to the eligibility of the institution and the list of eligible expenditures.

Contact—Bureau of Career and Technical Education at 717-346-9735

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## COMMONWEALTH LIBRARIES

**Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Public Libraries)**—This is a competitive program providing matching grants to municipalities for the planning, acquisition, development and rehabilitation of public library facilities. Funds may not be used for routine maintenance, furniture or equipment.

Application Deadline—The application is announced as funds become available.

Contact—Bureau of Library Development at 717-783-5744

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**Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)**—This is a multifaceted grant program providing assistance for libraries in linking to each other or to other information resources, to encourage the development of consortia and to increase information access for persons who have difficulty gaining it. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, projects that have already begun or operating expenses.

Application Deadline—The application is announced as funds become available.

Contact—Bureau of Library Development at ra-LSTA@pa.gov or 717-787-9253

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## CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTION

**21st Century Community Learning Center Grants**—The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is currently authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (P.L. 107-110), reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or to expand activities in community learning centers that (1) provide opportunities for academic

Application Deadline—No application for funding will be available until 2017, date to be announced.

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

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enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging state academic standards; (2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement and (3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

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

Application Deadline—May. Funds are restricted to the coordination and delivery of educational services that will ensure enrollment and success in school for children and youth experiencing homelessness.  
Contact—Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction, Division of Student Services at 717-783-6466

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Community Innovation Zones Grants**—Federal investment through Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge funds to enhance services to vulnerable young children in high-needs communities. Applicants are eligible for up to \$75,000 annually for 3 years of grant funding. Grants are for school-community collaboration development to improve school readiness. Over the course of the funding, a total of 50 3-year grants will be awarded. Twelve grants will be awarded in FY 2014-15 with an anticipated procurement of 38 additional grants in FY 2015-16.

Annual renewals in April are available to school districts and community-based providers. Funding is made available by Race to the Top Early-Learning Challenge Grant and will expire in 2017-18.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-346-0650

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

Annual renewals in April, limited to Federal Head Start Programs.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619**—Supplemental program for students with disabilities and/or developmental delays ages 3 through 5 enrolled in programs of early intervention special education.

Application Deadline—July 1, prior to each school year. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may not be used to pay for such costs as tuition, transportation or construction.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

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

Application Deadline—Annual renewals in April, limited to child care programs participating in Keystone STARS at a STAR 3 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs, and school districts.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-787-7489

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

Application Deadline—July 1, prior to each school year. Funds must be used for education of preschool children with disabilities or developmental delays.  
Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

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## FOOD AND NUTRITION

**After School Snack Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursements for snacks served that meet meal pattern requirements. A National School Lunch Program participant must operate the program. Sponsor must provide care in an after-school setting that includes regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities in organized, structured and supervised environments.

Application Deadline—Anytime during school year. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than 3 months operating costs on hand.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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**At Risk After School Meals Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursement for snacks or meals to entities operating after school programs that include educational or enrichment activities after the school day or days when school is not in session. This program is available in non-school settings, but must be in an eligible location in which 50 percent or more of the children in the geographic area are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application Deadline—Anytime during school year.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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

Application Deadline—Available throughout the year. Facilities must be licensed or approved in order to participate. For-profit, non-residential child or adult care centers must receive Title XX or Title XIX funding for at least 25 percent of either enrolled participants or the licensed capacity, whichever is less to be eligible to participate.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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**Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**—Provides federal reimbursement to participating schools for fresh fruits and vegetables offered throughout the school day, but separately from the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Application Deadline—Grant application is announced January/February each year. Awards are announced in May. The number of grant awards are contingent upon amount of federal funding received each year. Schools which apply are selected with preference given to schools with the highest free and reduced eligibility rates. To be eligible to apply for participation, the school must participate in the National School Lunch Program.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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**National School Lunch Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal and state reimbursements for school lunches served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free, or reduced-price meals based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline—Anytime during school year. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than 3 months operating costs on hand.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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**School Breakfast Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal and state reimbursement for school breakfasts served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free, or reduced price meals based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline—Anytime during school year. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than 3 months operating costs on hand.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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**Special Milk Program**—This is an entitlement program that provides federal reimbursements for milk served to eligible children. Schools that do not participate in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs may participate in the milk program. Schools that have split-session kindergarten and do not have access to meal service may participate in the milk program. Children are eligible for paid or free milk based on family income and household size.

Application Deadline—Anytime during school year. Participating schools must be an approved educational entity and not-for-profit. Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than 3 months operating costs on hand.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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

Application Deadline—Only available during the summer months. Program sponsors must be nonprofit, public or governmental agencies and program sites must be located in a geographic area determined by census or school data to meet income eligibility requirements, or meet established eligibility through alternate means.  
Contact—Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1-800-331-0129

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

**Eligible Partnerships of Title II of No Child Left Behind – Higher Education**—Program that focuses on equipping teachers and principals. This is a competitive program administered by the Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality in the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality.

Application Deadline—January 7 (on a 3-year cycle). At a minimum an “eligible partnership” shall include: (i) A private or state institution of higher education and the division of the institution that prepares teachers and principals; (ii) A school of arts and sciences; and (iii) A high-need local educational agency.  
Contact—Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality at 717-772-3566

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### MIGRANT EDUCATION

**Child Care for Migrant Children**—Support day care services for migrant students in Pennsylvania.

Application Deadline—Continuation Grants—non-competitive.  
Contact – PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

**Education of Migrant Laborers' Children**—Support programming for services to highly mobile interstate migrant students in PA. Fund summer programs for migrant students in coordination with school districts in program sites with highly mobile interstate migrant students.

Application Deadline—Continuation Grants—non-competitive.  
Contact—PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

**Education of Migratory Children**—Support programming through five local operating agencies for services to over 6,000 migrant students in Pennsylvania. Year-round supplemental programs in coordination with school districts throughout Pennsylvania.

Application Deadline—Continuation Grants—non-competitive.  
Contact—PA Migrant Education at 717-783-6466

### OTHER VARIOUS MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

**Rural and Low Income Schools**—100 percent federally funded program providing funding to supplement other No Child Left Behind programs. Funds are made available to rural LEAs only.

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part A—Improving Basic Programs**—100 percent federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies to improve educational opportunities for educationally deprived children.

Application Deadline—July 1. Funding may not be used for construction.  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part A—School Improvement**—100 percent federally funded program providing adequate resources to enable the lowest-achieving schools to meet the goals under school and local educational agency improvement, corrective action, and restructuring plans under section 1116.

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part D, Subpart 1—State Neglected and Delinquent**—100 percent federally funded supplementary education services to help provide education continuity for children and youth in state-run institutions for juveniles and in adult correctional institutions, so that these youth can make successful transitions to school or employment once they are released from state institutions.

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

**Title I, Part D, Subpart 2—Delinquent Youth**—100 percent federally funded program providing supplemental educational services to children and youth in correctional institutions and community day programs.

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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**Title II, Part A—Improving Teacher Quality**— 100 percent federally funded supplemental educational program that provides financial assistance to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in core academic subjects in public and private elementary and secondary schools, and to hire teachers to reduce class size.

Application Deadline—July 1. Funding may not be used for construction.  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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**Title III—Language Acquisition**— 100 percent federally funded program for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to concentrate and deliver language instruction education programs to students whose primary language is not English. Services are also provided for immigrant children and youth.

Application Deadline—July 1  
Contact—Bureau of Teaching and Learning/Division of Federal Programs at 717-783-2193

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## PREGNANT AND PARENTING

**Pregnant & Parenting Teens ELECT (Education Leading to Employment Career Training)**— Assist pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school until graduation. All participants must be receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) welfare benefits and/or food stamps.

Continuation Grants—non-competitive; Funds may not be used for activities/services otherwise available to TANF or food stamp recipients on a non-reimbursable basis; regular high school services, which a Local Education Agency (LEA) is required by law, regulation, or other rule to provide to all residents; equipment or renovations for daycare facilities; child care and transportation.  
Contact—Division of Student Services at 717-346-9399

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## READY TO LEARN BLOCK GRANT

**The Ready to Learn Block Grant (RTL)**— The Pennsylvania Ready to Learn (RTL) Block Grant follows the legislation found in Act 126 of 2014, section 1722-J(21) and the Accountability Block Grant provisions found at 24 P.S. Section 25-2599.2. Grants are for the benefit of students enrolled in the commonwealth's school districts and charter schools (eligible school entities) to attain or maintain academic performance targets. The financial assistance provides Pennsylvania LEAs to implement effective educational strategies, practices and initiatives to improve student achievement. Funds are allocated to LEAs by a formula that is set by the Fiscal Code.

Contact—Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction / Division of Planning, 717-783-4307



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**ACCESS**—Is a streamlined process to gain Medical Access reimbursements for the cost of providing approved, medically-related services to students. Funds may be used to enhance or enlarge special education and health services. Reimbursement funding is available to agencies who are providers of the allowable billable services. This is not a direct grant to the state.

Application Deadline—Ongoing  
Funding may not be used for programs or services outside the LEA special education program; to make capital improvements to property; to supplant programs or personnel.  
Contact—Bureau of Special Education at 717-750-5186

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**Extraordinary Special Education Expenses (Contingency Fund)**—Provides partial reimbursement for the implementation of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for a student with severe disabilities.

Application Deadline—March 1. Certain costs attributable to services for which the school district is already receiving state reimbursement are not eligible for contingency fund reimbursement.  
Contact—Bureau of Special Education at 717-783-6882

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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B**—Supplemental program for students with disabilities ages 3 through 21 enrolled in programs of special education. Funds may be used to supplement programs of special education for students with disabilities in areas which include, but are not limited to, assistive technology, extended school year services, personnel training and parent training.

Application Deadline—July 1, prior to each school year. July 1, prior to each school year. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may be used only for approved, allowable expenditures.  
Contact—Bureau of Special Education at (717-772-1114

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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619**—Supplemental program for students with disabilities and/or developmental delays ages 3 through 5 enrolled in programs of early intervention special education.

Application Deadline—July 1, prior to each school year. July 1, prior to each school year. Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds in the aggregate. Funds may not be used to pay for such costs as tuition, transportation or construction.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

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**Preschool Early Intervention**—A program that provides early intervention/special education to all eligible young children ages 3 through 5 with disabilities and/or developmental delays.

Application Deadline—July 1, prior to each school year. Funds must be used for education of preschool children with disabilities or developmental delays.  
Contact—Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-783-7213

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### ENERGY

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: AFIG)  
Contact—DEP Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance at 717-783-8411

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Alternative Fuel Vehicles)  
Contact—AFV Rebate Program at 1-866-294-3854

**Natural Gas Vehicle Program**—Provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per vehicle, for the incremental purchase costs, including the cost to retrofit, for dedicated compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), or bi-fuel vehicles that weigh at least 14,000 pounds. Eligible applicants for this grant program are commonwealth or municipal authorities, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, nonprofit entities, for-profit companies, local transportation organizations, and state-owned or state-related universities.

The Natural Gas Vehicle Program is currently closed. For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Natural Gas Vehicle Program)  
Contact—DEP Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance at 717-783-8411

**Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Grants**—In general, PEDA provides grants and loan guarantees for alternative energy projects and related research referring to deployment projects, manufacturing or research involving the following types of fuels, technologies or measures: solar energy; wind; low-impact hydropower; geothermal; biologically derived methane gas, including landfill gas; biomass; fuel cells; coal-mine methane; waste coal; integrated gasification combined cycle; and demand management measures, including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency and load management.

The PA Energy Development Authority Grant Program is currently closed. For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: PEDA)  
Contact—PA Energy Development Authority at 717-783-8411

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: SBA Grant) Contact—DEP Small Business Ombudsman at (717) 772-5160

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: PPAA)  
Contact—DEP Small Business Ombudsman at 717-772-5160

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### ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND BROWNFIELDS

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program)  
Contact— DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation at 717-787-0886

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Storage Tank Cleanup Program)  
Contact— DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Site Remediation at 717-787-0886

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Storage Tanks and link to Financial Assistance)  
Contact— DEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, Division of Storage Tanks at 717-772-5599; 1-800-42-TANKS

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: EE Grant)  
Contact— DEP Environmental Education and Information Center at 717-772-1644

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**West Nile Virus Control Program**— Grants to counties provide funds to counties to conduct West Nile Virus mosquito surveillance and control activities.

For more information, visit [www.westnile.state.pa.us](http://www.westnile.state.pa.us)  
Contact— DEP Vector Management at 717-346-8242

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### AIR QUALITY

**Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program**— Provides reimbursement grants to retrofit, repower, or replace diesel-powered vehicles and equipment with new diesel, alternative fuel, hybrid, and all-electric vehicles and equipment. Available funding varies by project type, ranging from 25% to 100%. Eligible applicants include businesses (with some restrictions), incorporated nonprofits (with some restrictions), school districts, municipal governments and municipal authorities, and other state agencies. Approximately \$100,000 is available for funding annually.

For more information, visit the Bureau of Air Quality website at: [www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Air/BAQ/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Air/BAQ/Pages/default.aspx)  
Contact— DEP Bureau of Air Quality at 717-787-9495

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### WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Host Municipality Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Host Municipality Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management at 717-787-7381

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Recycling Grants) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Program Development at 717-787-9870

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Sites) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Hazardous Waste Management at 717-787-6239

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Waste) Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Waste Minimization & Planning at 717-787-7382

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Hazardous Waste)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Hazardous Waste Management at 717-787-6239

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## WATER-RELATED PROGRAMS

**Coastal Zone Management Program Grants**—Program for municipalities and other entities in the watersheds of Lake Erie or the Lower Delaware River and Estuary.

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Compacts and Commissions Office)  
Contact—DEP Compacts and Commissions Office at 717-772-4785

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: Growing Greener)  
Contact—DEP Office for Water Resources Planning, Division of Planning and Conservation at 717-772-5642

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

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (search: NonPoint Source Grant)  
Contact—DEP Bureau of Conservation and Restoration, Division of Conservation at 717-772-5642

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## ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RESOURCES

*Below are some general areas to look for assistance for various environmentally related projects from watershed management, alternative energy, open space, recycling, etc.*

**League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania—Water Resources Education Network**—WREN makes connections between Pennsylvania citizens and water resources information.

For more information, visit [wren.palwv.org](http://wren.palwv.org)

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**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Small Business Ombudsman**

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

- Serves as the primary advocate for small businesses within the PA Department of Environmental Protection.
- Assists small businesses in realizing the potential cost savings of pollution prevention versus pollution control.
- Provides confidential assistance to small businesses within the Commonwealth needing help with environmental issues.
- Provides compliance assistance and pollution prevention pamphlets and fact sheets for small businesses.
- Provides information to small businesses needing financial assistance to implement pollution prevention practices and comply with environmental regulations.

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**Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers' Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) —**

EMAP is a specialized consulting service of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers. They provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to small businesses in Pennsylvania. EMAP environmental consultants can help small businesses understand how to comply with regulatory requirements and assist with the preparation of plans and permit applications for start-up and existing businesses.

For more information, visit [www.askemap.org](http://www.askemap.org)

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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, they also provide opportunities for economic growth and jobs for Pennsylvania's workers. Areas of assistance: Drinking Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Loans; On-Lot Sewage Disposal Funds; Brownfield Redevelopment.

For more information, visit [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pennvest/9242](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pennvest/9242)

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*It is the mission of DGS to help government operate more efficiently, effectively and safely, delivering exceptional value for all Pennsylvanians.*

**WHAT WE VALUE:**

- **Customer Care** – We are committed to understanding our customers' goals and contributing to their success. Our customers educate our children; protect our health and environment, build our infrastructure, regulate our commerce and assist our neighbors and communities in need across Pennsylvania; they do vital, important work, and we are proud to be a part of it.
  - **Quality & Innovation** – There is always a better way to do something. Our passion is finding it and putting it into practice.
  - **Integrity** – We earn the public's trust by holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards, every day. No exceptions.
  - **Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities** – How we do business impacts our communities. We are working to build a more inclusive economy in Pennsylvania.
  - **Our Team** – We support each other's personal and professional growth, because they are essential to our mission in a rapidly changing and increasingly challenging environment.
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**Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business**

**Opportunities**—The Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business opportunities is responsible for assisting Small and Small Diverse (including minority-owned; woman-owned; veteran-owned; service-disabled veteran-owned; LGBT-owned; and Disability-owned) business enterprises in identifying and competing for Commonwealth contracting opportunities.

Contact—717-783-3119

[www.dgs.pa.gov/Businesses/Minority,%20Women%20and%20Veteran%20Businesses/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Businesses/Minority,%20Women%20and%20Veteran%20Businesses/Pages/default.aspx)

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**COSTARS**—The commonwealth's cooperative purchasing program makes it easier and more cost-effective for local public entities and certain non-profits registered within the DGS to purchase a broad selection of goods and services from COSTARS-designated contracts.

For more information, including a complete list of registered communities and organizations eligible to purchase (members), COSTARS-designated contracts and awarded suppliers, visit [www.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us) or call 1-866-768-7827. [www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/COSTARS/MemberInformation/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/COSTARS/MemberInformation/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Federal Surplus Property Program**—Offers a limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper to vehicles, from computers to concrete block, DGS can help meet your needs while saving money with surplus. Property available in inventory is viewable at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. Requests for any specific property that may not be in current inventory are also accepted so the department can find it elsewhere and arrange for its direct allocation to your location. The property itself is donated from the federal government; however, a service charge is incurred to cover the state's cost of administering the program.

Contact—1-800-235-1555

[www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Federal-Surplus Property/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Federal-Surplus%20Property/Pages/default.aspx)

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**The 1033 Excess Property Program**—Provides Pennsylvania local law enforcement agencies an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night-vision goggles, vehicles, and many other items can be acquired to protect the men and women who serve the community. The property is donated by the Federal Government, and requires compliance. An annual fee based on the number of officers (starting at \$400/year) enables agencies to acquire property all year without a charge.

Contact—717-787-6197

[www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1033-Property/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1033-Property/Pages/default.aspx)

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<p><b>The 1122 New Property Program</b>— Enables Pennsylvania local law enforcement, emergency response and Homeland Security agencies to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities from federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing power, the federal government receives tremendous discounts on many of these items. DGS researches the federal contracts and provides quotes. A service charge of 4 percent of the purchase price up to \$50,000, or \$500, whichever is less, is incurred. For purchases above \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, the service charge is \$750; and for purchases valued greater than \$100,000, there is a \$1,000 service charge.</p>	<p>Contact— 717-787-6197  <a href="http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1122-Property/Pages/default.aspx">www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Law-Enforcement-1122-Property/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>The Fixed Price Sales Vehicle Program</b>— Offers General Services Administration (GSA) fleet vehicles for sale before these vehicles go to public auction. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks with low mileage and only one prior owner are all available. View current inventory online or submit a request for a specific vehicle.</p>	<p>Contact— 717-525-5805  <a href="http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Fixed-Price-Sales-Vehicles/Pages/default.aspx">www.dgs.pa.gov/Local%20Government%20and%20Schools/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/Fixed-Price-Sales-Vehicles/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>The State Surplus Property Program</b>— Offers commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies for sale to the general public. Items may be purchased at the Harrisburg warehouse or online. The Harrisburg warehouse hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, semi-annual Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation (PennDOT) heavy equipment sales of off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other road maintenance equipment are conducted. A private municipal sale is held first prior to the items being offered to the general public.</p>	<p>To register for the private municipal heavy equipment sale, please register online at <a href="http://auctionsbygov.com/General/VenueIndustry/IndustryID/37/CompanyID/3569">http://auctionsbygov.com/General/VenueIndustry/IndustryID/37/CompanyID/3569</a>.            Contact— 717-787-9068  <a href="http://www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/State-Surplus-Property/Pages/default.aspx">www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Surplus%20Supplies%20and%20Equipment/State-Surplus-Property/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Transportation Security Administration (TSA)</b>— Voluntarily confiscated items and lost and found property such as pocket knives, sporting equipment, jewelry, tools, belts and other miscellaneous items are offered for sale to the general public at the Harrisburg warehouse or online at <a href="http://www.GovDeals.com">www.GovDeals.com</a>.</p>	<p>Contact— 717-772-1733</p>
<p><b>Used Vehicle Auctions</b>— Provides the public with opportunities to purchase commonwealth used vehicles. Bi-monthly auctions are conducted at the Manheim Central Penn Auto Auction in Grantville, Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>Contact— 717-787-3162  <a href="http://www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Vehicle-Management/Pages/Auto-Auction-Information.aspx">www.dgs.pa.gov/State%20Government/Vehicle-Management/Pages/Auto-Auction-Information.aspx</a></p>



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The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well-being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in programs range from individuals to health-care practitioners and/or facilities. Web visitors can quickly and conveniently access current health statistics, request a copy of a birth certificate, browse through the department's catalog of publications, locate the nearest local health department and have the latest information on public health issues at their fingertips.

The Department of Health publishes a comprehensive guide entitled the Health & Human Services Resource Guide. The guide compiles information from the state Departments of Aging, Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Health, Insurance, Labor & Industry, Public Welfare, Revenue and Transportation. This information is also available at the department's website [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov). Once at the website, go to the top right-hand corner of the homepage and conduct a site search using the keyword "Resource Guide."

The following is a summary of programs for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health-care service.

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## PRIMARY CARE SITES

**Department of Veterans Affairs Facility Directory**—This site is a storehouse of facility information within 1,128 VA facilities, maintained on a regular basis by editors and administrators nationwide throughout the VA network. [www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1)

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**Health Resources and Services Administration**—HRSA can help you find a health center in your community. These health centers serve all who walk through their doors, regardless of ability to pay. [www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/search\\_HCC.aspx](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/search_HCC.aspx)

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**National Nursing Centers Consortium**—Nurse-Managed Health Centers make health care in America work. All across the country, there is a growing movement of committed nursing professionals who are bringing excellent health care to vulnerable communities. [www.nncc.us](http://www.nncc.us)

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

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**Volunteers in Medicine Institute**—VMI promotes and guides the development of a national network of free clinics emphasizing the use of retired medical and lay volunteers to care for the "working uninsured" within a culture of caring so that everyone in a community has access to health care. [www.vimi.org](http://www.vimi.org)

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## DENTAL SITES

**Pennsylvania Dental Association Dental Clinic Directory**—The PDA is frequently contacted by members, the public and elected officials for information on the availability of low-cost dental care for people of all ages. [www.padental.org/clinicdirectory](http://www.padental.org/clinicdirectory)

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**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**—CHIP is Pennsylvania's program to provide quality health insurance for children of working families who otherwise could not afford it (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

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

**Mental Health Services**—Do you have questions about how to get mental health or substance abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it in the new manual which is an easy-to-use guide to Mental Health Services in Pennsylvania. The guide gives answers to questions often asked about finding and getting mental health and substance abuse services in the state. It also gives information on the services that are available, how to find those services, using medical assistance to get services and people and groups that can help you if you have trouble getting services (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

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

**Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)**—A wide variety of health-care programs for Pennsylvanians eligible to receive medical assistance (administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services).

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

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

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

**Asthma Control Program**—This program strives to reduce the burden of asthma in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of those Pennsylvanians affected by asthma by preventing and controlling its complications; including assistance in developing a multi-disciplinary "medical home" for patients, and assessing and educating about in-home and external asthma triggers.

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

**Breast and Cervical Screening & Diagnostics—HealthyWoman Program (HWP)**—This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and precancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women.

Contact—Toll-free 1-800-215-7494  
TTY: 1-800-332-8615  
215-685-6560  
[www.PAHealthyWoman.com](http://www.PAHealthyWoman.com)

**Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program**—Information, support and referrals are provided to pregnant women considering breastfeeding and to moms who are currently breastfeeding. This program also provides education for health care and related professionals.

Contact—Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763 or online at [www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Womens%20Health/Breastfeeding%20Awareness/Pages/default.aspx#.V7H-0aDD-Uk](http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Womens%20Health/Breastfeeding%20Awareness/Pages/default.aspx#.V7H-0aDD-Uk)

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

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

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<b>Child Orthopedics Program</b> —This program supports medical centers which provide service including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, inpatient surgery, orthopedic/prosthetic appliances, and durable medical equipment to children with orthopedic conditions.	Contact—Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143
<b>Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP)</b> —This program provides life-saving care and treatment for children and adults with end-stage renal disease. The program provides dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, home dialysis supplies and equipment, medications and limited patient transportation.	Contact—Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762
<b>Cooley's Anemia Program</b> —This program provides comprehensive multi-disciplinary medical services to patients of all ages with Cooley's Anemia.	Contact—Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143
<b>Cystic Fibrosis Program</b> —This program supports medical centers that provide comprehensive services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis. This program also provides assistance with prescription drugs for adults and children with cystic fibrosis if they lack the insurance coverage for such medications.	Contact—Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143
<b>Diabetes Prevention and Control Program</b> —The program strives to reduce the burden of diabetes in Pennsylvania and improve the quality of life of Pennsylvanians who have diabetes by preventing and controlling its complications.	Contact—Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction, 717-787-5876
<b>Epilepsy Support Services</b> —This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals and families with epilepsy and related disorders. The program also provides education for healthcare and related professionals.	Contact—Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763
<b>Family Planning Program</b> —Clinical services are provided at local clinics and include physical exams, routine gynecological care, contraceptives, cancer screening and examinations, general health screening, sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis, treatment, education and counseling and HIV/AIDS education and screening.	Contact—Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762
<b>Head Injury Program</b> —This program provides rehabilitation services to adult residents of Pennsylvania who experienced a traumatic brain injury after July 2, 1985.	Contact—Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762. Toll-Free Number 1-866-412-4755
<b>HelpinPA Call Center</b> —Houses three statewide informational and referral help lines. The Healthy Baby Line, 1-800-986-BABY (2229), provides information and referrals for pregnancy testing, prenatal care, breastfeeding, immunization clinics, the WIC program, and referrals for baby supplies. The Healthy Kids Line, 1-800-986-KIDS (5437), provides parents with information about where to obtain primary health care for their children and information about infant care and breastfeeding. The LeadLine, 1-800-440-LEAD (5323) provides information about lead poisoning prevention, treatment, resources, and information on classes for lead risk assessors and inspectors.	Contact—Bureau of Family Health, 717-221-7996

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<p><b>Hemophilia Program</b>—This program provides comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.</p>	<p>Contact—Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-8143</p>
<p><b>HIV/AIDS Program</b>—<i>This program utilizes state and federal funds to work with community partners to ensure that a full array of HIV prevention and care services are available and accessible throughout the commonwealth for people infected with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS and those at-risk for contracting HIV.</i></p>	
<p><b>Prevention Program</b>—This program is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides a statewide comprehensive HIV Prevention Program that includes the following:</p>	<p>Contact—Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Core components and activities: HIV testing; comprehensive prevention with positives (including partner services); condom distribution; and policy initiatives.</li> <li>2 Required activities: jurisdictional HIV planning; capacity-building and technical assistance; program planning, monitoring, evaluation and quality assurance.</li> <li>3 Recommended program components: evidence-based HIV prevention interventions; and social marketing, media and mobilization.</li> <li>4 Epidemiologic surveillance.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Care Program</b>—This program is funded through Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-87) provides HIV/AIDS health care and support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Part B grants include a base grant and an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) award. Pennsylvania’s ADAP is also known as the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP).</p>	<p>Contact—Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572</p>
<p><b>Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)</b>—This program provides medications for the treatment of HIV disease. Program funds may also be used to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of drug treatments.</p>	<p>Contact—Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-703-9170</p>
<p><b>Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)</b>—This program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, resource identification, operating costs, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, permanent housing placement, and supportive services (case management).</p>	<p>Contact—Division of HIV/AIDS, 717-783-0572</p>
<p><b>Home Ventilator Program</b>—This program provides services for children under 21 years of age with chronic respiratory failure who require ventilator assistance and live at home rather than in institutional or long-term care facilities.</p>	<p>Contact—Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763</p>

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

Contact— Division of Immunizations, 717-787-5681.

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

Contact— Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2762

**Organ and Tissue Donation Program**— This program provides free organ and tissue donation education and awareness information to increase the number of Pennsylvanians designating themselves as organ donors. Individuals who wish to become organ donors can register online at [www.donatelife-pa.org](http://www.donatelife-pa.org) or check “yes” when you get and renew a Pennsylvania state driver’s license, learner’s permit or photo ID card. In Pennsylvania, there are over 8,100 people who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. By saying “yes” to organ donation, you can potentially save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.

Contact— Call toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1-800-332-8615; [www.donatelife-pa.org](http://www.donatelife-pa.org)

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

Contact— Toll-free 1-877-PA-Health / 1-877-724-3258 or visit [www.PACancerEducationNetwork.com](http://www.PACancerEducationNetwork.com)

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

Contact— Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, (717) 346-0640, [www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/Pages/Bureau-of-Public-Health-Preparedness.aspx#.V7SquKDD-Uk](http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/Pages/Bureau-of-Public-Health-Preparedness.aspx#.V7SquKDD-Uk) Visit [www.ReadyPA.org](http://www.ReadyPA.org) for information about how to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency.

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program**— Provides free and confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and syphilis. Also provides treatment, education, surveillance, and epidemiology resources to prevent and intervene in the transmission of STDs.

Contact— Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 717-787-3981

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

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

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

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

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<p><b>Spina Bifida Program</b>—This program provides complete comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up and inpatient surgery and care to children and adults with Spina Bifida.</p>	Contact—Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, 717-83-8143
<p><b>Tobacco Prevention and Control</b>—This comprehensive program provides statewide, regional, community and school-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of both the youth access to the tobacco law and the PA Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition, free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 14-17 years) through the PA Free Quitline – 1-800-QUIT NOW, 1-800-784-8669). This quitline, along with a companion website <a href="http://www.determinedtoquit.com">www.determinedtoquit.com</a>, provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.</p>	Contact—Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, 717-783-6600
<p><b>Tourette Syndrome Support</b>—This program provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families. It also provides education for healthcare and related professionals.</p>	Contact—Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, 717-772-2763
<p><b>Tuberculosis (TB) Program</b>—The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting, and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all County and Municipal Health Departments.</p>	Contact—Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 717-787-6267
<p><b>Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)</b>—This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children under age 5. WIC provides nutrition counseling and a nutritional food package for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems.</p>	Contact—Bonnie Mellott or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health, 717-783-1289, 1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467)

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*The following is a list of Department of Health programs where grant opportunities may be available. Information is readily available at the department's Web site at [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov). Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the website or contact the appropriate person listed with each program.*

Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs	Amy Slaherty
Disease Control Immunization	Cindy Findley
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Amy Slaherty
PHHSBG – Block Program Services	Brian Wyant
Preventive Health Special Projects	Brian Wyant
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment	Beth Butler
Survey and Follow-up – STD	Beth Butler
Primary Health Care Practitioner	Robert Richardson
Loan Repayment Program	Robert Richardson
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program	Robert Richardson
J-1 Visa Waiver Program	Robert Richardson
Primary Care Community Challenge Grant Program	Robert Richardson
National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program	Robert Richardson
Health Work Force Reports	Robert Richardson
State Health Improvement Plan	Robert Richardson
Health Equity	David Saunders
Cancer Programs	Becky Kishbaugh
HIV/AIDS Programs	Lana Adams
Maternal and Child Health	Carolyn Cass
Adolescent Health	Carolyn Cass
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants	Michelle Connors
Child Health	Carolyn Cass
Children with Special Health Care Needs	Michelle Connors
Environmental Protection Program	Michelle Connors
Health and Human Services Call Center	Peggy Forte
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement	Carolyn Cass
MCHSBG – Program Services	Carolyn Cass
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	William Cramer
Family Health Special Projects	Carolyn Cass
Newborn Screening and Follow-up	Kelly Holland
Newborn Hearing Screening	Kelly Holland
Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment	Beth Butler
Tuberculosis Control Program	Beth Butler
Renal Dialysis	Michelle Connors
Services for Children with Special Needs	Michelle Connors
Adult Cystic Fibrosis	Lou Ann Cartwright
Cooley's Anemia	Uyen Nguyen
Asthma Program	Melissa Bronstetter
Hemophilia	Uyen Nguyen
Lupus	Jan Miller
Sickle Cell	Uyen Nguyen
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation	Jay Mast
Health Research	Dr. Hughes
Traumatic Brain Injury	Brian Wyant
Public Health Preparedness	Andrew Pickett

CONTACTS:

Tomas Aguilar, Director, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction	717-787-6214
Robert Richardson, Director, Bureau of Health Planning	717-772-5298
Carolyn Cass, Director, Bureau of Family Health	717-787-7192
Robin Rothermel, Director, Bureau of Communicable Diseases	717-783-0479
Debra Romberger, Director, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research	717-783-2548
David Saunders, Program Administrator, Office of Health Equity	717-787-4366
Andrew Pickett, Director, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness	717-346-0640

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<b>Children's Trust Fund</b> —Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to develop new and innovative prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust Fund board issues annual requests for proposals for grant applications.	Contact—The Children's Trust Fund at 717-265-8910
<b>Employment and Job Training for Public Assistance Recipients</b> — This program oversees employment and training programs throughout Pennsylvania for recipients through contracts with qualified programs.	Contact—DHS at 717-787-1302
<b>Employment and Job Training for Welfare Clients</b> — This program provides employment and training programs throughout Pennsylvania for clients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such programs.	Contact—DHS at 717-787-4048
<b>Evidence-based Home Visiting and Nurse Family Partnership Program</b> —Grants that are competitively awarded to community-based organizations to provide home visiting services to pregnant women and vulnerable young children. These grants are available through a combination of state and federal funds. DHS issues requests for applications for five year grant funding periods.	Contact—The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098
<b>Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative Grants</b> —Grants that provide funding to community-based organizations to promote: economic self-sufficiency for families; the healthy development of children; positive child development through effective parenting, early intervention, and outreach activities; and preservation of the family unit as the foundation for success for children. Funding for Family Center and Fatherhood Initiative grants is available through a combination of state and federal funds. The Department issues request for funding on a three year cycle.	Contact—The Office of Child Development and Early Learning at 717-772-2098
<b>Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)</b> —Assistance to help individuals and families pay for winter heating bills. Two types of statewide grants are offered: cash and crisis. Cash grants are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating regions. Crisis grants are awarded to families with heating emergencies, such as mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of families obtaining the grants.	The program opens in November and closes in April or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first. Contact—The Office of Income Maintenance toll free at 866-857-7095
<b>Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program</b> — This DHS and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) program provides low- and moderate-income persons with permanent disabilities increased accessibility in their current home by undertaking modifications to the home.	Contact—800-379-7448 Website: <a href="http://www.dced.pa.gov">www.dced.pa.gov</a>
<b>Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council</b> — This program provides funding to engage in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives</li></ul>	Contact—PA Developmental Disabilities Council at 877-685-4452



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- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Build inclusive communities
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda
- Change negative societal attitudes towards people with disabilities

In so doing, we will bring about benefits to individuals with disabilities other than developmental disabilities and, indeed, to all people.

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**Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program**—The eHealth Partnership coordinates public-private efforts to securely share clinical information among healthcare providers and between healthcare providers and state government agencies. Clinical information sharing supports improved patient and population health, reduced healthcare costs, and compliance with state and federal regulations. The eHealth Partnership offers grants to help healthcare providers connect to the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network via certified private sector health information organizations.

Contact—717-214-2490, [www.paehealth.org](http://www.paehealth.org)

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**Support Services Waiver**—Better known as “waiver,” which is a shortened term for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Program. This program provides funding for supports and services to help people live in their home and community. Waivers offer an array of services and benefits such as qualified providers, due process, and health and safety assurances. The name waiver comes from the fact that the federal government “waives” Medical Assistance/Medicaid rules for institutional care in order for a Pennsylvanian to use the same funds to provide support and services for people closer to home or in their own communities. In Pennsylvania, the DHS administers 10 Medical Assistance/ Medicaid waivers and the Living Independence for the Elderly Program. Each waiver has its own unique set of eligibility requirements and services.

Contact—The Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or if you live in Philadelphia 215-560-7226. A complete listing of all the county assistance offices is available at: [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/cou ntyassistanceofficecontactinformation/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/cou ntyassistanceofficecontactinformation/index.htm)

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- **Ageing Waiver**—Provides long-term care services to qualified older Pennsylvanians living in their home and community.
- **Attendant Care/Act 150**—Information for mentally alert Pennsylvanians with physical disabilities.
- **COMMCARE Waiver**—Home and community-based program developed for individuals who experience a medically determinable diagnosis of traumatic brain injury.
- **Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**—Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Independence Waiver**—Provides services to persons with physical disabilities to allow them to live in the community and remain as independent as possible.
- **Infant, Toddlers, and Families Waiver**—Provides services to children from birth to age 3 in need of Early Intervention services who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).

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- **LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly)**— Managed care program for frail, elderly recipients who have been determined to need “nursing facility level of care” but wish to remain in their home and community as long as possible. LIFE is not available in all areas throughout the commonwealth.
- **OBRA Waiver**— Provides services to persons with severe developmental physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy or similar conditions.
- **PA Adult Autism Waiver**— Provides services to adults with Autism including those who also have intellectual disabilities to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **Person/Family Directed Support Waiver**— Provides services to eligible persons with intellectual disabilities to support them living at home and participating in the life of their community.
- **The Adult Community Autism Program, ACAP**— Provides physical, behavioral, and community services to adults with an autism spectrum disorder to support living at home and participating in the life of their community.

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**Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (AUTO CAT FUND)**—The Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (Auto CAT Fund) continues benefits for medical treatment and rehabilitative services, previously provided by the Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund, for injuries arising out of the maintenance or use of a motor vehicle between October 1, 1984 and December 31, 1989. In addition to other eligibility criteria and before being eligible for benefits, the claimant must incur \$100,000 in medically necessary and reasonable medical and/or rehabilitative expenses. Benefits are capped at \$50,000 per year with a \$1,000,000 lifetime maximum. Except for workers' compensation the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor for eligible claimants and coordinates benefits with health and other insurance carriers. Insurers may confirm whether the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor on a particular claim by contacting the current third party administrator.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's website at [www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov) or calling the Auto CAT Fund at 717-787-4919.

**Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund**—The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989 created the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) to assist owners and operators in meeting insurance requirements. The USTIF makes claim payments, presently up to \$1,500,000 per tank per occurrence, to eligible underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators for damages caused by a release from their UST. To be eligible, the release must have occurred on or after February 1, 1994 and meet other eligibility requirements set forth in the Act. The USTIF also indemnifies tank owners for third party liability that may occur when the release from a UST has injured another person or that person's property.

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

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**AmeriCorps State Program Grants**—The Governor’s Office of Citizen Service provides grants to community-based, faith-based and educational institutions to operate AmeriCorps programs designed to address unmet needs at the community level. Grantees awarded funding enroll individuals as AmeriCorps members to address community needs. AmeriCorps members typically serve full time (1,700 hours per year) and receive a stipend and an Education Award. Stipends begin at \$12,530 for full-time members; the full-time member Education Award is \$5,775 for 2016-2017. Grants are awarded annually. There is a 24 percent initial match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations. There are two grant application cycles each year. The first opens in the fall, with grant applications typically due in late November/early December; the second opens in the Spring, with grant applications typically due in late May.

Visit [www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve](http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/pennserve), or call 1-866-6-SERVE-U for more information

**Individual Training Account (ITA)**—An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is intended to finance occupational skills training for participants to become gainfully employed or re-employed. Customers approved for training may use their ITAs to purchase occupational skills training slots in any program on the statewide list.

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

**Industry Partnership Grant Program**—An Industry Partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that helps connect and meet the needs of both workers and businesses. Effective partnerships facilitate companies in the same industry cluster and region to come together to aggregate training and address common educational needs. Partnerships can help companies identify and work together to address common organizational and human resource challenges – recruiting new workers, retaining incumbent workers, implementing high-performance work organizations, adopting new technologies, and fostering experiential on-the-job learning. Grants will help support worker skills training to better position workers and employers to remain competitive in the global marketplace. The program places a heavy emphasis on outcomes such as the attainment of industry-recognized credentials, wage gains, career advancement, and retention within the workplace.

Contact—Michael Leister at 717-705-7650

**Pell Grants**—Pell grants, as well as most federal student aid, are awarded on the basis of financial need. The amount that an individual receives is based on a formula that includes the cost of attendance minus the expected family contribution. The student must be enrolled in a program of organized instruction or study that leads to an academic, professional, or vocational degree or certificate, or other recognized educational credential. PA CareerLink® staff and the training providers with whom local areas work can provide guidance on how participants can apply for Pell grants and other student aid. There also are various websites that provide instructions on the application process.

For more information, visit: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell>

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**Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**—The Trade Act’s TAA program helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production out of the United States. TAA can provide funding for tuition, books and supplies, and basic or remedial education, which may include training in literacy or English as a second language. Occupational training is targeted to a specific occupation and provided to help certified workers secure employment at a skill level and wage similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment. Based on the individual’s existing skills and labor market conditions, training will be of the shortest duration necessary to return the individual to employment, with a maximum duration of 130 weeks. TAA can also pay 50 percent of the salary for on-the-job training and customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a PA CareerLink® office.

**TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances**—The TAA program can also assist with workers’ expenses incurred in seeking employment outside a certified worker’s normal commuting area if a suitable job is not available in the area. Job search allowances reimburse 90 percent of the total costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to \$1,250. If workers have to relocate to accept employment out of the commuting area, TAA can reimburse 90 percent of the cost to move them and their families and includes a lump-sum payment equal to three times the worker’s average weekly wage (but no more than \$1,250) to help them get settled.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a PA CareerLink® office.

**Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)**—The WOTC provides private-for-profit employers with federal tax liability savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. WOTC targets short- and long-term Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients; Veterans on SNAP; Disabled Veterans; Unemployed Veterans; recent Vocational Rehabilitation customers who received services through a state plan for vocational rehabilitation or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or have a Ticket to Work and an active individual work plan with an Employment Network (EN); Supplemental Security Income Recipients; Ex-Felons; Designated Community Residents, Summer Youth living in an Empowerment Zone or Rural Renewal Community and the new Long-Term Unemployment Recipient. The WOTC also provides nonprofit, 501(c), employers with a social security tax deduction as an incentive to hire any of the five Veteran target groups. For most target groups mentioned above, the WOTC is 40 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages, for a maximum credit of \$2,400 (exceptions to these amounts apply to some target groups). A new hire must be employed at least 400 hours for the employer to receive the maximum. A partial credit of 25 percent is permitted for employees working between 120 and 399 hours.

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

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**Vocational Rehabilitation Services**—The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, serves two primary customer groups: individuals with disabilities and businesses. OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. Services are very individualized and are provided both directly and indirectly through a network of approved vendors. The OVR counselor, during face-to-face interviews, assists customers in selecting their choice of vocational goals, services and service providers. For employers, OVR will provide pre-screened, qualified applicants to meet the workforce needs of a business. OVR will also provide no-cost services to businesses such as accessibility analysis and worksite modification consultation, assistive technology information, disability awareness training for other staff, and answers to ADA-related questions. Information about on-the-job training reimbursement and tax credits will also be made available to the business.

### **Types of Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

*OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. OVR services include:*

- **Diagnostic Services:** Medical, psychological, and audiological examinations and tests used to better understand your disability and your needs for specific types of services.
- **Vocational Evaluation:** Aptitude, interest, general ability, academic exams, work tolerance, and “hands-on” job experience used to understand your vocational potential.
- **Counseling:** Vocational counseling will help you to better understand your potential, to rely on your abilities, to set realistic vocational goals, to change them when necessary, to develop successful work habits, and to begin a satisfying career. Counseling is available throughout your rehabilitation program.
- **Training:** Education to prepare you for a job including, but not limited to, basic academic vocational/technical, college, on-the-job training, independent living skills, and personal and work adjustment training.
- **Restoration Services:** Medical services and equipment such as physical and occupational therapy, wheelchairs, and automobile hand controls can be provided to enable you to pursue and achieve employment.
- **Placement Assistance:** Counseling, job-seeking programs, job clubs, and job development are used to increase your ability to get a job. You will receive ideas, practice, and advice on finding job leads, filling out applications, getting interviews for a job, and how to interview. Your counselor may also give you job leads or contact employers about available tax credits and hiring incentives. The more contacts with employers you make, the better your chances are of finding a job.

There are OVR District Offices in 15 locations staffed with trained, professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors which serve Pennsylvania in all 67 counties. In six of those district offices, OVR’s Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services provides specialized services to blind and visually impaired individuals to assist them not only with securing and maintaining a job but also to live independently in their community. In addition, the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) in Johnstown provides vocational training and comprehensive rehabilitation services to people from across the state. The state-owned and operated HGAC is a 12-acre-under-one-roof barrier-free campus that provides each student with an individual workstation and specialized adaptive tools and equipment as needed. Interested applicants are urged to visit HGAC and explore its opportunities. Tours for individuals and groups can be arranged by appointment, 814-254-0645 or 800-762-4211.

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- **Assistive Technology:** Assistive technology includes a wide range of devices and services that can empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, independence and integration into society. OVR also operates and maintains the Center for Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology (CART) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center.
- **Support Services:** Other services are provided for eligible persons if they are necessary for you to start and maintain employment. *Such services may include:*
  1. Room, board, and transportation costs during an evaluation or while completing a rehabilitation program.
  2. Occupational tools, licenses, or equipment.
  3. Home modifications, adaptive or special household equipment in order to help you get ready to go to and be on time for your job, van or car modifications, including special driving devices or lifting devices to enable you to travel to your job.
  4. Personal care assistance provided to help you with your daily needs in order to enable you to participate in a vocational rehabilitation program.
  5. Job site modifications that will enable you to get and keep a job.
  6. Independent living training to provide the means for you to become more self-sufficient and thereby make it possible for you to participate in employment.
  7. Text Telephone (TT), signaling devices, hearing aids, and interpreters services may be provided to help you communicate.
  8. Specialized services such as Rehabilitation Teaching, and Orientation and Mobility Training for persons who are blind or visually impaired.
- **OVR Business Services**

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

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

*Financial incentives:* OJT Training reimbursement; tax credits.

*Disability awareness:* Sensitivity and disability etiquette training; Americans with Disabilities Act consultation.

*Short and long-term support:* follow-up services to problem-solve issues that jeopardize the continued employment of the individual with a disability.

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<b>Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Pension</b> —Under this program, pensions of \$150 per month are provided to Pennsylvania veterans who are rated by the VA to have a service-connected loss or loss of use of two or more extremities.	Contact—Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email ra-pvp@pa.gov
<b>Blind Veterans Pension</b> —This program provides pensions of \$150 per month to Pennsylvania veterans who incurred functional blindness while performing active military service and are rated as blinded through service connection by the VA.	Contact—Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email ra-bvp@pa.gov
<b>Burial Honors Grant Program</b> —The Burial Detail Honor Guard program is established by 51 Pa.C.S. § 705, which authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to pay up to \$150 per day to each veterans group that conducts burial detail services at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery.	To be eligible for payment there must be at least three members present and they must sound Taps. Requests for payment are made through the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council. Contact—Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov
<b>Disabled American Veterans Transportation</b> —This program was established by the legislature to provide transportation needs to veterans living in the commonwealth who have no other means of transportation to medical facilities. This program provides funding for the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans, Volunteer Transportation Network, which includes the replacement of vans used for the transportation of veterans to VA medical facilities, for veterans who have no other means of transportation.	Contact—Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov
<b>Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program</b> —This program provides a real estate tax exemption for any honorably discharged veteran who is determined by the VA to be 100 percent permanently disabled. The veteran must be a Pennsylvania resident with a financial need who served during established war or armed conflict service dates and who resides in the property subject to the exemption as his or her principal dwelling. This exemption is extended to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran, provided that the State Veterans Commission determines that the individual is in need of the exemption.	Contact—Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email ra-retx@pa.gov.
<b>Education Assistance Program (Act 11 of 2000)</b> —This public service grant provides funds to help cover the cost of tuition for eligible Pennsylvania National Guard members who attend approved institutions of higher learning located in Pennsylvania. Grants are available to eligible Pennsylvania National Guard members for the flat tuition rate tuition for full-time students (12 or more credits) at a State System of Higher Education (SSHE) school. Those members attending a non-SSHE school would be eligible to receive the equivalent amount, \$3,619, or their actual tuition cost, whichever is less per semester. Pennsylvania National Guard members that do not possess a bachelor's degree and are enrolled as a part-time student (three to 11 credits) can receive 100 percent of their tuition or \$2,412 per semester, whichever amount is less; those members possessing a bachelor's degree would be eligible to receive 50 percent of their tuition or \$1,206 per semester,	Contact—Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Education Center at 866-920-7902



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whichever amount is less. Members who were deployed to a combat zone will have their eligibility for EAP extended for a period of one year or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members who were ordered to active federal service or active state duty will have the deadline for making grant payments extended for one additional month for each month of service after the member is discharged or released under honorable conditions from the Pennsylvania National Guard. Eligible members discharged after September 11, 2001 because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for six years from the date of the “medical” discharge.

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**Education of Veterans Children of Deceased and Disabled**

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

Contact—Program Manager by calling 717-861-8910 or email ra-eg@pa.gov

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**Medical and Health Officer Incentive Program**—This public service stipend provides assistance to eligible Pennsylvania National Guard members who agree to serve as a medical officer or health officer in the Pennsylvania National Guard after completion of residency or initial service obligation for a period of one month for each monthly stipend received, up to a period of 36 months of service. A resident physician, physician or physician assistant may receive a stipend of \$1,000 per month for up to 48 months of medical residency or 36 months of service to the Pennsylvania National Guard. A behavioral health officer, public health officer or environmental science officer may receive a stipend of \$500 per month for up to 36 months of service to the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Contact—Program office at 866-920-7902

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**Military Family Relief Assistance** —The Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) provides financial assistance grants to eligible Pennsylvania service members and their eligible family members. Eligible members must have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of assistance is based upon documented financial need up to a maximum of \$3,500.

Contact—Program Manager at 717-861-8910 or email ra-pa-mfrap@pa.gov

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**Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Program**—Veterans and beneficiaries of deceased veterans may receive compensation of a one-time benefit of \$75 per month for each month of active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater of Operations (August 1990 – August 1991), up to a maximum compensation of \$525. An additional one-time benefit of \$5,000 will be issued if the service member was declared a prisoner of war while on active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict. Beneficiaries of deceased veterans may also receive an

Contact—Program Manager at 866-458-9182 (toll-free) or email ra-mvdmvagrants@pa.gov

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additional \$5,000 if the service member died while on active service or died as a result of injury or illness sustained in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater.

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**Veterans' Temporary Assistance (VTA)** – Veterans' Temporary Assistance is available to eligible veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of eligible veterans when they face adverse financial circumstances and need assistance to provide themselves with the necessities of living. In general, assistance is provided to replace or supplement income lost or reduced because of a temporary change in circumstances or to offset temporarily increased costs or expenses that affect the ability to pay for the necessities of living. If eligible, Veterans or their beneficiaries can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 in a twelve-month period.

Contact—Program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-vta@pa.gov

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

Contact—Program office at 717-861-8910 or email ra-mvvettrustfund@pa.gov

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**Mobile Telecommunications Broadband Investment Tax Credit**— A taxpayer that is a provider of mobile telecommunication services may apply for a tax credit equivalent to 5% of the purchase price of the qualified broadband equipment placed into service in the Commonwealth during the applicant’s taxable year that ended in the prior calendar year. The amount of the tax credit that may be taken in a taxable year is limited to an amount not greater than 50% of the taxpayer's corporate net income tax liability. Unused tax credits may be forward up to 5 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$5 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall allocated.

Contact— Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**— The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. About 600,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from the program this year.

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

<b>HOMEOWNERS CAN RECEIVE:</b>		<b>RENTERS CAN RECEIVE:</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>Standard Rebate</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Standard Rebate</b>
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300		
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250		

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Since the program’s 1971 inception, older and disabled adults have received more than \$6.1 billion worth of property tax and rent relief. The expanded portion of the rebate program is paid for with revenue from slots gaming.

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**Research and Development Tax Credit**—A taxpayer who incurs Pennsylvania qualified research and development expenses in a taxable year can apply for a research and development tax credit. Businesses qualifying for the federal research and development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania are eligible. A tax credit is granted based on the company's increased research and development expenses over a base period. The credit is applicable to corporate net income, capital stock/foreign franchise and personal income tax liabilities. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to 15 succeeding taxable years. The total amount of tax credits approved per fiscal year is limited to \$55 million. If the total amount of tax credits applied for by all taxpayers exceeds the limitation on the amount of tax credits in a fiscal year, the tax credit to be received by each application shall be allocated by business status: 80% of the credit or \$44 million will be allocated to large businesses and 20% of the credit or \$11 million will be allocated to small businesses. Total assets of more than \$5 million at the beginning or end of the balance sheet would be considered large business status.

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Contact—PA Department of Revenue at 717-772-3896

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

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

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

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Only counties may apply. Funding can be used for the procurement and replacement of voting systems and for polling place accessibility. Under the Commonwealth's State Plan, each county must complete a County Plan before it can receive a grant from the Commonwealth's share of requirements payments under Title II of HAVA, which by far represents the largest pool of Federal funding under HAVA.

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

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### BUREAU OF AVIATION

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

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

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

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

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

Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).  
Contact—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223. Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@pa.gov)

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

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

**Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates**—This program is funded through tax on aviation gas (for propeller-driven piston aircraft) and limited to taxes collected in the previous year. It provides reimbursement equal to the amount of local real estate taxes paid for aviation-related areas (non-revenue producing). Eligible grant requests exceeding funds available are prorated.

Application Deadline—February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year. Contact—Denise Soisson, 717-787-1223. Email: [dsoisson@pa.gov](mailto:dsoisson@pa.gov)

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### BUREAU OF DRIVER LICENSING

**Free Photo ID when driver surrenders driver license**—Drivers who wish to surrender their license (usually for medical reasons) will be given a free photo identification card, valid for four years. Drivers whose licenses are recalled for medical reasons are also issued the free, four-year ID.

Contact—PennDOT Bureau of Driver Licensing, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Phone: 800-932-4600. Website: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

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### BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

#### **Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program**—

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

May—Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement specifying the acceptance of applications between June 1 and 30. Applicants are required to obtain the latest grant application and fill out appropriately. Additional ARLE Funding Program information can be found at:

**www.dot.state.pa.us/signals**

Program Email Address:

RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov

Contact—Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: dfarley@pa.gov

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

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

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

Program Email Address:

RA-PDSIGNALFUNDING@pa.gov

Contact—Daniel Farley, 717-783-0333. Email: dfarley@pa.gov

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**Highway Safety Grant Program**—This federally funded program provides funds for behavioral highway safety initiatives. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units unless otherwise identified. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA. Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are granted to perform data-driven and result-oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the SHSP.

April—Grant programs are identified by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) for the pending federal fiscal year beginning October 1. Non-state governmental units are required to utilize the dotGrants online grant management system

**www.dot34.state.pa.us**

Additional Highway Safety Grant Program info can be found at: **www.penndot.gov/safety**

Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to include: concise problem identification, agency qualifications, and a detailed action plan.

Additionally, all grantees must comply with all reporting requirements as well as participation in intermittent and final performance assessments.

Contact—Thomas R. Glass, 717-783-2113, Email: thglass@pa.gov

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### BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**Motor Vehicle Titling and Registration for Totally Disabled Veterans**—Vehicles of totally disabled veterans, whose disability has been certified as service connected, will not be charged a fee for the titling and registration of their vehicle. Documentation certifying disability from the service unit of the armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration as being service connected needs to be attached to the MV-1 or MV-4ST (for initially titled vehicles) or to their registration renewal form.

Contact—PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17104; 717-412-5300.  
[www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

**Reduced Motor Vehicle Registration**—processing fee instead of the usual registration fee. Those eligible must be a retired PA resident receiving Social Security or other pension and whose total annual income does not exceed \$19,200 annually. A completed MV-371 is required. The \$10 processing fee instead of the usual registration fee is also available to: any veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; a person who, as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal; or any person who has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

Contact—PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Phone: 717-412-5300.  
[www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

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### MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION

**Multimodal Transportation Fund**—Act 89 authorizes state funding through the Multimodal Transportation Fund for aviation, freight and passenger rail, public transit, ports and waterways, highway/bridge, and bike and pedestrian projects. The program provides financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, rail/freight, and ports. Eligible projects are those that coordinate local land use with transportation assets to enhance existing communities; projects that relate to streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, and pedestrian safety; projects that improve connectivity or utilization of existing transportation assets; and projects related to transit-oriented development. Local match from eligible sources in the amount of 30% of the grant award must be provided in order to receive funding. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants will not exceed \$3,000,000.

Application Deadline—Application deadlines vary and are available on the PennDOT website  
Contact—David J. Bratina, 717-705-1230  
Email: [djbratina@pa.gov](mailto:djbratina@pa.gov)



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

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

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## BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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

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

Contact—Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772

Email: bfields@pa.gov

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

Contact—Bonnie Fields, 717-772-1772

Email: bfields@pa.gov

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### BUREAU OF RAIL FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

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

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight). Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received. Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto:stepanko@pa.gov)

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

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application are available at <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/PA-Infrastructure-Bank.aspx>. Contact—Hugh McGowan 717-787-5798, email [hmcgowan@pa.gov](mailto:hmcgowan@pa.gov)

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

Application Deadline—Annually between January 1 and June 30  
Contacts—Elizabeth Bonini, 717-787-1207. Email: [ebonini@pa.gov](mailto:ebonini@pa.gov)  
Tatjana Over, 717-705-1332. Email: [tover@pa.gov](mailto:tover@pa.gov)

**Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)**—This program provides state-funded financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve rail freight service and stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service. RFAP is a grant program with an annual funding stream of \$10 million. In addition, RFAP Marcellus Shale-related grant projects are eligible for the Marcellus Shale fee funding of \$1 million annually. The maximum state funding for any project is \$700,000, or no greater than 70 percent of the actual total project cost, whichever is less. The funding for the new construction portion of any project cannot exceed \$250,000. Types of projects eligible for funding: Maintenance—includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts and other track materials. Construction—consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail, ballast and other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail-associated facility.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's Website at [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight). To access the application, go to [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants). Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received. Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202; email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto:stepanko@pa.gov)

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**Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)**—This state-funded program provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects. The annual grant program has a current funding allocation of \$30 million. Only entities that have an authorization in a current Capital Budget Act are eligible to apply. Eligible types of projects include rail maintenance and construction. Maximum state funding is 70 percent of the total project cost, but shall not exceed the line item amount authorized by the specific capital budget bill containing the budget authorization.

The open application periods are posted on PennDOT's website at: [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically via [www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight](http://www.dotgrants.state.pa.us/RailFreight). Contact—Steve Panko, 717-787-1202. Email: [stepanko@pa.gov](mailto:stepanko@pa.gov)

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## BUREAU OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

**PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program**—PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program offers local governments practical training in efficient maintenance, essential traffic safety, and sound management practices for their roadways and bridges. Training is supplemented by one-on-one technical assistance via phone, email, and site visits and through publications highlighting recent practical technological advances. Most LTAP services are available at little or no cost to municipalities to help them meet their transportation needs.

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

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## BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Federal 5311 Rural Transit Operating Assistance**—This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides state and federal funds for public transportation projects serving rural communities with population less than 50,000. The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Pennsylvania's rural population. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping, and recreation. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—June 30.  
Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: [dspila@pa.gov](mailto:dspila@pa.gov)

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

Application Deadline—May 31  
Contact—Colton Brown, 717-787-1203. Email: [coltbrown@pa.gov](mailto:coltbrown@pa.gov)

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### PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—July 31  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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**Community Transportation Capital Equipment**—State and federal funds are available annually for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide community transportation/shared ride services.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—Annually in the spring. Exact date to be determined.  
Eligibility—All counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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**Federal 5311 Rural Transit Capital Assistance**—This federally funded program is administered by the Bureau of Public Transportation. This program provides for public transportation capital projects serving rural communities with populations less than 50,000. State and federal funds are available annually for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide Rural 5311 operating services. Applicants typically are either political subdivisions of the commonwealth (i.e., county, city, borough, township, etc.) or local transportation authorities incorporated under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities ACT of 1945. This program does require a local match.

Application Deadline—July 31  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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

Application Deadline—Flexible  
Contact—John Levitsky, 717-787-1206. Email: jlevitsky@pa.gov

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<p><b>Intercity Bus Assistance Program</b>—PennDOT contracts with private intercity bus companies to provide scheduled, fixed-route service along routes which are considered essential links in the regional/statewide network of intercity bus services, but which cannot be financially supported solely from user fares. Intermodal terminals that are publicly owned may receive capital funding under this program. This program provides both state and federal funds and requires a local match, at least equivalent to state funding for operating assistance.</p>	<p>Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013                      Application Deadline—No deadline                      Contact—Colton Brown, 717-787-1203. Email: coltbrown@pa.gov</p>
<p><b>Intercity Rail Passenger Program</b>—PennDOT contracts with AMTRAK for rail passenger service in the Philadelphia-to-Harrisburg (Keystone) and Philadelphia-to-Pittsburgh (The Pennsylvanian) corridors to complement services provided within the commonwealth by AMTRAK as part of their national rail passenger service network. Capital improvements and operating costs may be supported under this program.</p>	<p>Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013                      Application Deadline—No deadline                      Contact—Steven Panko, 717-787-1202                      Email: stepanko@pa.gov</p>
<p><b>New Initiatives</b>—Funds may be available for capital funding for new or expanded fixed-guideway systems that use and occupy a separate right of way or rail used exclusively for public transportation or high occupancy vehicles. This program will require local matching funds.</p>	<p>Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013                      Application Deadline—To be determined                      Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208. Email: dspila@pa.gov</p>
<p><b>Rural Persons with Disabilities Program</b>—This program provides reduced fares on shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb transportation services for persons with disabilities in all counties except Philadelphia. The program pays up to 85 percent of the trip fare if the trip is not eligible under any other funding program. To qualify for the reduced fare, persons with disabilities must present proof of disability to the local shared-ride provider in their county. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay 15 percent of the full shared-ride fare.</p>	<p>Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013                      Application Deadline—June 30                      Eligibility— Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Philadelphia                      Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217. Email: tjohn@pa.gov</p>
<p><b>Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens</b>—This program enables senior citizens 65 and older to use shared-ride, advance reservation, curb-to-curb services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of the regular shared-ride fare and State Lottery proceeds administered by the department are used to reimburse the participating service provider up to 85 percent of the fare. There are no restrictions on the hours of use other than the service hours of the transportation providers. A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for reduced-fare transportation on a participating transit system. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance, be willing to share the vehicle with other riders, and pay any fare remaining after the lottery and sponsor contributions.</p>	<p>Application Deadline—June 30                      Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217                      Email: tjohn@pa.gov</p>

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

www.penndot.gov

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**Transit Research and Demonstration Projects**—Funding is available for technical assistance, research projects and short-term demonstration projects. Local transportation organizations and municipalities/counties are eligible to apply for this funding. Local funds equal to at least 3.33 percent of the state grant must be provided.

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—N/A  
Contact—Danielle Spila, 717-787-1208  
Email: dspila@pa.gov

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

Legislation enacted July 2007 and amended November 2013  
Application Deadline—June 30  
Contact—John Taylor, 717-787-1217  
Email: tjohn@pa.gov

## PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

www.patreasury.gov

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**Bureau of Unclaimed Property**—Each year, the PA Treasury receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property, and works hard to return it to its rightful owners. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a “holder,” such as a bank, insurance company, or other business or organization, without activity or contact for multiple years, depending on the property type. By law, holders must transfer unclaimed property to Treasury. The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, unused gift certificates, or items abandoned in safe deposit boxes or items held by police departments. The Treasurer and his staff currently seek the owners of about \$3.1 billion in unclaimed property as of June 2016.

Individuals can search for unclaimed property at **www.patreasury.gov** or by calling 800-222-2046. Claimants may also use the website to check the status of an unclaimed property claim. Holders needing information about reporting unclaimed property, a copy of the Unclaimed Property Act, reporting forms or reporting software, may call Treasury at 800-379-3999 or visit **www.patreasury.gov**. Holders must report all unclaimed property by April 15 each year.

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

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

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

Information about applying for a Keystone HELP loan is available at **www.KeystoneHELP.com** or by calling 844-734-6631. Keystone HELP differs from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides grants to help low-income families pay their heating bills. More information about LIHEAP and about determining eligibility is available from the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 866-857-7095.

**Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program**—The Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program is a tax-advantaged way to save for future higher education needs. Pennsylvania offers two plans, the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) and the PA 529 Investment Plan (IP). Under the PA 529 GSP, principal is protected and, when used for qualified expenses, growth is based on college tuition inflation – not the financial markets. The PA 529 GSP allows families to contribute enough to cover any portion of college (e.g., a credit, semester, a year, or four years) today and have that portion covered tomorrow – no matter when or how much tuition rises in the meantime. The PA 529 IP is a mutual fund-based investment product, which offers 13 different investment options from The Vanguard Group. Families saving through either PA 529 plan receive tax-deferred growth on earnings and tax-free withdrawals when funds are used for qualified educational expenses. PA taxpayers can deduct contributions to a PA 529 account from their PA taxable income up to \$14,000 per beneficiary per year. For married couples, contributions up to \$28,000

*Pennsylvania offers two plans, the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) and the PA 529 Investment Plan (IP). The guarantee of the PA 529 GSP is an obligation of the GSP Fund, not the Commonwealth of PA or any state agency. Before investing in either plan, please carefully read that plan’s disclosure statement (available at **www.PA529.com** or by calling 800-440-4000) to learn more about that plan, including investment objectives, risks, fees, and tax implications.*

More information about the Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program is available at **www.PA529.com** or by calling 800-440-4000.

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per beneficiary are deductible, provided each spouse has taxable income of at least \$14,000.

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**Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program**—The Pennsylvania Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (PA ABLE) legislation was enacted on April 18, 2016. People with disabilities and their families face many challenges. Among them are planning for a financially secure future and saving for disability-related expenses. PA ABLE will provide families with a savings account without jeopardizing eligibility for important programs upon which their loved ones depend. PA 529 ABLE savings account benefits may include:

- Save up to \$14,000 each year.
- Savings grow tax-free.
- Use account to pay for a wide range of disability-related expenses.
- Withdrawals will be exempt from federal and state income tax when used for qualified disability expenses.
- Accounts would be exempt from inheritance tax.
- ABLE savings are excluded from eligibility determinations for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits (savings up to \$100,000), other means-tested federal programs, Medical Assistance, and other state means-tested disability and health benefits.

Treasury anticipates that PA ABLE will open for enrollment in December 2016. Interested individuals may sign up for alerts and updates at [PA529.com/ABLE](http://PA529.com/ABLE) or by calling 800-440-4000.



## CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

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

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### PROGRAM

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy research within the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The Center's mission is to promote and sustain the vitality of the state's rural and small communities by: administering grants to conduct research on matters relating to rural conditions; maintaining and disseminating a broad base of information on rural trends and conditions; publishing research and project results; and sponsoring regional and statewide forums on rural issues. As part of the Center's yearly Research Grant Program, the Board of Directors approves topics for research projects. All projects must show a clear relationship to one or more of the Center's mandated research areas, which are: rural people and communities; economic development; local government finance and administration; community services; natural resources and the environment; rural values and social change; educational outreach; agriculture; and health and welfare concerns.

**Eligibility:** The Center's enabling legislation requires that Center grants be awarded to qualified faculty members of Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities, and the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. A qualified faculty member must serve as the project director. Partnerships with other academic institutions, community organizations, and public and private agencies are encouraged.

**Research Grant Program:** One-year grants are awarded to conduct applied policy research or to identify local strategies that can result in legislative or program policy considerations or recommendations. For the 2015 grant cycle, the maximum allowable grant award is \$50,000 per project.

**Mini Grant Program:** Mini Grants are awarded to projects that focus on basic data collection and analysis, time-sensitive issues, and/or the preparation of reference materials. Projects supported as Mini Grants are a maximum of nine months in duration and are eligible for a maximum of \$15,000 in Center support.

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For more information, visit [www.rural.palegislature.us/grants\\_program.html](http://www.rural.palegislature.us/grants_program.html) or contact The Center for Rural Pennsylvania  
625 Forster St., Room 902  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-787-9555  
Fax: 717-772-3587  
email: [info@rural.palegislature.us](mailto:info@rural.palegislature.us)  
[www.rural.palegislature.us](http://www.rural.palegislature.us)

## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

www.homelandsecurity.pa.gov

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**The Governor's Office of Homeland Security helps to administer two federal grant programs for law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations within the Commonwealth. The Homeland Security staff can assist with the application process and recipient project planning.**

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**Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**—Grants from OPSG enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the borders of the U.S. Grant awards are intended to promote cooperation and coordination between local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Eligible Recipients: Erie County is the only PA jurisdiction eligible to receive OPSG funds. Funding: The total amount distributed for fiscal year 2013 was \$55 million. Grant awards can be upwards of \$1 million.

Details about Operation Stonegarden are available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website or by calling GOHS at 717-346-4460.

**Urban Area Security Initiative - Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**—UASI-NSGP grants help nonprofit organizations, which are at a high risk of terrorist attack, with security and preparedness activities. A goal of the program is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with the broader state and local preparedness efforts and to promote communication between public and private organizations. Eligible Recipients: Nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and are located within a specific UASI-eligible urban areas. In Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are the only designated UASI areas. The Philadelphia UASI includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. The Pittsburgh UASI includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland and Washington counties. Funding: The total amount distributed throughout the U.S. for fiscal year 2013 was \$9 million. The maximum award is \$75,000.

**Application Process:** Nonprofit organizations email applications to the PA Homeland Security office. Applications are checked for completeness, format and content. The applications are then sent to the Philadelphia UASI Executive Committee for scoring according to criteria set by the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The UASI scores the applications and returns them to the PA Homeland Security office, who prioritizes all submissions, and submits them to DHS/FEMA. PA Homeland Security receives notification from DHS as to which applicants received an award.

**Timeline:** Application and guidance kits are released by DHS in December. Homeland Security immediately sends the kits the UASI areas, and all the nonprofits we have contact with. Application submissions from nonprofit organizations are due back to the Homeland Security office by early April. The commonwealth sends the applications to the associated UASI for scoring after the scoring sheets are returned to the office for submission to DHS by late April or early May. Awards are announced 90 days later. Recipients have 36 months to complete the projects identified in their applications.

**More Information:** Details about the Urban Areas Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program are available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website or by calling PA Homeland Security at 717-346-4460.

## OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

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

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**Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)**—The state’s RACP program is designed to aid community and economic development projects throughout the commonwealth that demonstrate significant economic impacts to local and regional economies. The RACP program operates as a reimbursement program for eligible project costs including, but not limited to, construction, land acquisition, permitting, and any interest costs paid during construction. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required minimum of 50 percent participation in non-state match.

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

The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line item authorization for a specific project in the state’s Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project. Act 48 of 2010 amended the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, increasing the commonwealth’s debt ceiling by \$600 million, allowing at least \$1.2 billion in development projects to advance through RACP.

Candidates who have an authorized and eligible project will need to submit a Business Plan to the Office of the Budget. All submissions that pass an initial review of eligibility and completeness will be scored according to five sectors of project scoring methodology: Job Creation/Retention, Community Impact, Strategic Clusters, Financial Impact, and Shovel Readiness (for complete details about submission deadlines and other information regarding the five-sector scoring methodology, please go to [www.budget.pa.gov](http://www.budget.pa.gov)). Once all of the projects have been scored in accordance with the published criteria, the Office of the Budget will forward a complete listing of projects, corresponding scores and summaries to a Selection Committee chaired by the Governor’s Office of the Budget. The Selection Committee will then review and make project selections for Grant Awards.

## OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

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

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**Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**—This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs. Must obtain a DUNS number.

Contact—U.S. Fire Administration website  
[www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)

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**Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program**—Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire or rescue company applicant, or no more than \$10,000 per volunteer ambulance service, unless the applicant is comprised of two or more groups that had previously merged. Applications deadlines for each fiscal year vary.

Contact—Visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov)  
Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at [ravfcvasgp@pa.gov](mailto:ravfcvasgp@pa.gov)

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**Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP)**—Provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

Contact—Scott Steffen, Financial Assistance Coordinator at 717-651-2207, [rsteffen@pa.gov](mailto:rsteffen@pa.gov) or the VLAP staff at 800-670-3473.

## PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

www.pccd.pa.gov

PROGRAM	DEADLINE / REGULATIONS
<p><b>Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program</b>—Provides seed money to assist nonprofit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice and criminal justice system improvement projects throughout PA; provides technical assistance to the state, county and local units of government; and coordinates regional and statewide training events.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Robert Merwine at 717-265-8452</p>
<p><b>Child Advocacy Program</b>—Provides funds to support the on-going operation and development of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). CACs are child-focused, facility-based programs. They emphasize the coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact: Office of Research and Child Advocacy, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505</p>
<p><b>County Intermediate Punishment Funding Program</b>—The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) receives an annual state appropriation and provides funds to support county intermediate punishment programs consistent with approved county intermediate punishment plans. Additionally, funds support drug and alcohol assessment, evaluation and treatment services related to county intermediate punishment activities. Previously PCCD received and made available separate funding for County Intermediate Punishment and Drug and Alcohol Treatment-based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Programs.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498</p>
<p><b>Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013)</b>—Provides funds for programs assisting child victims and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, prevention, multidisciplinary investigative teams, child advocacy centers, victim service providers serving child victims of sexual abuse, and training for mandated reporters and persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Research and Child Advocacy, Kirsten Kenyon at 717-265-8505.</p>
<p><b>Federal VOCA Program</b>—Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Victim Services, Daisy Pagan at 717-265-8516</p>
<p><b>Forensic Science Improvement Program</b>—Provides funds to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Jackie Weaknecht at 717-265-8498</p>
<p><b>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program</b>—Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private non-profits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Mike Pennington at 717-265-8461</p>
<p><b>Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program</b>—The overall program purpose is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment.</p>	<p>Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Charla Plaines at 717-265-8501</p>

## PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

www.pccd.pa.gov

PROGRAM	DEADLINE / REGULATIONS
<p><b>State Rights and Services Act Program</b>—Provides funds for system-based services for victims consistent with the Crime Victim's Act and PCCD Standards (orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, sentences, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation). Funds are made available through \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Victims' Services, Vicki McCloskey at 717-265-8746</p>
<p><b>Stop Violence Against Women Program</b>—Provides funds to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to improve the services to women who are victims of violent criminal acts. Requires a collaborative approach among law enforcement, prosecution and victims services.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Victims' Services, Debra Rollo at (717-265-8733</p>
<p><b>Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)</b>—Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program are made available by Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF. Funding will be available to: start or operate Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Victim Impact Panels; non-profit organizations to provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse or to provide resources to assist families in accessing these services; to educate youth, caregivers of youth and employers about the dangers of substance abuse and increase the awareness of the benefits of a drug-free PA through media-related efforts that may include public service announcements, public awareness campaigns and media literacy; and to educate employers, unions and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace and provide comprehensive drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for businesses, including but not limited, to training for working parents to keep their children drug-free.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Robert Merwine at 717-265-8542</p>
<p><b>Victim of Juvenile Offenders Program</b>—Provides funds for system-based services for victims of juvenile offenders consistent with the Crime Victim's Act and PCCD standards (orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of please, sentences, release/assistance with restitution and compensation).</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Victims' Services, Vicki McCloskey at 717-265-8746.</p>
<p><b>Violence Prevention Programs</b>—The overall purpose of this state appropriation is to support the proliferation of high quality and effective juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs that are cost-effective and produce positive outcomes for youth, families and communities. Eligible activities include: funding of new Communities That Care sites in communities/counties who complete a risk and resource assessment, that include the administration or planned administration of the PA Youth Survey (PAYS); support costs related to the of implementation of targeted delinquency prevention programs; and Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) related quality improvement activities.</p>	<p>Matching funds are not required. Contact—PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Mike Pennington at 717-265-8461</p>

## PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)

www.arts.pa.gov

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**Arts In Education (AIE) Division**—The Arts in Education Division of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts provides funding through 14 regional partners for arts in education programs and projects. Regional partners train, place, and evaluate artists for residencies in schools and educational settings. To determine the appropriate regional partner, please go to [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov).

**Who Can Apply** – Funding is available to public and private schools; childcare centers, senior centers and other nonprofit organizations; and units of government in Pennsylvania. For information and application assistance, contact your local AIE Partner organization.

Regional Partners have rolling deadlines. Early school year application is encouraged as funding is limited.

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**Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) and PPA Program Stream**—Support for eligible organizations and programs with a consistent PCA funding history. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements and be notified by the PCA in order to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 300 organizations with an average fiscal size over \$200,000. PPA Program Stream funds over 350 organizations with an average fiscal size under \$200,000.

Deadline: January (Please confirm date online)  
Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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**Entry Track**—This track serves as a point of entry for arts organizations and arts programs that are new or relatively new to the PCA. Eligible arts organizations and arts programs generally have a history of at least one year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track applicants for consultation and assistance. **Who Can Apply** – Generally, an organization is eligible if at the time of application the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size over \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts programming; nonprofit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: currently funded by a PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) regional partner, or will apply to a PPA Partner within the same funding period; planning to conduct a one-time only arts project. Organizations who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the Entry Track may be eligible for application to the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) program. PPA offers both ongoing support and arts projects funding opportunities.

Potential applicants interested in this track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

Contact—Matthew Serio, 717-787-1523

Email: [mserio@pa.gov](mailto:mserio@pa.gov)

Deadline—January (Please confirm date online)

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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**Folk & Traditional Arts**—The Pennsylvania Folk Arts Infrastructure Partnership promotes the creation and documentation of folk art of the highest artistic excellence and engages the public in understanding the quality, breadth and diversity of folk and traditional arts across the state. PCA funding for apprenticeships, partnerships between master traditional artist and a qualified apprentice, enables them to work together to share and develop advanced techniques or repertoire. A limited number of apprenticeships are funded each year in living artistic traditions (both performing and craft traditions). The art form must be part of the contemporary life of citizens residing in Pennsylvania.

Deadline—Apprenticeship applications  
May (Please confirm date online)

Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov) or contact

[pafolkarts@gmail.com](mailto:pafolkarts@gmail.com)

## **PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)**

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

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### PROGRAM

#### **Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) – Project Stream—**

Through 13 regional partner organizations across the state, the PCA regrants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars to hundreds of arts projects in communities throughout the commonwealth. Activities supported through PPA awards include, but are not limited to, local and regional celebrations and festivals; classical, jazz, opera and community band concerts; theater productions; visual arts exhibitions and workshops; visiting authors and poets; hands-on art experiences for children and youth; and arts programs at heritage events, libraries, historical societies, schools and senior citizen centers across the commonwealth. Applications for funding are available in the spring from your regional PPA Partner. Who Can Apply – Nonprofit arts organizations that have 501(c)(3) status; emerging arts organizations, including those that have applied for but have not yet received 501(c)(3) status; community-based organizations, entities of local government, churches or faithbased organizations that present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation for commonwealth residents; individual artists (age 18 or older) or a consortia of artists who present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation to residents of the commonwealth. Projects must include a public component. (Please confirm eligibility at time of application).

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Note—For additional consultation as to whether your project is eligible for PPA funding, contact your local PPA Partner organization for additional information and application assistance.  
Deadline—June (Please confirm date online)  
Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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#### **Preserving Diverse Cultures Division—**The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizations working in the arts whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of the African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American perspectives and communities. The division focuses on the development of these organizations and professional development for their administrators. The applicant's programs, perspective, and staff must be representative of those communities.

Contact—First-time applicants are encouraged to contact PDC Program Director, Dana Payne, at 717-525-5544 or [danpayne@pa.gov](mailto:danpayne@pa.gov) prior to completing an application.  
Deadline – March (Please confirm date online)  
Visit [www.arts.pa.gov](http://www.arts.pa.gov)

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#### **Professional Development and Consulting—**When resources are available, a limited pool of funds is available to Pennsylvania nonprofit arts organizations and arts programs. Grants will be made for the following: Consultation, Creating and improving artist quality and or documentation, Board Development, Audience development or marketing, Evaluation and planning for accessibility to individuals with disabilities. See guidelines for details and request amounts.

Contact —Jenny Hershour, Managing Director  
Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania  
[jlh@citizensfortheartsinpa.org](mailto:jlh@citizensfortheartsinpa.org)  
Deadline—March-December "first come/first served"  
Visit [www.citizensfortheartsinpa.org/professional-development-consulting-grant/](http://www.citizensfortheartsinpa.org/professional-development-consulting-grant/)



## **PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

www.paddc.org

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### PROGRAM

**The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDCC)**— Created under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and Governor’s Executive Order, the council is both a planning group and a funding body. The council engages in advocacy, systems change and capacity building for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Build inclusive communities
- Pursue a cross-disability agenda
- Change negative societal attitudes towards people with disabilities

The council is always seeking thoughts and ideas from concerned citizens regarding issues that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities and creative ideas for tackling these issues. The council funds proposals from groups and organizations through a competitive bid process. All grant activities of the council are governed by the council’s federally approved state plan and by the procurement requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and are generally for specified activities. The council periodically announces Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and issues notices of funding for smaller grants through its Grassroots Advocacy and Multicultural Outreach Programs. It does not have discretionary funds beyond those publications. The council only accepts proposals for the projects described in the RFP booklet and in response to notices of funding for the Grassroots Advocacy and Multicultural Outreach Programs. The RFP booklet contains descriptions of projects that the council will be funding and instructions on how grant proposals must be written to meet the council’s requirements. People on the council’s mailing list receive the booklet in the mail. Other copies of the booklet are distributed by hand or accessed on the council’s website.

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Contact—Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council  
Room 561 Forum Building  
605 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Voice: 717-787-6057  
TTY: 717-705-0819  
Toll-free: 877-685-4452

To receive an announcement notice that an RFP booklet or a notice of funding has been issued, and to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change, please subscribe to our email list on our website at: **www.paddc.org**

## **PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)**

www.pema.pa.gov

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**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program**—This program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the U.S. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

Must obtain a DUNS number.  
For additional information go to the U.S. Fire Administration Website—  
**www.usfa.fema.gov**

**Disaster Assistance Grant Programs**—PEMA is the point of contact for required forms when a state and federal disaster has been declared. Individuals can readily obtain the following forms: Individual Assistance Forms, Public Assistance Forms, Federal Public Assistance References and Forms, and Hazard Mitigation Forms.

The following webpage is a direct link to these forms: **www.pema.pa.gov/about/public information/Pages/Forms-Library.aspx#. V-vtCalrJfA**

**Emergency Management Performance Grant**—This grant provides the necessary direction, coordination and guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. This program provides up to 50 percent of the salary and benefits of approved emergency management agency job positions. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. This grant requires a 50 percent county match.

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-2035

**Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program**—Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per fire company applicant, or more than \$10,000 per emergency medical service, unless the applicant is comprised of two groups that had previously merged.

For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website at **www.osfc.pa.gov**  
Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at ra-vfcvasgp@pa.gov

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants**—The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. All 67 counties are eligible to apply. These grants require a 20 percent county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a “soft-match,” such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-2014

**Hazardous Materials Response Fund**—The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator,  
717-651-2014

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www.pema.pa.gov

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<p><b>Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)</b>—PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency with the responsibility to allocate funding for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). PEMA is authorized to provide HSGP funds to support the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, maintenance, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.</p>	<p>Contact—PEMA Grant Coordinator, 717-651-7075</p>
<p><b>Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)</b>—PEMA is designated as the State Administrative Agency in collaboration with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security with the administration of this grant to eligible non-profit organizations. The NSGP provides support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the urban areas.</p>	<p>Contact—PEMA Grants Coordinator, 717-651-7075</p>
<p><b>Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF)</b> — Provides funding for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for the 26 risk and support counties in the areas surrounding each nuclear electrical facility, nuclear fabrication and away-from-reactor storage facility located in the commonwealth; the training and equipping of state and local emergency response personnel; the periodic exercise of accident scenarios and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.</p>	<p>Contact—PEMA Grant Coordinator, 717-651-2014</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Loan Assistance Program</b>—The Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.</p>	<p>For more information contact Scott Steffen, Financial Assistance Coordinator at 717-651-2207, rsteffen@pa.gov or the VLAP staff at 800-670-3473.</p>

## **PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

www.fishandboat.com

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*The Commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. Major grant program information can be found at [www.fishandboat.com/grants.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/grants.htm)*

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**Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**—Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer.

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**Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program)**—Helps fund the construction, renovation and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats.

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**Coldwater Heritage Partnership**—Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

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**Cooperative Nursery Grants**—Provides monies for new construction and additions and improvements to existing hatcheries within the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery program.

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**Erie Access Improvement Grant**—Provides funding to assist nonprofit and government organizations in the acquisition and development of angler access in the Erie watershed.

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**Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund**—The Ralph W. Abele Conservation Scholarship Fund was established following Ralph's death as a living continuing memorial. The scholarship helps deserving students learn more about the conservation of our precious natural resources.

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**Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Restoration Grant Program**—Provides funds to develop and implement projects that benefit fishing, boating, and aquatic resources in Cameron, Elk, Potter and McKean counties, with primary emphasis on projects within the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed upstream from the confluence of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek.

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**State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program**—Provides federal monies for high-priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.

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**Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Watershed Grant Program**—Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit fisheries and aquatic habitats in these watersheds.

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**Valley Creek Watershed Grant Program**—Provides funding for the restoration of the Valley Creek Watershed in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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**York and Lancaster Counties Habitat Improvement Grant Program**—Funds for this program are used to support projects that benefit habitat improvement and sediment reduction projects in these counties.

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**PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**

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

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**No grants for 2016.**

## **PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

[gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)

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**Local Law Enforcement Grant Program**—Program provides grants to local law enforcement agencies (such as local police departments, sheriffs' offices and county District Attorney Offices) to investigate violations of and enforce laws relating to unlawful gambling in this commonwealth. \$2 million is available annually through the Gaming Fund. The term “local law enforcement agency” shall include the Pennsylvania State Police when conducting unlawful gambling enforcement and prevention activities in a municipality which does not have a municipal police department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police provide the municipality with primary police coverage.

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Questions can be made to 717-346-8300 or email [PGCB@pa.gov](mailto:PGCB@pa.gov) and type “Local Law Enforcement Grants” in the subject line or visit **[gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov](http://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov)**

## **PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY (PHEAA)**

www.pheaa.org

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**PHEAA staff is available to answer your questions at 1 (800) 692-7392.**

### **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Blind or Deaf Beneficiary Grant Program**— Grants to blind or deaf students attending a postsecondary institution. The maximum award cannot exceed \$500 within an academic year.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Education Assistance Program for PA National Guard**— Provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a service commitment with PA National Guard, typically for a period of six years. The maximum award for a full-time student is equivalent to the institution's tuition or the tuition (100 percent) charged to a PA resident at a member institution of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), whichever is less.

Contact—Army National Guard at (800) GO GUARD or visit <http://www.paguard.com> Information is also available at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Partnership for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Grants**— Matching grants of up to \$2,500 are provided to recipients of scholarships from 37 Pennsylvania foundations.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or check the website at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) for participating organizations

**Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)**— Need-based grants awarded to students pursuing courses of study that are at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length in the energy, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, and agriculture and food production fields. Eligible students can receive a maximum award amount of either 75% of the allowable program costs or the maximum State Grant award, whichever is less, per award year. Awards are provided to qualified students on a first come, first served basis until all program funding has been exhausted.

Contact PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org/PA-TIP](http://www.pheaa.org/PA-TIP)

**Postsecondary Educational Gratuity Program**— This grant program provides a waiver of tuition, fees, room and board to children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue or ambulance squad members, corrections facility employees or National Guard members who died in the line of duty after January 1, 1976 as well as sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, National Guard members and certain other individuals who were on federal or state active military duty, were Pennsylvania residents and who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS) Program**— Scholarship awards to high-achieving students whose annual family income does not exceed \$110,000. In combination with the Pennsylvania State Grant Program, a total award of up to \$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for part-time students is available. The minimum award is \$500. Awards can be used to cover tuition, books, fees, supplies, and living expenses.

Must meet all other PA State Grant eligibility requirements, with exception of financial need, have completed at least one academic year, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25, and a family income that does not exceed \$110,000. Visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

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**State Grant Program (Full-Time)**—Need-based Grants awarded to eligible PA residents attending a PHEAA approved post-secondary school as an undergraduate student, based on tiered college costs with in-state maximums up to \$4,011 (2014-15) and maximum out-of-state awards up to \$512 for nonveterans and \$683 for veterans. Students must be enrolled in an eligible program of study and an approved institution for a minimum of 12 semester credits per term (or the equivalent). All awards subject to an award adjustment based on available funding.

May 1. Immediately preceding academic year for all renewal applicants and new applicants who plan to enroll in an undergraduate baccalaureate degree program and those in college transfer programs at a 2-year public or junior college (excludes community college).

**State Grant Program (Part-Time)**—Need-based grants awarded to eligible PA residents attending a PHEAA-approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student, based on tiered college costs with in-state maximums up to \$2,181 per part-time student at a PA school and up to \$500 at out-of-state schools; veterans are eligible for up to \$500 at an out-of-state school. Students must be enrolled for 6 - 11 semester credits (or the equivalent) in an eligible program of study. Award amounts vary based on school location as well as cost of attendance at that institution. All awards subject to an award adjustment based on available funding.

August 1. For first-time applicants who plan to enroll in a business, trade or technical school, a hospital school of nursing, a community college or a 2-year nontransferable degree program of study at a community, junior or 4-year college. File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**State Grants for Veterans**—Funds to assist qualified veterans who need financial assistance to complete approved programs of postsecondary education.

May 1. Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

**State Work-Study Program (SWSP)**—Undergraduate students who are state grant eligible can work for SWSP approved employers to gain valuable experience while earning funds for educational costs.

November 1: Academic year or fall term only  
 March 1: Spring term only  
 June 30: Summer  
 Contact—PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or check our website at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

**Chafee Education and Training Grant Program (CHAFEE)**—Offers grant assistance to undergrads aging out of foster care that are attending a postsecondary school.

Contact—PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs at 800-692-7392 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Federal Direct Loan**—Long-term, low-cost education loans to students from the U.S. Department of Education for your program of study.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.org](http://www.studentaid.org)  
 Contact—School's financial aid office

**Federal Direct PLUS Loan**—Loans for parent borrowers that provide funds for the difference between the educational costs and other financial aid for dependent undergraduates.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.org](http://www.studentaid.org)  
 Contact—School's financial aid office

**Federal Pell Grant**—Federal (non-repayable) grant funds available, depending upon financial need. Awards determined annually.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.org](http://www.studentaid.org)



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**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)**—Grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,000 annually for first-time undergraduate students. Priority given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.studentaid.org](http://www.studentaid.org)

**Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)**—Provides job opportunities for financially need students, usually corresponding to student's academic or career interests. Amount awarded is dependent upon the funds available at the school and the school's policy for awarding aid.

Contact school's Financial Aid Office

**Graduate Direct PLUS Loan**—Long-term loans that provide funds for the difference between the educational costs and other financial aid for graduate students.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact—School's financial aid office. Visit [www.studentaid.org](http://www.studentaid.org)

**Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant**—A grant of up to \$4,000 per year for students who intend to teach in elementary or secondary schools that serve low-income families. Grant converts to a loan if program conditions are not met.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)**—Provides job opportunities for financially need students, usually corresponding to student's academic or career interests. Amount awarded is dependent upon the funds available at the school and the school's policy for awarding aid.

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## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant**—Provides grant funding to a student whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and died as a result of service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001.

Visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

**VA Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)**—Provides funds to students who have a parent who has a permanent disability or died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Contact—local Veterans Administration Office

**Vocational Rehabilitation Program**—Provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight and other disabilities.

Contact—local Vocational Rehabilitation Office

## PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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

[www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding)

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**Certified Local Government Grant Program**—This program provides funding for: Planning, Design Guidelines/ Design Assistance, National Register Nominations/ Multiple Property Documentation, Cultural Resource Survey, Revitalization/ Reuse Studies, Public Education, Training and Municipal Program Administration.

Application Deadline—January 13, 2017  
Eligibility—Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments (CLG's). Applicants must consult with their Community Preservation Coordinator prior to making an application to ensure that projects fall within one or more of the above eligible heritage preservation activities. For information on the CLG program, visit the CLG section of the PHMC website.  
Contact – Bryan Van Sweden, 717-772-5071.  
Email: [bvansweden@pa.gov](mailto:bvansweden@pa.gov)

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**Cultural and Historic Support Grant Program**—This program provides general operating support funding to museums and county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs. Funds can be used for a wide range of general operating support activities. Eligibility requirements for organizations and funding activities are detailed in grant guidelines at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding).

Application Deadline—December 1, 2016  
Eligibility—Applicants are limited to two categories of organizations. First, museums located in Pennsylvania with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services) and at least one full-time professional staff person (or approved equivalent) and meet additional requirements. Second, official county historical societies must be designated as the official county historical society for the county and meet additional requirements.  
Contact – Scott Doyle, 717-783-6012.  
Email: [midoyle@pa.gov](mailto:midoyle@pa.gov)

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**Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant Program**—This program provides funding in the categories of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation to nonprofit organizations and local governments for capital improvements on historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline—March 1, 2017  
Eligibility—Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.  
Contact—Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927.  
Email: [kaarnold@pa.gov](mailto:kaarnold@pa.gov)

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**Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants**—This program provides funding to support projects in the categories of Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Planning and Development Assistance, and Archaeology. Projects are limited to historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Grant requests may be from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50/50 CASH match. All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC website. The grants are administered on a competitive basis and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline—March 1, 2017  
Eligibility—Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and local governments. Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program.  
Contact—Karen Arnold, 717-783-9927.  
Email: [kaarnold@pa.gov](mailto:kaarnold@pa.gov)

## PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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### PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEBUYERS

**HFA Preferred™ Loan Program**—The HFA Preferred™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with private mortgage insurance provided by a Fannie Mae-approved mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer makes a downpayment of 20 percent or more, then mortgage insurance is not required. Private mortgage insurance payments on the loan will also end as soon as the homeowner pays off 20 percent of their home loan.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

**HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan Program**—The HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ Loan provides a conventional, 30-year fixed-rate first mortgage loan with no mortgage insurance. Typical conventional loans will add a premium to the monthly mortgage payment to cover the cost of this insurance. Since this additional payment is not required with HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, the total monthly mortgage payment is typically lower than a loan with mortgage insurance included, even though the interest rate may be slightly higher.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

**Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov)**—The Keystone Government Loan Program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), guaranteed by Rural Development (RD), or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). Homebuyer eligibility is determined by using the guidelines of the respective federal agency insuring or guaranteeing the loan. There are no income or purchase price limits specific to PHFA and there are no first-time homebuyer requirements.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

**Keystone Home Loan (KHL)**—The Keystone Home Loan provides a 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loan to eligible homebuyers. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Veterans' Administration (VA), Rural Development (RD), and conventional loan types are available. The program has a first-time homebuyer requirement in much of the state, although there are 39 targeted counties and 13 counties with targeted census tracts where the first-time homebuyer requirement is waived. The first-time homebuyer requirement is also waived for eligible veterans. Homebuyers may also qualify for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance through the Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/homepurchase.aspx>

### PHFA ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

**Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance**—Homebuyers receiving funds through the Access Home Modification Program may also receive downpayment/closing cost assistance through the Access Downpayment & Closing Cost Assistance Loan Program. Eligible homebuyers may receive between \$1,000 and \$15,000 in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan with no monthly payments. These assistance funds become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or if the homebuyer fails to occupy the home as their primary residence. The household income limit for the program is set at 80 percent of the statewide median income.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx>

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**Access Home Modification Program**—The Access Home Modification Program provides a non-interest bearing second mortgage loan to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities and are purchasing a home. The program offers between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to modify the home for disability needs and must be used in conjunction with a PHFA first mortgage product. Repayment on the assistance funds is not required as long as the buyer occupies the home as their primary residence.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx>

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**HOMEstead Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Loan** — First-time homebuyers applying for a Keystone Home Loan and who also meet the income and purchase price limits of the HOMEstead program may qualify for \$1,000 to \$10,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead assistance funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. Income limits for the HOMEstead program are at or below 80 percent of the county’s median income.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
[www.phfa.org/consumers/homebuyers/homestead.aspx](http://www.phfa.org/consumers/homebuyers/homestead.aspx)

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**Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program (KAAL)**—The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to 4 percent of the purchase price or market value of the home, up to a maximum of \$6,000. The assistance loan is interest free and is repaid monthly over a 10-year term. The Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan can be used to cover the downpayment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan (FHA, VA or RD loan types only), or Keystone Government Loan programs. It may also be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate (“MCC”) program.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx>

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**Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)**—A PHFA Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) allows homebuyers to claim a tax credit ranging from 20 to 50 percent of the mortgage interest paid per year, capped at \$2,000 annually. The certificate is a dollar-for-dollar reduction against the homeowner’s federal tax liability available to qualified homebuyers in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™ or Keystone Government Loan programs. The MCC may also be combined with a Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan for downpayment/closing cost assistance. Due to the source of funds, an MCC cannot be used in conjunction with the Keystone Home Loan program. The tax credit is available for the 30-year life of the loan and only expires if the home is sold or the homeowner fails to occupy the home as their principal residence.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/assistance.aspx>

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### PHFA PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

**Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)**—This program was created to prevent widespread mortgage foreclosures and distress sales of homes which result from default caused by circumstances beyond a homeowner's control. The program provides temporary loan assistance to help bring delinquent mortgage payments current and may provide continuing assistance for a maximum of 24 or 36 months.

Contact—PHFA's HEMAP hotline at 800-342-2397 or <http://www.phfa.org/counseling/hemap.aspx>

**Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program**—This PHFA product permits specific energy-related home improvements (roof replacement; caulking, sealing and insulation; heating/cooling systems repair/replacement; window and door replacements; and limited other repairs that permit federal weatherization assistance or replicate its assistance for non-eligible households). Loans are up to \$10,000 for a term of 10 years.

Contact(717) PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/heelp.aspx>

**PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Loan, previously known as PENNVEST Individual On-Lot Sewage System Repair Program**—This loan is available to eligible homeowners who need to repair or upgrade their individual on-lot sewage disposal system OR make a first-time connection to public sewer. The program provides up to \$25,000 for a 20-year low-interest loan. As of 1/1/2016 there is no household income limit.

Contact(717) PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/pennvest.aspx>

**Renovate & Repair Loan**—PHFA product that allows homeowners or homebuyers to borrow up to \$35,000 to make home repairs and improvements, as well as accessibility modifications to their home. Interest rates range from 6.375 percent to 8.875 percent depending on whether the term of the loan is 10, 15, or 20 years.

Contact(717) PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/randr.aspx>

### PHFA REFINANCE OPTIONS

**FHA Streamline Refinance Loan Program**—The FHA Streamline Refinance loan product allows eligible homeowners to refinance their existing FHA loan to reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the outstanding principal balance minus any applicable refund of the Up Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP) plus the new UFMIP, up to a maximum amount of 97.75 percent of the original appraised value. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan. A copy of the homebuyer's repayment history verifying timely mortgage payments will be required.

Contact—PHFA's Customer Solutions Center 855-827-3466 or <http://www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx>

**HFA Refinance Options**—Either HFA program (HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ or HFA Preferred™) provides a refinance option for homeowners seeking to lower their current monthly mortgage payment on their primary residence. Cash back is limited to \$2,000 or 2 percent of the balance of the new PHFA loan, whichever is less. Borrowers may be eligible for a PHFA

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Advantage Assistance Loan in conjunction with a refinance, but only if they still need help with their closing costs after using any available “cash back” to cover those costs.

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**VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL)**—The VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL) allows eligible veteran homeowners to refinance their existing VA-guaranteed loan to a lower interest rate and reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the existing VA loan balance, allowable fees and charges, up to two discount points, and the VA funding fee. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan.

Contact—PHFA’s Customer Solutions Center  
855-827-3466 or  
<http://www.phfa.org/programs/fhava.aspx>

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## PHFA MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**—This program provides owners of and investors in affordable rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability (the credit may be taken for up to 10 years). The program also provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multi-family housing for families of lower income, senior citizens, handicapped individuals and homeless persons.

Contact—PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876 or Tax Credit Program Department at 717-780-3948

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**MAP Lending**—Funding for the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing is available through HUD-FHA mortgage insurance products utilizing HUD’s Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP). The most commonly used MAP programs are Section 223(f) and Section 221(d)(4). FHA’s commitment of mortgage insurance allows the agency to access mortgage backed security (“MBS”) guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”). Interest rates for a Ginnie Mae guaranteed MBS are extremely competitive.

Contact—PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

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**PennHOMES Program**—This program offers interest-free, deferred payment loans to support the development of rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. The loans can be structured as primary or secondary mortgage loans. The sources of the funds for the program include agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a sub-recipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Contact—PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

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**Taxable and Tax Exempt Bond Financing**—This program provides financing at competitive rates to developers building, rehabilitating, or preserving multifamily rental housing developments. Funding is made available through the sale of agency tax-exempt and taxable bonds. Bond financing may be coupled with the Tax Credit and PennHOMES programs.

Contact—PHFA’s Development Division at 717-780-3876

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**Housing Counseling**—This program provides pre-purchase, credit and budget counseling and education generally at no cost to consumers (the cost of a credit report may be charged for a nominal fee in both pre-purchase and credit and budget counseling). Counseling is provided through a network of PHFA approved and trained agencies.

Contact—PHFA's Office of Strategic Planning and Policy at 800-635-4747 or <http://www.phfa.org/counseling/homebuyers.aspx>

**Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (MUDTC)**—As part of the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget, language was included establishing the MUDTC program for which it will receive a tax credit allocation of \$2 Million beginning in FY 2017/2018. PHFA will use proceeds from the sale of the tax credits to fund mixed use projects in communities as part of a comprehensive revitalization plan. Program guidelines are currently being developed and will be made available for public comment in preparation for the FY 2017/2018 credit allocation.

Contact—Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924

**PAHousingSearch.com**—A resource to link consumers to affordable housing options throughout the commonwealth, this website offers information about apartment locations, rental prices and subsidies, accessibility features, development amenities, current vacancies, contact information, and the status of a property's waiting list. PHFA can assist you in finding alternative rentals by viewing [www.pahousingsearch.com](http://www.pahousingsearch.com).

Contact—Gelene Nason at 717-780-3874 or [Gnason@phfa.org](mailto:Gnason@phfa.org)

**PHARE—Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund/Marcellus Shale—Act 105 of 2010 provided the mechanism by which certain allocated state or federal funds would be used to assist with the creation, rehabilitations and support of affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth. The PHARE Act did not specifically allocate funding but did specify the process to be used when funds became available. Since enactment, the following sources of funds have become available for utilization under the PHARE Program:**

**PHARE/Marcellus Shale**—Act 13 of 2012 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee) provided a source of funds to be administered through the PHARE Program. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to mitigating the impacts of the Marcellus Shale's Development on housing. Funding is made available to counties that have unconventional gas wells in the Marcellus Shale region, through an annual RFP process.

Contact—Melissa Raffensperger at 717-780-3947

**PHARE/National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**—The federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established the NHTF to provide resources for the development, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing for very and extremely low households. Under the PHARE Act, PHFA was designated as the administering entity in the Commonwealth. The initial round of funds are anticipated to be made available to states in fall of 2016 and will continue on an annual basis. NHTF funds will be administered consistent with all applicable federal laws as well as the PHARE Act.

Contact—PHFA's Development Division at 717-780-3867

**PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax (RTT)**—Act 58 of 2015 provided a process whereby RTT funds may become available to be administered through the PHARE Program. PHARE will receive an allocation of

Contact—Clay Lambert at 717-780-3924

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funds equal to forty percent (40%) of the increase in RTT collections for the prior fiscal year, in any year where RTT collections surpass \$447.5 Million (the certified estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014). Funds made available to the PHARE Program are capped at \$25 Million annually. Funding will be made available statewide through an annual RFP process.

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## OTHER RESOURCES

*PHFA receives numerous requests for home modifications and improvements assistance for persons with disabilities. The following outlines alternative options for modifications and assistive technology. (Some of these programs overlap with other state and federal programs.)*

**KeystoneHELP**—Pennsylvania, in partnership with Renew Financial, offers home energy loans with fixed rates to help homeowners complete energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

Contact—<https://renewfinancial.com/product/keystonehelp>

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**Local Government**—Start with your county unless you live in a larger city. Some townships and boroughs also have funds available. Phone numbers can be found in the blue, government pages of your phone book. Often the right office is a “Redevelopment Authority,” a “Housing and Redevelopment Authority or Agency,” “Weatherization Program” or a “Planning Office.” If you do not find a listing similar to this for your local government, try the general information number and explain that you need assistance with home repairs, accessibility modifications, or your specific housing issue. Funds may be available and may include: HOME, CDBG, Act 137 Funds and PA Accessible Housing Program.

Contact – Local Housing Office

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**Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS)**—A certified Community Development Financial Institution serving low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Philadelphia with loans and financial products for home improvement mortgages. The Philadelphia Home Improvement Loan (PHIL) provides interest rates of 3 percent and 5 percent based on income and terms up to 20 years. The Mini-PHIL Loan provides low-interest rates as well with terms up to 10 years.

Contact—Denise Jefferson, Loan Officer for more information and up-to-date interest rates and terms at 215-476-4205 or view PNHS website: [www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm](http://www.phillynhs.org/loans.htm)

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**Quick Start Housing Resource**—PHFA and the Self-Determination Housing Project’s Regional Housing Coordinators have compiled information about specific social service and housing resource agencies across the commonwealth.

Contact [www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/) and scroll down to Quick Start Housing Resources to begin your search by county

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**U.S. Rural Development Agency (USRDA)**—This agency offers loans and/or grants to assist individuals living in rural areas. Funding may be available through Rehabilitation Loans that have a 1 percent interest rate and offer up to \$20,000. There is also very limited grant funding available for senior citizens in amounts up to \$7,500.

If you live in a rural area, contact the state office at 800-670-6553 and ask for help in determining which regional office you should contact or use the web and go to the regional office directly [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

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**Weatherization**—This county or regional program provides grants for specific energy efficiency and heat-related repairs.

Use the search function at [www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx](http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/weatherization-assistance-program-wx)

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**Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**—Each agency offers a wide array of programs to help disabled Pennsylvanians age 60 and older and their families to get the help and information they need.

Contact—Use the search function on the PA Department of Aging website [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or find the local number by using the blue pages of your phone book.

**Centers for Independent Living (CILs)**—Nonprofit organizations that serve throughout Pennsylvania, each Center for Independent Living (CIL) provides four core services including information and referral, advocacy, peer mentoring and independent living skills training. CILs can offer home evaluations and help you find resources to pay for home modifications and assistive technology.

Contact—Pennsylvania Council on Independent Living at 866-302-7245 or view their website at [www.pcil.net](http://www.pcil.net)

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**—*This organization assists/supports veterans and service members. The VA has three types of grants available:* The Specially Adapted Housing grant (SAH), currently limited to \$64,960, is generally used to create a wheelchair-accessible home. The Special Housing Adaptations (SHA) grant, currently limited to \$12,992, is generally used to assist veterans with mobility throughout their homes due to blindness in both eyes, or the anatomical loss or loss of use of both, hands or extremities below the elbow. The Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant is available to eligible veterans and seriously injured active duty service members who are temporarily living or intend to temporarily live in a home owned by a family member. For more information on the TRA grant go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), search: Temporary Residence Adaption, option: M26-12-Web Automated Reference Material System, Appendix F.

Contact—Your local VA regional office at 800-827-1000. Additional program information and grant applications (VAF-26-4555) can be found at [www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm](http://www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm)

**PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)**—The foundation is committed to providing borrowers with low-interest loans so they can afford home modifications and devices that make their lives easier, more productive and more independent. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for loans of at least \$1,500 and up to \$60,000. Loans of \$1,500 or less are interest free. Call 1 (888) 744-1938 or go to their website: [www.patf.us](http://www.patf.us)

Contact—A comprehensive list of Assistive Technology providers can be found at: <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/atlend/atrc.shtml#atrc>

**Self Determination Housing Project (SDHP)**—This nonprofit organization works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. SDHP promotes self-determination and control for people with disabilities and operates the PA Accessible Housing Program in many counties of the state.

Contact—877-550-7347 or view their website at [www.sdhp.org/](http://www.sdhp.org/)

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#### FOR PROGRAMS AND/OR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND/OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

**Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program (811 Program)**—The 811 Program provides rental assistance to persons aged 18-61 with disabilities, at selected developments throughout the Commonwealth. Funding for this program is made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PHFA and the Department of Human Resources (DHS) jointly administer these funds in an effort to encourage supportive independent living.

Contact—Kristin Nagel at 717-780-3816 or [Knagel@phfa.org](mailto:Knagel@phfa.org)  
Additional information is available at <http://www.phfa.org/mhp/section811pra/>

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**Department of Human Services and The Department of Aging's Office of Long Term Living)**—These organizations have programs available to help with home modifications for accessibility and daily activities such as home maker services, attendant care and food security.

Contact—Visit DHS's website at [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov) or call 800-692-7462. Visit the Office of Long Term Living's website at <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermrliving/index.htm> or call 800-753-8827.

**Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)**—This FHA Reverse Mortgage program enables homeowners 62 years of age or older to convert a portion of the equity in their home into cash.

Contact—HECM counselor at 800-569-4287. For an approved FHA lender, visit [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov). To receive additional info on Reverse Mortgages, contact the National Council on Aging at 800-510-0301 or view [www.aarp.org/revmort](http://www.aarp.org/revmort)

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**—This organization offers grants to individuals diagnosed with MS. The grant amount depends on circumstances. There are no income or age guidelines. Examples of funding: assistive technology, home/vehicle modification, or paying for services such as physical therapy/occupation; speech therapy.

Contact—Call 800-344-4867, option 1, for MS Navigator or [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) to find a chapter.

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### FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

**Community Action (CA)**—These agencies assist families experiencing financial difficulties with many different types of help and referrals on a wide variety of concerns.

Contact—To locate your local agency, call 717-233-1075 or view [www.thecaap.org/localagencies.html](http://www.thecaap.org/localagencies.html)

**Federal Tax Credits**—These credits may be available for energy efficiency work, depending on the type of work and the year completed. PHFA does not provide tax guidance, however we encourage you to determine if your home qualifies for these credits by viewing [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

Contact – You may be able to claim home modifications as medical expenses on an itemized federal tax return. Learn more at [www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en\\_US\\_publink100014798](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink100014798)

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**—The program assists individuals with low income in paying their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. Applications are available at county assistance offices, local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or Community Action Agencies.

Contact—Call the LIHEAP Hotline at 866-857-7095. Applications for LIHEAP Cash Grants are available at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**—This state agency is responsible for helping persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and keep employment. Services may include diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, guidance and counseling, restoration, rehabilitation technology, training and placement. OVR helps individuals develop job-seeking skills and locate employment opportunities. OVR may pay for home modifications and assistive technology that are directly supporting an individual's return to paid employment.

Contact—For further information, contact 800-442-6351 or view <http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

**Sustainable Home Improvement Partnership (SHIP)**—This initiative supports repairs and weatherization to the homes of veterans, seniors, and disabled residents. You may apply to receive home repair and weatherization services if you live in the Pittsburgh communities of Larimer, Homewood, East Liberty, or Garfield. Available services include handicapped accessibility upgrades, weatherization, health and safety upgrades, plumbing, electrical, and utility improvements, structural integrity upgrades and homeowner counseling services.

Contact—Bill Vandivier at 412-931-6996 Extension 6510 or [BVandivier@chfmanor.org](mailto:BVandivier@chfmanor.org).

## **PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

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**Humanities Grants**—The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the humanities. Our grants, programs and strategic partnerships are focused on civic engagement and education and affect the everyday lives of people in their communities. We build and lead a vibrant network of individuals, organizations and communities that champions the humanities and empowers Pennsylvanians to think critically, grow and engage in their communities.

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Contact—Pennsylvania Humanities Council  
Phone—800-462-04442 or 215-925-1005  
Website—**www.pahumanities.org**

## PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST)

www.pennvest.pa.gov

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### PENNVEST LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES AND GRANTS

PENNVEST provides low-interest loans, loan guarantees, and grants for new construction or for improvements to publicly or privately owned drinking water, sewer treatment and non-point source facilities. This includes loan funding to individual homeowners for repair or replacement of their malfunction on-lot septic system. Many of the wastewater, drinking water and non-point source pollution prevention projects funded by PENNVEST use federal dollars for design and construction. These dollars come with some strings attached that may increase the cost of the project for the community. PENNVEST conducts a financial analysis to determine the interest rates and the length of the repayment period on any loan, as well as whether any grant funding might be awarded for the project.

The PENNVEST Board adopts a quarterly meeting schedule that is posted on their Website. All projects must have a planning consultation prior to submittal of the web-based application. Educational seminars (held in the spring) explain about how to apply for funds on-line. Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program Contact—PENNVEST Deputy Executive Director Brion Johnson 717-783-6798 or contact PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Advance Funding Program**—Low-Interest loans and possible supplemental grants to pay for design of improvements to water or wastewater systems.

Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program Contact—PENNVEST Executive Director Paul Marchetti 717-783-4496 or contact Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Brownfield Redevelopment Funding**—Low-interest loans for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to water sources.

Contact—PENNVEST Deputy Executive Director Brion Johnson 717-783-6798 or contact PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Drinking Water, Wastewater and Storm water Loans and Loan Guarantees**—Low- interest loans to communities or private firms for designing, engineering and constructing publicly and privately owned drinking water treatment/distribution and wastewater collection/treatment.

Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program Contact—PENNVEST Deputy Executive Director Brion Johnson 717-783-6798 or contact PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Grants**—PENNVEST has some grant funding available for drinking water, wastewater, and storm water as well as non-point source pollution prevention infrastructure projects. Grant awards are considered based upon the capacity of the applicant to cover debt service and uses these grant funds in its normal funding process.

Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program Contact—PENNVEST Deputy Executive Director Brion Johnson 717-783-6798 or contact PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Non-Point Source Funding**—Low-interest loans and grants for projects that implement Best Management Practices and other non-point source activities that demonstrate a water quality impact and reduce nutrient and sediments into Pennsylvania waterways.

Contact—PENNVEST Deputy Executive Director Brion Johnson (717) 783-6798 or contact PA Infrastructure Investment Authority at 717-787-8137 or visit [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

**Onlot Sewage Disposal Funds**—Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner- occupied property, which is the primary residence of the owner. Costs associated with connecting a home to a public system to alleviate, malfunctioning on-lot pollution.

Contact—Roberta Schwalm at the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority at 855-827-3466 or visit [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org) or [www.pennvest.pa.gov](http://www.pennvest.pa.gov)

## PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

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*In 1999, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) offered its first Grant Program to provide funds for colleges and universities to develop campus-community coalitions. In 2001, the PLCB expanded its efforts and provided additional funding to eligible local community groups, organizations, municipalities, law enforcement departments, primary and secondary schools and school districts throughout Pennsylvania for specially designated projects to prevent underage drinking and irresponsible consumption. In 2013, the PLCB modified the Alcohol Education Grant Program by making it a two-year grant to give grantees the time to better plan and implement their program. The next grant cycle will be 2017-2019.*

For the **PLCB's Grant to Reduce Underage and Dangerous Drinking**, grant projects should be evidence-based and directly related to alcohol issues that target the under-21 population. The project should entail an environmental strategy that addresses the illegal consumption of alcohol by minors and excessive consumption by those 21 and older.

- College Alcohol Risk Assessment activities
- Online alcohol assessment programs
- CORE survey administration
- Source Investigation Projects
- Law enforcement patrols, including bike patrols, for monitoring community and/or college campus parties
- Special underage law enforcement operations
- Curriculum infusion
- MADD's Power of Parents© program
- Strengthening Families Program
- Trainings related to campus or community readiness for environmental management strategies and procedures
- Other proven, data-driven, evidence-based programs

The PLCB continues to provide training opportunities on various alcohol-related topics. Most notable are the Resident Assistant Seminars which give RAs the tools they need to work with residents of on-campus housing, Strategic Planning Workshops which assist schools and communities to determine how to address underage and dangerous drinking using existing resources and how communities and law enforcement can work together. Speakers also present at local, regional and statewide conferences and seminars.

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Grant applications and deadlines will be posted on the PLCB's website **www.lcb.state.pa.us** in late 2016. Applications for a two-year grant will be available on a biennial basis in odd-numbered years (i.e. 2015-2017; 2017-2019; etc.).

Only one grant per organization, school, community organization, municipality or institution of higher education will be awarded. Multiple requests from an agency will not be considered. Coordination between departments is strongly encouraged. However, there is no limit on the number of applicants for a city or region, as long as they are discrete entities. Applicants from the same region or municipality are strongly encouraged to coordinate their efforts.

The grants are funded for up to \$20,000 per year for a maximum award of \$40,000 for the two year cycle. The grant period runs from the effective date through June 30, of the second year. The PLCB's Bureau of Alcohol Education will notify the grantee of the official start date after all legal requirements have been met.

Because the grant is reimbursable, grantees will only be paid for services after they have been rendered, on a quarterly basis. In addition, the PLCB requires a minimum 25 percent match from grantees in order to promote grant program sustainability. (i.e. A \$20,000 per year grant requires an entity to match the grant funds with at least \$5,000 each year.)

For more information, please contact the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's Bureau of Alcohol Education at 717-772-1432 or ra-lbeducation@pa.gov

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**Keystone Agricultural Innovation Center**— This partnership is designed to help Pennsylvania’s agricultural producers and small processors explore the marketing and manufacturing feasibility of value-added opportunities. Partnership of Penn State and PA Departments of Agriculture and Community and Economic Development, PENNTAP, Keystone Development Center, Kutztown Small Business Development Center, USDA Rural Development, PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture, PA Horticultural Association, PA State Grange, PA Retail Farm Market Association, Professional Dairy Managers of PA, Penn Ag Industries, Phillips Mushroom Farm, PA Farm Bureau, Amsterdam Produce Enterprises, Capital RC&D, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Regional Economic Development District Initiatives of South Central PA, and PA Landscape and Nursery Association.

Offers a combination of education, technical assistance and support to producers who want to explore value-added possibilities, start a value-added business, expand entrepreneurial capabilities, or join together in a cooperative, farmer’s market, marketing alliance, or other type of value-added venture.  
Contact— Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-9542 or [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

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**Penn State Cooperative Extension**— Educational network that gives people in Pennsylvania’s 67 counties access to Penn State’s resources and expertise. Courses, workshops and other programming are made available to individuals and communities requesting assistance and are tailored for local needs.

Contact— Penn State Cooperative Extension  
Phone— 814-863-3438  
Website— [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

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**Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)**— Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness with technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs.

Contact— Pennsylvania State University  
Phone— 814-865-0427  
Website— [www.penntap.psu.edu](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

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**Plastics Technology Center**— Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

Contact— Pennsylvania State University  
Phone— 814-452-0094

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)**

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

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The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities to ensure safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; furthers economic development; and fosters new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.

The PUC offers an online Electric Supply Shopping tool for consumers through **PAPowerSwitch.com**. PAPowerSwitch allows consumers to enter their zip code and see the competitive offers and prices available in their area. Other features include: a Spanish language companion site for PAPowerSwitch; consumer alert emails to customers who plugged their zip codes and contact information into the site to receive weekly updates on suppliers and prices available in them; a printable version of the zip-code-searchable supplier list is available and in larger print for seniors; “PAPowerSwitch” brochures and way to save energy are available on the website and upon request.

PAPowerSwitch is just one of the educational tools. Brochures, speaking engagements, roundtable discussions and conferences are other ways used successfully to help consumers shop wisely for utility services. To find more information on upcoming events, check out the Consumer Education Events Schedule on the web at [www.puc.pa.gov/consumer\\_info/electricity/consumer\\_education\\_events.aspx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/consumer_info/electricity/consumer_education_events.aspx).

**Consumer Education Partnerships**—The PUC partners with various companies and organizations to bring programs to consumers. Past partnerships have included the utility companies, state agencies, AARP Chapters, Area Agencies on Aging, community-based organizations, legislators, consortiums, health care agencies, schools, religious-based organizations and the Consumer Advocate.

For more information or to schedule an educational workshop, seminar, staff training or any other consumer education event, please contact our Consumer Education Specialists. Contact – Christina Chase-Pettis at 717-772-8884, Robin Tilley at 717-787-4970 or David Hixson at 717-772-2766

For informal complaints or termination issues, please contact the PUC’s Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) toll-free hotline at 800-692-7380.

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## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**Budget Billing**—All residential customers may contact their electric or natural gas company and request budget billing at any time. Each monthly bill will be the same amount. The company may adjust the bill four times a year, up or down, depending on the customer’s usage.

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**Customer Assistance Program (CAP)**—CAPs can lower your monthly utility bill. CAPs may also remove the amount you already owe. Each company has a CAP and works with the customer to determine what the customer can pay versus the cost of energy used.

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**Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Program (CARES)**—The CARES program helps customers with special needs. CARES may help you find ways to pay your utility bill. For example, special needs are customers who are experiencing family emergencies, divorce, unemployment or medical emergencies. The goal is to provide support and direction to help customers pay their utility bills.

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**Hardship Funds**—Utility companies have hardship funds that provide cash assistance to utility customers to help them pay their utility bills. Hardship funds provide assistance grants to customers who “fall through the cracks” of other financial assistance programs, or to those who still have a critical need for assistance after the other resources have been exhausted. The funds make payments directly to companies on behalf of eligible customers.

**Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)**—LIURP helps low-income residential customers lower the amount of electricity or natural gas used each month. Typically, the company may install energy saving features in your home to help reduce bills. For example, smaller bills means your payment covers a greater portion of the bill or perhaps covers the whole bill.

*Assistance Qualifications—Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows the income level customers must meet for CAP. The income levels are slightly higher for LIURP, CARES and Hardship Funds. Customers who meet these limits, should call their local electric or natural gas company for details to see if you qualify. Each company's toll-free number is listed below.*

**2016 Household Size Monthly Income:**

• 1 person	\$1,485	6 persons	\$4,073
• 2 persons	\$2,003	7 persons	\$4,591
• 3 persons	\$2,520	8 persons	\$5,111
• 4 persons	\$3,038	For each additional person, add \$520	
• 5 persons	\$3,555		

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** is the federal program that provides financial assistance to needy households for home energy bills. In Pennsylvania, the Department of Human Services administers the LIHEAP program. The LIHEAP program provides both cash and crisis benefits to low-income households. Cash benefits help low-income customers pay for their home energy needs while crisis payments help meet emergency home energy situations.

NOTE: Low-income customers who qualify for Cash and Crisis can receive both. Your household income must be within certain limits to qualify. These limits are listed on DHS’s Website at [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm)

If you have more questions about LIHEAP you may call your Local County Assistance Office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at: 866-857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at: 800-451-5886).



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Utility (Electric and Gas)	Utility Assistance Programs	LIHEAP Referral
West Penn Power—formerly Allegheny Power (LIPURP)	800-207-1250	Refer directly to county assistance office
Duquesne (CAP)	888-393-7600	Refer directly to county assistance office
Met-Ed (PCAP)	800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
PECO (CAP Rate)	800-744-7040	800-34HELP4 (344-3574)
Penelec (PCAP)	800-962-4848	Refer directly to county assistance office
Penn Power (PCAP)	800-720-3600	Refer directly to county assistance office
PPL (OnTrack)	800-358-6623	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI-Electric (CAP)	800-844-9276	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Columbia (CAP)	800-537-7431	800-272-2714
Dominion Peoples (CAP)	800-400-9276 (WARM)	800-400-9276 (WARM)
Equitable (EAP)	877-577-8735	800-644-8090
NFG (LIRA)	800-365-3234	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Penn Natural Gas (CAP)	800-490-8605	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
PGW (CRP)	215-235-1000	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI Central Penn Gas (CAP)	800-652-0550	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)
Peoples TWP (EHF)	866-276-4055	Refer directly to county assistance office
UGI – Gas (CAP)	800-844-9276	800-UGI-WARM (844-9276)

Utility (Water)	Utility Assistance Programs
Pennsylvania American Water (H2O-Help to Others)	888-282-6816
Administered by Dollar Energy Fund and Conservation Consultants	877-346-7384
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	
Bucks County	215-785-3296
Delaware County	610-874-8451
(Wed. only) Delaware County	610-583-9133
Montgomery County	610-277-6363
Northumberland County	570-644-6570
All other counties and for all questions	800-360-2998
York Water Cares (YWC)	800-750-5561 or 717-845-3601
United Water (UW CARES)	
Cumberland/Dauphin Counties	717-564-3662
Columbia/Luzerne/Perry/Schuylkill/Wyoming/York	888-299-8972

To view each utility’s Universal Service Plan in detail please go to:

**[www.puc.state.pa.us/consumer\\_info/electricity/energy\\_assistance\\_programs.aspx](http://www.puc.state.pa.us/consumer_info/electricity/energy_assistance_programs.aspx)**

and select the appropriate utility company

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For further information, Contact the Public Utility Commission:

Call: 800-692-7380; For people with speech or hearing loss, dial 7-1-1 (Telecommunications Relay Service)

Write: PA Public Utility Commission Bureau of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

## UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

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The **University City Science Center** accelerates technology commercialization, regional economic development and the market availability of life-enhancing scientific breakthroughs by bringing together innovations, scientists, entrepreneurs, funding, laboratory facilities and business services. Established in 1963 and headquartered in Philadelphia, the Science Center was the first, and remains the largest, urban research park in the United States. Its shareholders include 32 universities, research institutions, hospitals and economic development organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Key Science Center programs include the QED Proof-of-Concept Funding Program; Quorum, a program that strengthens the Greater Philadelphia's culture of technology commercialization by creating a forum for entrepreneurs and innovators to interact and exchange ideas; and the Port, a business incubator for life science and advanced technology new ventures. Graduate organizations and current residents of the Science Center have created more than 15,000 direct jobs that remain in the Greater Philadelphia region today and contribute more than \$9 billion to the regional economy annually.

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For more information on Science Center programs, please visit us at **[www.sciencecenter.org](http://www.sciencecenter.org)**

## FEDERAL GRANTS

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**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)**— The catalog is a comprehensive resource detailing nearly 2,300 federal programs, projects, services and activities set up to provide assistance and benefits. This resource is available to help individuals, organizations, institutions and municipalities identify and obtain federal grants.

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The database of the catalog is free of charge online at **[www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)**  
The website allows the user to search by type of assistance, deadlines and requirements. Or use the direct grant site at **[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**



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