

**Pennsylvania 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Working Families Resources Summit**



**Hosted by  
Congressman Joe Sestak**

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**Interboro High School  
16th and Amosland Ave  
Prospect Park, PA 19076**

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## *Agenda*

### **9: 50      Citation Presentation**

Congressman Sestak will honor Mr. Jordan Glider for his collaboration with The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center. His fundraising efforts helped provide needed meals to Veterans in the Philadelphia Region.

### **10:00      Welcome from Congressman Joe Sestak**

### **10:15— 11:10      Panel Discussion and Q&A**

### **11:10—1:00      Service Fair**

## *From Congressman Joe Sestak*

Dear Friend,

In late 2008 I gathered my staff to discuss our preparations for representing the interests of the 7th Congressional District and our Nation in the 111th Congress. My message was clear and heartfelt. I thanked them for their extraordinary efforts over the past two years. Then I told them our Nation was headed for an unprecedented economic crisis and that the next two years would be the most difficult and important period to serve in government since WWII. As such, our constituents and the country would require even more of them. Given that they had worked 7 days per week for an average of 12 hours per day since I was inaugurated, that was not an easy message to deliver.

To their great credit the staff rose to that challenge. As you will see in the pages of this program, my legislative team has been at the forefront of efforts to pass a meaningful stimulus package, reform our healthcare system, protect our seniors, Veterans, and children, and create the conditions for our Nation to emerge from this crisis stronger than before. Also, our District Office has been working over 500 individual cases per month including hundreds of potential foreclosures and applications for Social Security benefits. It is from the trends they identify in the course of their casework that much of my legislative agenda devolves. For example, they were quick to identify exorbitant interest rates charged for student loans and credit cards, the difficulty homeowners experienced in communicating with their lenders when foreclosure was threatened, the unnecessarily low rate of applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and inequities in eligibility for Veterans benefits. In each case action has been completed or is in progress to correct a flawed program or policy.

Today's event reflects that same unyielding, innovative, and collaborative commitment to our constituents and the notion of 'good government.' We are continuing the progress achieved in our prior events to improve the ability of Small Businesses, Veterans, Educators, and, today, Working Families to emerge stronger from this recession. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District we are aiming for the fullest possible integration of government and non-governmental organizations to unite our community and revitalize our neighborhoods, schools, work force, and businesses. In Washington, we are working hard with our President to reduce the impact of this crisis and restore our once proud national reputation for transparent, accountable, and efficient financial systems. I am also personally committed to eliminating the partisanship and reducing the influence of special interests that are choking the life from our democratic process and stealing the hope and prosperity from our working and middle-class families.

As you know too well, working families are struggling across three generations with the high cost of education, health insurance, and energy. They are first to feel the effects of unemployment and underemployment. As a result, they are also faced with foreclosure, backlogged applications for Veterans and Social Security benefits, and a generally uncertain future. Unless we act with speed, unity of purpose, and a spirit of shared sacrifice, for the first time in our history the young people of today will experience a much lower standard of living than their parents. Worse, future generations will suffer even greater consequences including compromised national security, the devastation of our environment, and unchecked dependence on imported, costly energy.

To demonstrate their commitment to a brighter today and tomorrow, more than fifty organizations are present today to offer their services and expertise to you and your families. That they are present on a Saturday morning when they could be with their own families reflects their professionalism and the respect they have for your very busy life Monday through Friday. They know you are working every possible hour to make ends meet and they want to provide some resources that may help you overcome these difficult times. To each and every organization and individual present -- and in particular Interboro High School as well as Ms. Cheryl Browning, Mr. William J. Clark, Mr. Jim Daugherty, Mr. Brent Ennis, Ms. Carol Goertzel, Ms. Patricia Hasson, Mr. James Savage, Ms. Barbara Stephens, and Ms. Laurie Watkins who will join me on the panel and in Executive Session -- I say thank you. It is an honor to work with you to benefit our working families, the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and our Nation.

Sincerely,



Joe Sestak  
Member of Congress

## Legislative Update

Joe Sestak is a former 3-Star Admiral who successfully ran for Congress in 2006 after completing his 31-year military service to our country. He is the senior military veteran in history to be elected and serve in the U.S. Congress. Joe led a series of operational commands, culminating in command of the *USS George Washington* carrier battle group (30 ships/100 aircraft/15,000 Sailors) that conducted combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Joe served as President Clinton's Director of Defense Policy at the White House and after 9/11, the Navy selected Joe to become the first Director of the Navy's anti- terrorism unit. The son of a first-generation Navy Captain, Joe followed in the footsteps of his father and attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he graduated 2nd in his Class. He later earned a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. After his 31-year distinguished military career, Joe returned home to Delaware County, Pennsylvania with his family, where his parents and siblings also live.

Joe ran for Congressional office on the platform that national security begins at home with the economic, health, education, and environment/energy security of our citizens; these four security pillars, along with defense security, provide for our country's overall national security. In Congress, he is a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, where he impacts our need for a skilled, educated workforce; Vice-Chair of the Small Business Committee, addressing the severe economic conditions that face businesses and their employees; the Armed Services Committee, where he continues to enhance our Nation's defense security; and the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pension, where he is working for our Nation's health security.

Joe believes in a 21st Century Agenda for Opportunity that restores the American Dream by ensuring economic, health, defense, environment/energy and education security so that families can get to work restoring their opportunity for a stronger future. It involves securing the middle class by closing income inequalities; creating an economy where entrepreneurship is the norm not the exception; a healthcare system that is not only affordable and accessible, but one that spurs innovation rather than inefficiency; a national security strategy that makes all of our other goals possible; an energy plan that creates jobs and new industries; and an education plan that ensures a young person can expect a more prosperous life than the generation before.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF JOE SESTAK'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES**

#### **Economy**

##### **VOTED FOR A MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

On Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the federal minimum wage rises to \$7.25 an hour-- from \$6.55-- benefiting 112,000 Pennsylvanians.

##### **INTRODUCED FINANCIAL SECURITY IN RETIREMENT ACT**

Provides one-year exemption from 401(k) required minimum distribution requirements during ongoing market downturn.

##### **VOTED FOR "MAKING WORK PAY" TAX CREDIT TO SUPPORT REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT**

\$400 tax credit for working individuals and \$800 for working families. Helps approximately 4.9 million Pennsylvanian taxpayers are expected to benefit.

##### **VOTED FOR AN INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT BY 5% FOR WORKING FAMILIES WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN.**

##### **VOTED TO INCREASE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF CHILD CREDIT**

Increases the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit in 2009 and 2010. For 2008, the child tax credit is refundable to the extent of 15 percent of the taxpayer's earned income in excess of \$8,500. The bill would reduce this floor for 2009 and 2010 to \$3,000.

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### **VOTED FOR THE “AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY” EDUCATION TAX CREDIT**

Provides a tax credit of up to \$2,500 for the cost of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Benefits for Pennsylvania: 138,000 families.

### **VOTED FOR A \$7,500 REFUNDABLE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER CREDIT.**

### **VOTED TO EXTEND AMT RELIEF FOR 2009**

Provides immediate tax relief for more than 26 million families who unfairly fall victim to the outdated AMT tax.

### **VOTED FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TAXATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient

### **ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR AND VOTED FOR THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT**

Places the burden of proof on employers when gender pay disparity exists, and protects employees whistleblower

### **ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR AND VOTED FOR THE LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT**

Amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to increase the statute of limitations for gender pay discrimination

### **VOTED TO HELP WORKERS FIND JOBS**

Provides funding to help workers find jobs, including \$3.95 billion for job training including formula grants for adult job training, dislocated worker job training, and youth services

### **VOTED TO EXPAND HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

Increases support for several critical housing programs, including providing \$2 billion for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties and \$1.5 billion for the Emergency Shelter Grant program to provide short-term rental assistance and other aid for families during the economic crisis.

### **VOTED TO PROVIDE AID TO SENIORS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SSI RECIPIENTS**

Provides a payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Health Care**

### **VOTED TO REPORT THE AMERICAN AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT**

To aid working families, the bill:

- Establishes an exchange where individuals and small businesses can purchase insurance at the discounted rate large employers currently receive – currently, small businesses pay 18% more for their health insurance than larger employers, (Commonwealth Fund, 2008);
- Institutes market reforms to make health insurance fairer by eliminating co-payments for preventative care and preventing insurers from discriminating against individuals with pre-existing conditions or overly favoring healthy individuals;
- Includes a public health insurance option to establish real competition in the insurance market and lower prices for families;
- Establishes coverage as a shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and the government, requiring that both employers and individuals contribute to health insurance costs while requiring the federal government to ensure it is affordable for all individuals.

## *Legislative Update*

### **AUTHORED/PASSED LEGISLATION TO EXPAND COBRA HEALTH COVERAGE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS**

Authored legislation extends COBRA benefits for all Americans - not limited to age or length of employment- from 18 months to 24 months if an employee reaches their 18 month coverage limit within one year of the bill's passage. Additionally, voted to provide a 65% subsidy for COBRA premiums for up to 9 months for workers who have been involuntarily terminated during the recession and for their families. This subsidy also applies to health care continuation coverage if required by states for small employers.

### **VOTED TO TEMPORARILY INCREASE MEDICAID FUNDING TO SUSTAIN STATE EFFORTS DURING THE RECESSION**

Helps states avoid cutting eligibility for Medicaid and scaling back the health care services covered by increasing the Federal share of Medicaid by 6.2% across-the-board with an additional decrease in State financial obligations for Medicaid based on increases in the State's unemployment rate. States are required to maintain effort on eligibility.

### **VOTED FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

Provides health care for 11 million children, to finally provide cost-effective health coverage for 4 million more children and preserve coverage for 7 million children already enrolled.

### **VOTED FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE FY09 LABOR HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

Expands health care/community health centers; enables community health centers to serve an additional 1.2 million uninsured Americans by investing 11 percent more than the previous year.

### **VOTED FOR THE PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT**

Ends discrimination against patients seeking treatment for mental illnesses by prohibiting insurers and group health plans from imposing treatment or financial limitations when they offer mental health benefits that are more restrictive from those applied to medical and surgical services.

### **CLEAN ENERGY: CREATES JOBS AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

#### **VOTED FOR THE AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009**

Reduces the cost of home heating, creates strong new domestic job markets, reduces our reliance on foreign fuels, and lessen the impact of global warming

#### **SECURED OVER \$300K IN FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Helps small communities and families deal with flooding, pollution, and other watershed issues in a comprehensive and systematic manner.

#### **SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO SAFE GUARD CLEAN AIR AND SAFE DRINKING WATER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES.**

Clean Water Protection Act

Mercury Pollution Reduction Act

Sustainable Water Infrastructure Act

Water Advanced Technologies for Efficiency Resources Use (Water) Act

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**VOTED FOR 30% TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PURCHASES BY HOMEOWNERS, UP TO \$1500 PER RESIDENCE.** The new law increases the energy tax credit for homeowners who make energy efficient improvements to their existing homes. The new law increases the credit rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 for improvements placed in service in 2009 and 2010.

**VOTED FOR EQUALIZATION OF PARKING AND TRANSIT TAX-FREE EMPLOYER BENEFITS AT \$230 FOR 2009.** This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking.

**VOTE FOR \$500 MILLION FOR GREEN JOBS TRAINING**

### EDUCATION

#### **AUTHORED SCHOOL MEAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009**

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to implement a school-wide paperless free school meal program which allows local educational agencies (LEAs) to select certain schools to provide free meals to all their students without the use of paper applications to determine their eligibility for free or reduced price breakfasts or lunches under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

#### **VOTED FOR MULTIPLE INCREASES TO PELL GRANTS**

Supported inclusion of \$15.6 billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, from \$4,850 to \$5,350. Voted for Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which will increase Pell Grants to \$5,550 in FY2010 and indexes future Pell Grant amounts to inflation.

#### **VOTED FOR INCREASED FUNDING TO K-12 EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**IDEA Special Education:** \$12.2 billion for formula grants to increase the federal share of special education costs and prevent these mandatory costs from forcing states to cut other areas of education.

**Title I Help for Disadvantaged Kids:** \$13 billion for grants to help disadvantaged kids in nearly every school district and more than half of all public schools reach high academic standards.

#### **VOTED FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**Child Care Development Block Grant:** \$2 billion to provide child care services for an additional 300,000 children in low-income families while their parents go to work. Today only one out of seven eligible children receives care.

**Head Start and Early Head Start:** \$2.1 billion to provide comprehensive development services to help children succeed in school. Funds are distributed based on need. Only about half of all eligible preschoolers and less than 3 percent of eligible infants and toddlers participate in Head Start.

#### **VOTED FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT**

Increased the maximum for Pell Grants. Also included steps to curb rising costs – including two amendments Joe sponsored: to improve college credit transfer and provide forgiveness for areas of need including physical therapy and others.

#### **VOTED FOR THE IMPROVING HEAD START ACT**

Expands and improves the successful Head Start early childhood education program, and includes strong accountability measures to ensure programs are succeeding.

## *Panelists*

### **Ms. Cheryl Browning Regional Director, PA Higher Education Assistance Agency**

Cheryl Browning is the Regional Director of the Philadelphia Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency powered by American Education Services. She has served in this position for eight years and has involved her office and the agency in numerous community projects to assist those in need of College Preparation information as well as financial resources to pursue a post-secondary education. Ms. Browning has an intensive background in financial aid. She started her career in financial aid as a work study student while at Community College of Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Regional Office.

She has worked as a Financial Aid Counselor, Assistant Director and Director of Financial Aid at numerous institutions of higher education. She has served as a Presenter and trainer at the various financial aid associations. She feels that it is a privilege to share her knowledge of financial aid to those in need of this information to further their educational pursuits.

### **Mr. William J. Clark Executive Director, Philabundance Food Bank**

Bill Clark is a native of Delaware County. Upon completion of his college education at the University of Pennsylvania, Bill started his corporate work with Grey Advertising in New York City, where he became a product manager at Swift and Co., makers of Soup Starters and Brown and Serve meals.

From 1982 to 1995, he owned W.J. Clark and Co., in Chicago, which produced and marketed five different lines of specialty foods, including Bean Cuisine soups and pastas, salad dressings, wild rice and mushrooms products, and licorice.

He moved back to the Philadelphia area with his wife, Cindy Dell Clark, author and former assistant professor of childhood development at Penn State Brandywine Campus. Bill's son, Michael, resides in California.

Bill started as Executive Director of Philabundance in 2001 at which time 12.1 million pounds of food were delivered to those in need. Within a few years, Philabundance delivered 30 million pounds of food throughout the Delaware Valley. This is in part the result of the 2005 integration of the Greater Philadelphia Food Bank and Philabundance.

The constant creativity and business savvy that Bill Clark brings to Philabundance is shown through the growth that the organization has experienced during his tenure. Bill resides in Villanova.

### **Mr. Jim Daugherty Pennsylvania Territory Manager, Internal Revenue Service**

Jim Daugherty has been employed at the IRS since 1972. He began his career as an auditor and has held increasingly responsible positions since that time. Jim has been the SPEC Territory Manager for Pennsylvania and Delaware for five years. He and his team are located in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Newark, Delaware. Their primary goal is to educate taxpayers about provisions of the law and assist taxpayers in preparing their tax returns. They work with non-profit organizations and thousands of volunteers to accomplish these goals. There are more than 600 free tax prep sites in the territory. Jim's daughter Kate continues the Daugherty family IRS tradition. She had been an Internal Revenue Agent since her graduation from the University of Notre Dame in 2003.



## *Panelists*

### **Ms. Carol Goertzel**

#### **Executive Director and CEO, Pathways PA**

Ms. Goertzel has been serving low-income and at-risk families for over thirty years and at PathWaysPA since 1994. She directs and oversees the agency operations and services dedicated to helping women and children through attention to public policy as well as a wide array of programs and initiative focused on education and training leading to greater self-sufficiency and individual, child and family well-being. Ms. Goertzel has worked to develop and build organizational capacity in terms of serving both long and short-term needs of mothers and families in crises involving homelessness, neglect, and abuse, as well as with families struggling with welfare reform and self-sufficiency. PathWays PA produces the bi-annual Self-Sufficiency Standard and correlating tools and conducts policy research. Under her leadership, PathWays PA has grown more than 10 fold in the last 15 years, now serving annually over 6,000 women, children, and families, and has been honored by a host of agencies and institutions.

With an Master's degree in non-profit management, she has been a mentor to many women as they weave their way as leaders. She believes in civic education and advocacy for the rights of those less fortunate or struggling personally and economically to move their families forward.

### **Mr. Brent Ennis**

#### **Southeastern PA Regional Director, PA Department of Health**

Mr. Brent Ennis is the Southeastern PA Regional Director for the PA Department of Health.

In the past 103 years, the Department of Health's mission has evolved to include not only preventing disease, but also promoting healthy behaviors and improving the quality of health care. The Department consists of dedicated public health professionals who support programs to help people quit smoking, recover from drug and alcohol addiction, manage diabetes, and learn about prevention for HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. These public health professionals also ensure schools are staffed with qualified nurses and mothers can provide nutritious meals for their children through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. They inspect hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities to ensure the highest quality and safest care to the patients as well as helping everyone be prepared for a public health emergency, like a flu pandemic.

### **Ms. Patricia Hasson**

#### **President, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Delaware Valley**

Patricia A. Hasson has served as President and Executive Director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Delaware Valley, Inc. (CCCS) since 1998. During her ten year tenure the agency has tripled in size expanding to meet the increased demand for financial counseling and education service and now operates 16 offices throughout ten-county region of Philadelphia and southern New Jersey.

In 2007, Hasson was appointed to the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) and in 2009 was appointed Chair of the Housing & Community Development Committee on the CAC. In 2009, CCCS was awarded the George Bailey Award by The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) of Philadelphia in recognition of the agency's entrepreneurial spirit and outstanding commitment to investing in the community for a better future. Under her leadership, CCCS was also awarded the 2008 United Way of Southeastern PA Community Impact Award in recognition of the agencies community leadership to advance the common good.

Hasson is currently a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and is Chair of the Small Business Board for the Chamber. She is a Board Member of Greensgrow, an urban farm in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

## *Panelists*

### **Mr. James Savage**

#### **President, United Steel Workers of America (USWA) Local 10-1**

Mr. Jim Savage is the President of the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 10-1, a union that represents 650 to 700 operators, maintenance workers, storehouse personnel and lab employees at Sunoco's Philadelphia refinery, which processes 355,000 barrels of oil a day.

Savage also serves as a Vice President of the Philadelphia Council, which is comprised of 120 different labor unions affiliated with the National AFL-CIO, whose mission is to improve the lives of working families by bringing economic justice to the workplace and social justice to our nation to give workers a voice on the job, in politics, and in the community. The Council represents the interests of more than 100,000 working families in Philadelphia.

Savage is also part of Congressman Sestak's Labor Advisory Committee.

### **Ms. Barbara Stephens**

#### **Public Affairs Officer, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency**

Barbara Stephens is Public Affairs Officer for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Prior to joining PHFA in 1997 she had more than 20 years experience in management positions with major financial institutions in the Delaware Valley, developing and directing communications programs, public and corporate relations strategies, and special events. Barbara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Penn State University.

### **Ms. Laurie Watkins**

#### **Regional Commissioner, Social Security Administration**

Laurie Watkins began her Federal career with the Social Security Administration (SSA) as a Claims Authorizer in the Mid-America Program Service Center in Kansas City, Missouri. She brings to her current position over 25 years of supervisory and management experience.

She was selected for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in 1998 and completed assignments in the Office of the Regional Director for the Department of Health and Human Services and SSA's Office of Training in Baltimore, Maryland. She was named Deputy Regional Commissioner in Philadelphia effective July, 2001 and Regional Commissioner in January 2004.

Laurie has received numerous awards including a Commissioner's Citation and a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Professionals and Executives for 2003.

## Exhibitors

### **Office of the PA Attorney General—Healthcare Section**

1600 Strawberry Square, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Phone: (717) 787-3391; Fax: (717) 8242; <http://www.attorneygeneral.gov>

### **Anthem Institute**

400 South State Road, Springfield, PA 19064

Phone: 1-877-600-8860; <http://www.anthem.edu>

### **The ARC of Delaware County**

740 South Chester Road, Suite G, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Phone: (610) 544-6600; Fax: (610) 544-8916; <http://www.thearcofdelco.org>

### **Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)**

100 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19110

Phone: (215) 545-5728; Fax: (215) 545-5372; <http://www.carie.org>

### **Chester Education Foundation**

2600 West 9th Street, Suite GS-100, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: (610) 364-1212; Fax (610) 364-1536; <http://www.chestereducation.org>

### **Ches-Penn Health Services**

2600 West 9th Street, Chester, PA, 19013

Phone: (610) 485-3800; Fax: (610) 485-4221; <http://www.chespenn.com>

### **Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Delaware Valley**

1608 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 563-5665; Fax: (215) 563-7020; <http://www.cccsdv.org>

### **Community Health Education - Crozer-Chester Health**

29 Springlawn Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Phone: (610) 447-6002; <http://www.crozer.org>

### **Community Impact Legal Services**

1003 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

Phone: (610) 380-7111; Fax: (610) 380-9030

### **Community Transit of Delaware County, Inc.**

206 Eddystone Avenue, Suite 200, Crum Lynne, PA 19022

Phone: (610) 490-3977; <http://www.ctdelco.org>

### **Crozer Keystone Health System—Community Health Education**

1 Medical Center Boulevard, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: (610) 447-2000; <http://www.crozer.org>

## Exhibitors

### **Delaware County Library System**

340 N. Middletown Road, Fair Acres Bldg. 19, Media, PA 19063  
Phone: (610) 891-8622; Fax: (610) 891-8641; <http://www.delcolibraries.org>

### **Delaware County Literacy Council**

2217 Providence Avenue, Chester, PA 19013  
Phone: (610) 876-4811; Fax: (610) 876-5414; <http://www.delcoliteracy.org>

### **Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.**

Media Office - 14 West Second Street, Media, PA 19063  
Phone: (610) 565-6272; Fax: (610) 565-9911; <http://www.dapdc.org>

### **Education Law Center**

1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 238-6970; Fax: (215) 772-3125; <http://www.elc-pa.org>

### **Elwyn Working Adult Day Services**

111 Elwyn Road, Media, PA 19063  
Phone: (610) 891-2000; Fax: (610) 891-2458; <http://www.elwyn.org>

### **Fair Acres Geriatric Center**

340 North Middletown Road, Glen Riddle Lima, PA 19037  
Phone: (610) 891-5700; Fax: (610) 891-2705; <http://www.fairacres.org>

### **Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia**

225 South Chester Road, Suite 1, Swarthmore, PA 19081  
Phone: (610) 604-4411; Fax: (610) 604-4424; <http://www.fhcsp.com>

### **Fair Housing Rights Center**

105 East Glenside Avenue, Suite E, Glenside, PA 19038  
Phone: (215) 576-7711; Fax: (215) 576-1509; <http://www.fairhousingmontco.org>

### **Family and Community Services of Delaware County**

600 North Olive Street, Media, PA 19063  
Phone: (610) 566-7540; Fax: (610) 566-7677; <http://www.fcsdc.org>

### **Freedom Valley Disability Center**

3607 Chapel Road, Suite B, Newtown Square, PA 19073  
Phone: (610) 353-6640; Fax: (610) 353-6753; <http://www.fvdc.info/contact.htm>

### **Graduate! Philadelphia**

9th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 574-1341; Fax: (215) 574-1535; <http://www.graduatephiladelphia.org>

## Exhibitors

### **Great Guy Group**

606 Bowers Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086

Phone: (610) 565-7600; Fax: (610) 565-7603; <http://www.greatguys.org>

### **Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Council**

2100 Arch Street, Floor 3, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 832-0900; Fax: (215) 832-0919; <http://www.hiaspa.org>

### **Holcomb Behavior Health System**

126 East Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063

Phone: (484) 444-0412; Fax: (484) 444-0421; <http://www.holcombprevention.org>

### **Home Helpers**

423 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Phone: (484) 461-8887; Fax: (484) 461-9581; <http://www.homehelpers.cc>

### **JEVS Supports for Independence**

1 Winding Drive, Suite 100, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Phone: (267) 298-1300; <http://www.jevshumanservices.org>

### **Job Corps**

48 North 11th Street, Reading, PA 19601

Phone: (610) 372-5200; Fax: (610) 372-5500; <http://www.jobcorps.dol.gov>

### **Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania**

410 Welsh Street, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: 1-877-429-5994; <http://www.lasp.org>

### **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - Prospect Hill Baptist Church**

703 Lincoln Avenue, Prospect Park, PA 19076

Phone: (610) 532-9000; Fax: (610) 459-5886; <http://www.loaves-fishes.org>

### **Mid-County Senior Services**

22 Media Line Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Phone: (610) 353-6642; Fax: (610) 353-7950; <http://www.mainlinehealth.org/>

### **Not To Be Forgotten Foundation**

920 West Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064

Phone: 1-888-521-4333; <http://www.ntbff.org>

### **Pathways PA**

Administrative Office - 310 Amosland Road, Holmes, PA 19043

Phone: (610) 543-5022; Fax: (610) 543-1549; <http://www.pathwayspa.org>

## Exhibitors

### **PA Veterans of Foreign Wars**

4002 Fenton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Phone: (717) 234-7924; Fax: (610) 234-1955; <http://www.vfwpahq.org>

### **Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency**

215 South Broad Street, Floor 2, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: 1-800-233-0557; <http://www.pheaa.org>

### **PECO - Philadelphia Electric Company**

1510 Chester Pike, Crum Lynne, PA 19022

Phone: 1-800-774-7040; <http://www.peco.com>

### **Planned Parenthood**

1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: (215) 351-5500; <http://www.plannedparenthood.org>

### **Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth**

7 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 563-5848; Fax: (215) 563-9442; <http://www.pccy.org>

### **The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, Inc.**

213-217 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone: (215) 923-2600; Fax: (215) 925-8460; <http://www.pvmsec.org>

### **Pulse of PA**

618 Kirsch Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Phone: (610) 299-0478; <http://www.pulseofpa.org>

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

215 West Church Road, Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone: (610) 265-8090; <http://www.rfbd.org>

### **Salvation Army of Chester**

151 West 15th Street, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: (610) 874-4226; Fax: (610) 874-8927; <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

### **SEPTA Public and Government Affairs**

1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: (215) 580-7800; <http://www.septa.com>

### **Social Security Administration - Chester District Office**

807 Crosby Street, Chester, PA, 19013

Phone: 1-800-772-1213; <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>

## Exhibitors

### **Temple University Institute on Disabilities**

1601 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Phone: (215) 204-1356; Fax: (215) 204-6336; <http://disabilities.temple.edu>

### **Today's Child Learning Center, Inc.**

235 Sharon Avenue, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Phone: (610) 583-1276; Fax: (610) 583-2490; <http://www.todayschild.us>

### **United States Small Business Administration**

1150 First Avenue Suite 1001, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone: (610) 382-3062; Fax: (202) 481-0305; <http://www.sba.gov>

### **The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians**

1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 557-2626; Fax: (215) 557-2825; <http://www.welcomingcenter.org>

### **University of Pennsylvania TRIO Veterans Upward Bound**

220 South 40th Street, Suite 260, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone: (215) 898-6892; Fax: (215) 898-9301; <http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/vub/>

### **Women's Way**

123 Broad Street Suite 1399, Philadelphia, PA 19109

Phone: (215) 985-3322; Fax: (215) 985-3369; <http://www.womensway.org>

### **Workforce Entry Center**

901 Media Line Road, Media, PA 19063

Phone: (610) 723-1222; Fax: (610) 723-6007; <http://www.dccc.edu/wec>

## Additional Resources

A Better Chance: 610-992-0995 [www.abetterchance.org](http://www.abetterchance.org)

Adult Day Services: 610-352-9945 [www.nasda.org](http://www.nasda.org)

Aging Positively:

Alliance for Retired Americans: 717-231-2866 [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

Alzheimer's Association: 215-561-2919 [www.alz-delawarevalley.org](http://www.alz-delawarevalley.org)

Benefits Data Trust: 215-207-9100 [www.bdtrust.org](http://www.bdtrust.org)

Bernardine Center: 610-497-3225 [www.bernadinecenter.org](http://www.bernadinecenter.org)

Goodwill Industries of Delaware County: 302-761-4640 [www.goodwillde.org](http://www.goodwillde.org)

Careerlink of Delaware County: 610-447-3350 [www.co.delaware.pa.us/depts/oetcl.html](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/depts/oetcl.html)

## Additional Resources

Careerlink of Montgomery County: 610-270-3429 <a href="http://www.pacareerlink.com">www.pacareerlink.com</a>
Catholic Social Services: 610-876-9183 <a href="http://www.catholicsocialservicesphilly.org">www.catholicsocialservicesphilly.org</a>
Chester County Department of Community Development: 610-344-6900 <a href="http://www.dsf.chesco.org">www.dsf.chesco.org</a>
Chester County Fund for Women and Girls: 484-356-0940 <a href="http://www.ccwomenandgirls.org">www.ccwomenandgirls.org</a>
Chester Eastside Ministries: 610-872-4812 <a href="http://www.chestereastsideministries.org">www.chestereastsideministries.org</a>
College Aid USA: 877-206-5786 <a href="http://www.collegeaidusa.com">www.collegeaidusa.com</a>
CareerLink of Chester County: 610-384-9393 <a href="http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us">www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us</a>
County Office of Services for the Aging: 610-490-1300 <a href="http://www.delcosa.org">www.delcosa.org</a>
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: 1-800-MEDICARE <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov">www.cms.hhs.gov</a>
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA): 610-565-2208 <a href="http://www.delcocasa.org">www.delcocasa.org</a>
Delaware County Consumer Affairs: 610-891-4865 <a href="http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/consumeraffairs.html">www.co.delaware.pa.us/consumeraffairs.html</a>
Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU): 610-938-9000 <a href="http://www.dciu.org">www.dciu.org</a>
Delaware County Sunshine Fund: 610-565-8353
Delco Interfaith Food Assistance Network: 610-566-7540 <a href="http://www.fcsdc.org">www.fcsdc.org</a>
Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare: 1-800-692-7462 <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us">www.dpw.state.pa.us</a>
Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania: 1-800-692-7443 <a href="http://drnpa.org">http://drnpa.org</a>
Family Services of Montgomery County: 610-630-2111 <a href="http://www.fsmontco.org">www.fsmontco.org</a>
Family Support Line of Delaware County Inc: 610-891-5275 <a href="http://www.familysupportline.org">www.familysupportline.org</a>
Garrett-Williamson Foundation: <a href="http://www.garrettwilliamsonfoundation.org">www.garrettwilliamsonfoundation.org</a>
Goodwill Industries of Delaware and Delaware County: 302-761-4640 <a href="http://www.goodwillde.org">www.goodwillde.org</a>
KidsPeace: 215-348-3400 <a href="http://www.kidspeace.org">www.kidspeace.org</a>
Lutheran Children and Family Service: 215-276-5500 <a href="http://www.lcfsinpa.org">www.lcfsinpa.org</a>
Marcus Hook Early Childhood Learning Center: 610-485-9532 <a href="http://www.dciu.org">www.dciu.org</a>
Maternity Care Coalition 215-972-0700 <a href="http://www.momobile.org">www.momobile.org</a>
Media Fellowship House: 610-565-0434
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania of Delco: 215-751-1800
Nationalities Service Center: 215-893-8400 <a href="http://www.nationalitiesservice.org">www.nationalitiesservice.org</a>
PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services: 717-787-4592 <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us">www.dpw.state.pa.us</a>
Parents Involved Network of Delaware County: 215-751-1800 <a href="http://www.pinofpa.org">www.pinofpa.org</a>
Pennsylvania Department of Health: 1-877-724-3258 <a href="http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us">www.dsf.health.state.pa.us</a>
Pennsylvania Health Law Project: 215-625-3663 <a href="http://www.phlp.org">www.phlp.org</a>
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency: 717-780-3800 <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>
Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project: 215-925-2966 <a href="http://www.pailp.org">www.pailp.org</a>
Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehab: 215-560-1900 <a href="http://www.nepacil.org">www.nepacil.org</a>
Philabundance: 215-339-0900 <a href="http://www.philabundance.org">www.philabundance.org</a>
Presbyterian Children's Village
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program: 610-565-5563 <a href="http://www.seniorcorps.gov">www.seniorcorps.gov</a>
Rockbourne Falls Early Childhood Learning Center: 484-461-4664 <a href="http://www.dciu.org">www.dciu.org</a>
Select Senior Service Providers: 610-551-7801 <a href="http://www.selectseniorserviceproviders.org">www.selectseniorserviceproviders.org</a>
The Food Trust: 215-575-0444 <a href="http://www.thefoodtrust.org">www.thefoodtrust.org</a>
Turning Point For Children: 215-875-3400 <a href="http://www.turningpointsforchildren.org">www.turningpointsforchildren.org</a>
United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania: 610-971-8879 <a href="http://www.uwsepa.org">www.uwsepa.org</a>
Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation: 610-352-8410 <a href="http://www.udoutreachcorp.org">www.udoutreachcorp.org</a>
Upper Merion Senior Service Center: 610-265-4715 <a href="http://www.umssc.org">www.umssc.org</a>
Urban League of Philadelphia: 215-985-3220 <a href="http://www.urbanleaguephil.org">www.urbanleaguephil.org</a>
Widener Veterans Law Clinic: 610-874-1351 <a href="http://www.law.widener.edu">www.law.widener.edu</a>



# Information about Government Assistance and Grants

The *Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grants & Resources Directory* is a guide published and updated by Congressman Sestak's office to aid constituents and organizations through federal funding assistance and grant processes. The below information summarizes some key terms, grant basics, federal and state grant sources, private funding sources, and other resources. The entire directory is available in searchable PDF format online at <http://www.sestak.house.gov/services2.shtml>, and is updated every February. We encourage you to attend the meetings held for municipalities, first responders, private organizations, and individuals to describe how to use the directory, which are usually held in February.

## General Guide to Government Funding Assistance

**Individual benefits:** Individual benefits are often called "entitlements," and include Social Security benefits, Medicare, VA benefits, etc. For more information or assistance with these benefits, contact the Congressman's District Office at 610-892-8623 or mail to 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 203, Media, PA 19063 or visit (<http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits.en.portal>).

**Appropriations:** Often referred to as "earmarks," appropriations are usually large projects that are specifically placed in appropriations bills for limited purposes (i.e. not on-going operations). Forms to apply for an appropriation are available beginning in January by visiting <http://www.sestak.house.gov/fed.doc> or contacting the District Office at 610-892-8623 or by mail at 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 203, Media, PA 19063. The forms must be completed and returned to the District Office by the designated deadline (usually the end of February). Appropriations are approved once the appropriation bill containing it passes both houses and is signed by the President. This can happen as early as late fall, but in the last several decades, the process has often extended to the end of the year, and in some cases into the beginning of the next year. It should also be noted that recent actions by Congress have dramatically cut funds available for appropriations.

**Grants:** As the amount of money going to appropriations has decreased, more money has been funneled into the competitive grant process. Federal grant dollars are designated for federally administered grants, but large block grants are also given to states and local governments to administer. Even though a grant may come from a Pennsylvania department, quite often the source of the funding is a federal block grant. In addition to government grant money, hundreds of foundations and individuals offer grant opportunities and these should not be overlooked.

**Procurement:** Whether you are a small or large company, there are often government procurement opportunities available to you. One way to learn more about the procurement process is to attend the yearly PA 7<sup>th</sup> District's procurement summit. This event brings together government procurement officials, large government contractors, and area businesses to provide educational and networking opportunities, facilitating regional access to federal procurement dollars. If you are interested in attending, please state so in an email by visiting [http://www.sestak.house.gov/IMA/issue\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.sestak.house.gov/IMA/issue_subscribe.shtml) or contact the District Office at 610-892-8623 or by mail at 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 203, Media, PA 19063 to ensure you are on the notification list for this event. In the meantime, visit the Businesses and Non-Profits tab of <http://www.usa.gov/> or <https://www.fbo.gov/> to learn more about the federal government procurement process. Additional assistance is available through the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers. To find the center closest to you, contact Clyde Stoltzfus at 215-898-1219 or [clydes@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:clydes@wharton.upenn.edu).

### Grant Basics

1. Determine your need and formulate a plan for implementation.
2. Search or browse the federal, state, and private catalogs for potential grant opportunities that fit you need. This may require some creative thinking. Often grant solicitations will describe what they do not want, but will not fully explain what they will accept.
3. Once you have identified potential funding sources, it is often recommended that you contact the grant technician at the granting source to discuss the application process and how best to present your grant request in a way that maximizes the chances of award selection.
4. Check the sites weekly for new grant postings.
5. Learn how to write grant proposals. (see below for grant writing resources)

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## Federal Grant Sources

### **Grants.gov** ([www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov))

A Federal Grants web site that allows organizations to electronically find and apply for current competitive grant opportunities from ALL Federal agencies. Grant seekers can check on notices of funding availability posted in the last seven days; sign up to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities; and apply for Federal grants online through a unified process. For full Federal program descriptions, see CFDA below.

### **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** ([www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov))

The Catalog (CFDA), issued annually and updated continuously on the Web, describes some 1,600 Federal grants and non-financial assistance programs. Grant seekers can identify programs that might support their projects and can learn the program's objectives, requirements, application procedures and contacts. For current notices of funding availability, see Grants.gov. A hard copy of the catalog can be obtained through the Government Printing Office (<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/> or 1-866-512-1800) or by visiting a Federal Depository Library. Some local Federal Depository Libraries include: Norristown Public Library, Ursinus College Myrin Library, Swarthmore College McCabe Library, Villanova University Law School Library, and West Chester University Francis Harvey Green Library. A complete list can be found at (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/libraries.html>).

### **Federal Funds Express** ([http://www.house.gov/ffr/resources\\_all.shtml](http://www.house.gov/ffr/resources_all.shtml))

This website lists recommended sources of information for researching grants, procurement, and other resources on the Internet.

### **USA.gov Government-to-Government** (the Government Employees tab at [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov))

Thousands of grants and loans are made by the Federal government to State and local governments, as well as other public entities. This site provides one-stop access to grants management and Federal Assistance programs, in addition to resources about acquisition and procurement, financial management, and taxes.

### **USA.gov for Nonprofits and Businesses** (the Businesses and Non-Profits tab at [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov))

Links to Federal Department and Agency information and services for nonprofit organizations, including fundraising and outreach, grants, loans and other assistance, laws and regulations, management and operations, online services, registration and licensing, and tax information.

## Private, Corporate, and Other Funding Sources

### **The Foundation Center** (<http://www.foundationcenter.org/>)

A gateway to information about private funding sources, the grant-seeking process, guidelines on writing a grant proposal, addresses of State libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful websites. The Center maintains a comprehensive database on foundations; produces print, Web, and CD-ROM directories and guides; conducts research and publishes studies in the field; and offers a variety of training and educational seminars.

### **Regional Foundation Center** (<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/rfc/>)

Informs the local nonprofit sector through research, resources and referrals. The RFC houses Philadelphia's largest publicly accessible collection of print and electronic resources on fundraising, nonprofit management, general philanthropy and institutional advancement. The RFC also provides free access to the Foundation Directory Online--the most comprehensive database of U.S. grant makers and their grants. Through its comprehensive collection and professionally certified staff librarians, the RFC promotes responsible nonprofit management and successful fundraising by nonprofit groups at all levels-- from grassroots startups to established institutions. Free Library of Philadelphia, Parkway Central, 1901 Vine Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am - 5 pm, First Saturday of each month, 1pm- 5 pm  
Programs: Orientations may be scheduled for your group of three or more persons; appointments are not otherwise required. Learn more about attending programs, scheduling appointments, or avoiding crowds by calling in advance: 215-686-5423.

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**Delaware Valley Grantmakers** (<http://www.dvg.org/>)

Regional resource for networking, news and information on grantmaking and philanthropy in the greater Philadelphia and neighboring regions.

**National Association of Counties** (<http://www.naco.org/>)

The Association's website contains a grant clearing house of resource opportunities for counties.

**Grant Resources by State (Grantsmanship Center)** (search for Pennsylvania at <http://www.tgci.com>)

Click on State map to find links to information about a state's foundations, community foundations, corporate giving programs and the State's home page.

**Community Foundation Locator (Council on Foundations)** (<http://www.cof.org/locator>)

Community foundations that have special interest in funding local and community projects.

**Council on Foundations** (<http://www.cof.org/>)

Provides links to grantmakers websites.

**Grants for Nonprofits, Grants for Individuals, Funding for Business or Economic Development, and other Funding Tools and Links** (<http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/index.htm>)

**Philanthropic Studies Library**

Subject Links: (<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/special/psl/index.html>)

**GuideStar** ([www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org))

Offers a searchable database of over 700,000 U.S. nonprofit organizations.

**Nonprofit Gateway** ([www.nonprofit.gov](http://www.nonprofit.gov))

Provides links to Federal government information and services.

**Philanthropy News Network** ([www.pnnonline.org](http://www.pnnonline.org))

Information for the nonprofit sector, also provides free e-mail alerts twice weekly.

**SchoolGrants** (<http://www.schoolgrants.org>)

A site for PreK-12 school grant opportunities and resources.

**Women's Funding Network** (<http://www.wfnet.org/>)

The Women's Funding Network is 135 organizations that fund women's solutions across the globe. The Network gives women the money and tools to transform their ideas into lasting change -- in every critical area from combating poverty to achieving advances in healthcare, education and human rights.

## Other Resources

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Consumer Alert** (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm>)

Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, and unpaid bills are often a scam. Most sources of grants do not give money to individuals for personal need (except in disaster situations). The FTC, the Nation's Consumer Protection Agency, also warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for free information.

**Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars** (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html>)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in Catalog program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

## 7th Congressional District Resources Directory

In addition to the Grant Directory, organizations seeking funding should review the *7th Congressional District Resource Directory for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA or Recovery Act), available online at <http://www.sestak.house.gov>.

This directory is updated weekly and provides detailed information on the provisions of the ARRA, and includes contact information and websites for programs. It is organized by government agency.

In many cases, ARRA provides additional funding for existing programs at the Federal and State levels. In light of this, if you are interested in applying for funding, you should visit the Federal Agency to which you would normally apply for funds.

For new programs, detailed implementation plans may not yet be available, but the website locations are provided for future reference.

How to Locate and Use the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional Resource Directory:

- Visit <http://www.sestak.house.gov>
- Scroll down to "Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - Resource Directory"
- Open PDF, "Resource Directory"
- With any questions, please contact my District Office at 610-892-8623.

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