

## DEPARTMENT OF AGING

www.aging.state.pa.us

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**Senior Community Center Grant Program** – Grants will be awarded to senior centers by two categories: capital assistance and capacity building. Capital assistance projects will receive up to \$200,000 for renovations, repairs, equipment, furnishings or acquisition of land or facilities and construction, while capacity building projects will receive up to \$10,000 to help pay for administration, fundraising or help in growing the programs and services offered at senior centers.

Information about is available at the Department of Aging’s Web site: [www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us) or the Pennsylvania Senior Centers’ Web site: [www.paseniorcenters.org](http://www.paseniorcenters.org).

### RELATED PROGRAMS

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – The federally funded LIHEAP helps low-income households pay for a variety of home heating fuel sources and furnace repairs in the winter. It is administered by the state Department of Public Welfare (DPW). DPW works with the Department of Aging Area Agency on Aging to encourage eligible seniors to apply.

Applications for LIHEAP are available at County Assistance Offices, local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or Community Action Agencies.

Cash grants may be submitted online at: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us). Individuals do not have to be on public assistance or own their own home to qualify for LIHEAP.

Crisis grants of up to \$300 are available for heating emergencies, such as mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages.

For more information about LIHEAP, call the toll-free LIHEAP Hotline at: 1 (866) 857-7095, Monday through Friday.

**RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)** – RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. RSVP volunteers are not paid but sponsoring organizations may reimburse them for some costs incurred during service. RSVP provides appropriate volunteer insurance coverage and volunteers receive pre-service orientation and in-service training from the agency or organization where they are placed.

**Eligibility:** RSVP is open to people age 55 and over. Community and faith-based organizations receive grants to sponsor and operate RSVP projects in their community. These projects recruit seniors to serve from a few hours a month to almost full time, though the average commitment is four hours a week.

**Contact** – National Senior Corps or call toll free at: 1 (800) 424-8867.

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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 <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/pagrows/cwp/view.asp?a=438&q=137343> to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change.

**Agricultural Product Promotion Matching Grant Program** – This program provides matching funds to Pennsylvania non-profit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations for projects intended to increase consumer awareness and increase sales. Matching funds required.

Contact – Frank Jurbala, Director, Bureau of Market Development or Shelby Nestler, [snestler@state.pa.us](mailto:snestler@state.pa.us) or by calling (717) 787-6041 or visit: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us).

**Agricultural Rural and Youth Grant Program** – This program is a competitive program that seeks projects to increase the knowledge and awareness of agricultural and rural issues among the youth in Pennsylvania. The program offers eligible organizations the opportunity to apply for a matching grant up to \$10,000 and a direct grant up to \$2,500.

Organizations comprised of persons eighteen (18) years of age or younger and which are organized and recognized within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote development of agriculture, rural community leadership, vocational training or peer fellowship are considered eligible applicants.

Contact – Kristi Rooker at: [krooker@state.pa.us](mailto:krooker@state.pa.us), telephone (717) 787-5342 or visit: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us).

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

Contact – (717) 787-5342 or [www.visitpa.com/keystonecountry](http://www.visitpa.com/keystonecountry).

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

Contact – Kristi Rooker at: [krooker@state.pa.us](mailto:krooker@state.pa.us), telephone (717) 787-5342.

**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 farm, or transition to a new agriculture career.

Contact – 1 (877) 475-2686 or [www.iplantofarm.com](http://www.iplantofarm.com).

**Commercial Orchard and Fruit Tree Nursery Indemnity Program** – This program is intended to provide commercial orchard owners and commercial fruit tree nursery owners financial relief from some of the costs associated with the outbreak of Plum Pox Virus (PPV). The department instituted statutory procedures and requirements under which it will award grants under this program. PA commercial orchard and fruit tree growers who have been given written treatment orders for PPV eradication measures from the USDA and/or the department are eligible.

Contact – Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, at: (717) 787-4843.

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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 national crop insurance program is undergoing significant changes and improvements as a result of the new Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

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.

**Farm Safety & Occupational Health (FSOH) Grant Program** – This program will award financial assistance of up to \$2,500 to statewide farm organizations, volunteer fire companies, ambulance services and rescue squads within this Commonwealth that wish to develop and deliver farm safety, occupational health and emergency response programs.

Applications will be accepted at the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room G-13, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

**Contact** – Phillip Pitzer at [ppitzer@state.pa.us](mailto:ppitzer@state.pa.us), telephone (717) 772-5206 or Nada Coup at [ncoup@state.pa.us](mailto:ncoup@state.pa.us), telephone (717) 772-5201.

**First Industries Fund** – One of 19 programs in 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** – Go to [www.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com) for more information or 1 (888) PAgrows.

**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 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** – Go to [www.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com) for more information or 1 (888) PAgrows.

**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

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	<p>the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at: (717) 783-3167.</p>
<p><b>Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund</b> – Low-interest loan financing to acquire and install new or used machinery and equipment or to upgrade existing machinery and equipment.</p>	<p>No date specified. Production agriculture and agricultural processing are eligible. Up to 10 year term that must be directly related to farming or food manufacturing process.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – Go to <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or 1 (888) PAgrows.</p>
<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.</p>	<p>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 land 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 \$500,000 or \$1 million as a partnership).</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – Go to <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or 1 (888) PAgrows.</p>
<p><b>Organic Cost Share Program</b> – Reimbursement towards organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Jared Grissinger at (717) 705-9513 or <a href="http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us">www.agriculture.state.pa.us</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><b>Contact</b> – 1 (888) PAgrows or <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council Grants</b> – Available to regional non-profit hardwood utilization groups for on-going promotion and economic development activities, and for research and special projects supporting expansion of hardwood industry.</p>	<p><b>Application Availability</b> – Generally July 1 to June 30</p> <p><b>Average Grant Amount</b> – \$10,000 – \$70,000</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – Hardwoods Development Council at: (717) 772-3715.</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><b>Contact</b> – Joanna Gresham at (717) 772-3094 or <a href="http://www.papreferred.com">www.papreferred.com</a>.</p>

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<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.</p>	<p>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>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a>.</p> <p>Contact – <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or call 1 (888) PAgrows.</p>
<p><b>Small Business First</b> – Funding for small businesses, including: low-interest loans for land and building acquisitions and construction, machinery and equipment purchases, and working capital.</p>	<p>No date specified. Production agriculture and agricultural processing are eligible. Up to 15 year term for land and building; up to 10 year term for machinery and equipment; up to 3 year term for working capital.</p> <p>Contact – <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or 1 (888) PAgrows.</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 incoming receiving assistance.</p>	<p>Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at: (717) 787-4737.</p>
<p><b>USDA – FSA Direct Loans</b> – 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.</p>	<p>No dates specified. Loan applicant must pay a credit report fee, lien searches (if loan is made), and filing and recording security instruments.</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/</a>.</p> <p>Contact – <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or call 1 (888) PAgrows.</p>
<p><b>USDA-FSA Guaranteed Loans</b> – 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.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/</a>.</p> <p>Contact – <a href="http://www.PAgrows.com">www.PAgrows.com</a> for more information or call 1 (888) PAgrows.</p>

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**Act 47 – Municipalities Financial Recovery Act –**  
 Provides loan and grant funds to financially distressed local governments as well as technical assistance to formulate financial recovery plans. Only local governments are eligible to apply.

**Contact –** Fred Reddig at: 1 (888) 223-6837;  
 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) –** The OAD is the conduit for resources provided by the federal government’s Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). ARC is a unique partnership composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a presidential appointee representing the federal government. Grassroots participation is provided through Local Development Districts (LDDs) – multi-county organizations with boards made up of elected officials, businesspeople, and other local leaders. Eligible are economic development organizations, non-profit entities, local government in Appalachia PA. Funding is used for skill and knowledge, physical infrastructure, community capacity building, dynamic local economies and health care.

**Contact –** Local Development District (LDD); 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – Venture Investment Program –** Investment in venture capital partnerships investing in early-stage PA technology companies. Eligible are venture capital partnerships and angel investment groups. Funding is used for investment in venture capital partnerships, angel investment funds and similar initiatives.

**Contact –** Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, [www.benfranklin.org](http://www.benfranklin.org);  
 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – Technology Development Grant –** Grants to help groups or consortia of Pennsylvania companies position themselves at the cutting edge of emerging technologies and establish a competitive advantage through the use of advanced e-business systems. Eligible are not-for-profit organizations; Community groups. Used for technology development/ advancement in the community.

**Contact –** Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, [www.benfranklin.org](http://www.benfranklin.org);  
 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – University Research Funding –** Grants designed to promote stronger synergy between university-based research and development and the transfer of technology as it relates to economic and work force development. Eligible are colleges or universities and non-profit organizations partnering with colleges/universities. Used for research and development, technology transfer, approved course of study.

**Contact –** Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, [www.benfranklin.org](http://www.benfranklin.org);  
 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Ben Franklin Technology Partners** – Funding for research and development, technology transfer, joint research and development. Eligible are technology development/application; research and development; start-up or existing companies. Used for research and development (for Product/Process Development), technology transfer; joint research and development (private companies and universities), technology training/entrepreneurial infrastructure. Amounts typically range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 (varies somewhat between centers and project type).

**Contact** – Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, [www.benfranklin.org](http://www.benfranklin.org); 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Business Retention & Expansion Program – (BREP)** – The Pennsylvania Business Retention Program (BREP) was established in 1997 to forge better working relationships and stronger collaboration among various public, private, state and local economic development organizations, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of efforts to retain and grow existing Pennsylvania businesses. The program is used to foster collaboration for economic vitality through business retention and expansion. The grant amount varies from region to region. The amount depends upon how many visits the region plans to make on behalf of BREP.

**Contact** – If you would like to suggest that a company be visited, contact the BREP Regional Coordinator in your region. A list of the BREP Regional Coordinators, their contact information, and the counties in which they serve are: BREP Regional Information; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Broadband Outreach & Aggregation Fund (BOAF)** – Grant assistance to qualified applicants to implement outreach programs concerning the benefits, use and procurement of broadband services as well as providing seed grants to aggregate customer demand in communities with little or no service so that the providers can respond to the new demand for services in a more timely fashion.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Building PA** – Provides mezzanine capital for developers for real estate assets in small to mid-sized Pennsylvania communities. Eligible are Professional Investment Fund Managers through a Request for Qualification (RFQ).

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Business in Our Sites Grants and Loans** – Empowers communities to attract growing and expanding businesses by helping them build an inventory of ready sites. Municipalities, municipal authorities; redevelopment authorities; industrial development agencies, and private developers are eligible. No maximum or minimum, except that the maximum amount of the funding for projects located within a single city, borough, town or township may not exceed 15 percent of the funds available for the program. Grants may not exceed 50 percent of the total amount of the financing provided, or \$5 million, whichever is less.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Business Opportunities Fund (BOF)** – Installment loans, lines of credit and technical assistance for minority business enterprises, women-owned business enterprises and small businesses. Eligible is any small business, but the program will give priority to small businesses requiring capital and technical assistance in order to compete for governmental and private sector contracts. This pilot program is open to businesses located in the Community First Fund’s service area: Adams, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry and York. It is used for cash flow (working capital) – including most business operation and expansion expenses; equipment – includes acquisition, delivery, installation, and renovation of new and used equipment; leasehold improvements; and acquisition of owner-occupied real estate. When necessary, the Community First Fund will provide technical assistance to borrowers in procurement, certification as minority or women contractors, bonding and bid preparation.

**Contact** – Daniel Betancourt, President and CEO Community First Fund, 30 W. Orange St., P.O. Box 524 Lancaster, PA 17608-0524, 1 (717) 393-2351

**Citizens Job Bank** – A public/private \$150 million loan partnership between Citizens Bank and the Commonwealth. Eligible are PA manufacturing, industrial and distribution operations, and select business services. The loan is used for machinery and equipment; land and building. \$1,000,000 min, \$10,000,000 max; Loans may not exceed 75 percent of project cost. Building acquisition/remodeling loans are limited to 75 percent of appraised value.

**Contact** – Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania Eastern Regional Contacts –  
Rodger Levenson – 1 (484) 530-3630;  
Michael Rainone – 1 (610) 941-8400  
Western Regional Contacts –  
Ralph Papa – 1 (412) 867-2224;  
Daniel Kennelly – 1 (412) 867-2897.  
1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** – Grants and technical assistance for federal designated municipalities for any type of community development. It is an entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities. Competitive program is available to all non-federal entitlement municipalities. Entitlement funding is set by formula; Competitive Program – \$500,000 maximum; 70 percent of each grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Refer to program guidelines.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or  
[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Community Economic Development Loan Program** – Low-interest loans for projects in distressed communities, stimulating self-help initiatives and helping people build assets at the individual, family and community levels. For-profit small businesses (100 employees or less) that are located

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in a DCED designated distressed community and Keystone Opportunity Zones are eligible. Loans up to \$100,000 or 50 percent of total eligible project cost, whichever is less, 2 percent interest rate.

**Community Revitalization (CR)** – Program provides grant funds to support local initiatives to promote the stability of communities. The program also assists communities in achieving and maintaining social and economic diversity to ensure a productive tax base and a good quality of life. Grants vary. Eligible are local governments, municipal and redevelopment authorities and agencies, industrial development agencies, non-profit corporations incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com) and your local legislative office.

**Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)** – Provides federal funds and discretionary grants to community action agencies to support programs that promote economic self-sufficiency. A limited amount of “discretionary funds” are available yearly to fund special or demonstration projects. Designated Community Action Agencies serving individuals whose income is at 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

**Contact** – Local community action agencies; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Core Communities Housing Program** – Provides state-funded grants for affordable housing activities in core communities. The initiative funds housing activities eligible under the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Program for new or rehabilitated housing developments, but only on previously developed sites. Grants are for affordable housing activities in previously developed areas undertaken by counties, municipalities, redevelopment authorities, and certain nonprofit organizations. Used for any housing activity permitted by Housing & Redevelopment Assistance guidelines. (The demolition of structures may only be funded if there is an immediate housing reuse for that same site.)

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Customized Job Training Program (CJT)** – Grants for specialized job training to existing or newly hired employees. Grants up to 75 percent of the eligible costs for new job creation, retention, re-training. Must be for actual training. Trainees must be residents of PA and be employed in PA. Participating trainees must earn more than 150 percent of current minimum wage. Training must be guaranteed.

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**Early Intervention Program** – Provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short and long term financial objectives. Grants up to \$100,000 for 50 percent of total project cost. Applicant must provide 50 percent match. Refer to program guidelines for details.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Economic Stimulus Package Technical Assistance** – Technical assistance for local governments as part of the Economic Stimulus Package. Eligible are Local Governments. Used for an interdisciplinary team of economic development professionals knowledgeable in all facets of the Stimulus Package that will help communities maximize their use of funding programs.

Contact – Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, 1 (888) 223-6837; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Educational Improvement Tax Credit** – Provides tax credits to eligible businesses who contribute to a scholarship organization of an educational improvement organization. Tax credits equal to 75 percent of its contribution up to a maximum of \$300,000 per taxable year, or 90 percent tax credit if company commits to the same contribution for 2 years.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Elm Street** – Grant funds for planning, technical assistance and physical improvements to residential and mixed use areas in proximity to central business districts. Used for revitalization of residential and mixed use neighborhoods, and administration costs to support an Elm Street Program. Eligible entities include municipalities, redevelopment authorities, non-profit main street organizations, economic development organizations, and neighborhood improvement districts. Grants are up to \$250,000 for administrative costs associated with hiring a full-time manager and related office expenses over a maximum 5-year program. Minimum 10 percent local match is required.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Emergency Responders Resources & Training Program (ERRTP)** – ERRTP funds may be used for emergency responder improvement projects. These projects must demonstrate a benefit to community activities associated with police, fire, ambulance or related public safety services.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)** – Federal grants funding to assist in creating or rehabilitating shelter space for the homeless. Eligible are local governments; local governments on behalf of private, non-profit organizations. Used for creation or rehabilitation of shelter space for the homeless, the purchase of machinery, equipment, furniture and appliances for homeless shelters, the provision of new social services, or the development or upgrade of shelter space.

**Amount** – \$50,000 minimum and no maximum.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Employment and Community Conservation** – Grants for employment and training opportunities for the poverty and extreme low-income population. Eligible are municipalities; non-profit entities. Used for Job training skills for low-income.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Employment and Community Conservation (ECC)** – Program provides grant funding to non-profit agencies to start up or develop social services, education, job training and community development projects that increase economic opportunities for low-income communities and individuals. Grant amounts vary. Local governments and private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Enterprise Zone Program** – Grants to financially disadvantaged communities for preparing and implementing business development strategies within municipal Enterprise Zones. Eligible are municipalities, redevelopment authorities, non-profit economic development organizations, or other non-profit organizations on a case-by-case basis. Use for business development surveys; Business development strategy/preparation; Revolving fund business.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Export Finance Program (EFP)** – The Pennsylvania Export Finance Program provides small businesses with access to pre-export working capital and post-export accounts receivable financing through a direct loan program. Eligible are small businesses (250 employees or less) exporting goods or services internationally. It is used for working capital financing, accounts receivable financing, revolving lines of credit.

**Contact** – Area Loan Organizations; Team Pennsylvania Export Network at: 1 (888) 483-2672; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Family Savings Account Program** – Provides grants to community-based non-profits to establish programs that provide matching funds to a low-income person’s own savings. Participants may receive up to \$2000 in matching funds, must save for at least 12 months to 24 months/36 months (depending on contract period). Lifetime limit of match for one person is \$2000.

**Contact** – Karhryn Rulli – 1 (717) 720-7331; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**First Industries Fund** – The First Industries Fund is a grant and loan program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania’s agriculture and tourism industries. The First Industries Fund is part of PA Grows, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s new initiative designed to assist agricultural producers in gaining access to the capital they need to begin, continue, or expand their businesses. Eligible for planning grants, loans and loan guarantees for the agriculture and tourism industries. Used for Agriculture & Tourism Loans: Land and building acquisition and construction; Machinery and equipment purchase and upgrades; Working capital; Operation of Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) by Regional organizations - Grants: Planning and redevelopment - Loan Guarantees: Large-scale projects that demonstrate regional impact; deploy new or innovative technologies; demonstration of significant job creation.

**Contact** – Area Loan Organizations, DCED Customer Service 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com) or the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Web site: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us).

**Floodplain Land Use Assistance Program** – This program provides grants and technical assistance to encourage the proper use of land and the management of floodplain lands. Local governments may apply for 50 percent of eligible costs. There is no maximum dollar limit.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Go Global Grant Program** – The Pennsylvania Go Global Grant Program is designed to enhance public awareness of the increasing linkages between Pennsylvania and the global economy. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) seeks to challenge Pennsylvania’s business organizations and institutions to understand and support Pennsylvania’s effort to advance the Commonwealth’s international competitiveness by expanding exports and increasing direct investment in Pennsylvania. Applicants must be based in Pennsylvania and be one of the following types of organizations: 1. Economic development organization; 2. Industrial development corporation or authority; 3. Technology council; 4. Chamber of commerce; 5. Regional marketing organization; 6. Local or county

**Contact** – DCED’s Office of International Business Development (OIBD) administers the Pennsylvania Go Global Grant Program 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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government; 7. Membership-based business organization; 8. Non-profit /Non-government organization.

The Go Global Grant Program will support partnering organizations to organize and conduct events that are designed to either help promote Pennsylvania exports or to help attract new foreign investment to Pennsylvania. Matching grant of up to \$10,000 per year per organization.

**Growing Greener II** – 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. The eligible projects may include approaches that assist in business development and/or public improvements in core communities. Typical grants average between \$250,000 and \$500,000; no required match level, but matching should be demonstrated. No minimum or maximum.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Guaranteed Free Training Program (GFT-WEDnetPA)** – Basic skills and information technology training for new employees and new and expanding businesses. Basic skills include up to \$450 per trainee and \$75,000 per company. Information Technology includes up to \$700 per trainee and \$50,000 per company. Trainees must be residents of Pennsylvania and be employed in Pennsylvania. Participating trainees must earn more than 150 percent of current minimum wage.

Contact – WednetPA: 14 state universities and S.W. Center, 15 PA community colleges, Penn College of Technology, N.C. Industrial Technical Education Center, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Gtr. Altoona and Lancaster County Career/Tech Centers; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Home Ownership Choice Program** – An incentive of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to finance new, single-family home construction in blighted areas of the Commonwealth. A sponsoring partnership must exist of the municipal entity, a for-profit building/developer and a non-profit builder/developer. HCP funding must be matched by the sponsoring organization on at least a one-to-one basis. 50 percent of the match requirement being provided by the municipality. Project proposals must be submitted to PHFA by specific deadlines.

Contact – PHFA, [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org), Robert Bobinchek at (717) 780-1801; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**HOME Program** – Federally funded program provides local governments with loan and technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low-income Pennsylvanians. A 25 percent local match on project costs from non-federal resources for existing

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housing is required. A 30 percent local match is required for new construction. Maximum grant is \$500,000. Local governments, which are not in HUD participating jurisdictions and local governments on behalf of private and non-profit and for-profit housing development corporations are eligible to apply.

**Housing and Redevelopment Assistance (HRA)** – Program provides state-funded grants for community revitalization and economic development activities to occur on a local level. Specifically, this program assists communities in becoming competitive for business, retention, expansion and attraction. It also funds projects that assist with community revitalization in the area of housing and low-income housing. Local governments, redevelopment authorities and housing authorities are eligible to apply. There is no minimum or maximum amount and grants average between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Industrial Sites Reuse Program** – Grant and low-interest loan financing to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work at former industrial sites. Eligible are public entities, private nonprofit economic development entities, and companies involved in reuse of former industrial land. Entities that did not cause or contribute to environmental contamination are eligible also. It is used for Phase I, II and III environmental assessments; remediation of hazardous substances. Grants and loans up to \$200,000 for environmental assessments; Grants and loans up to \$1 million for remediation with interest rates of 2 percent. Letter of intent is required.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program** – A multi-year grant program that will provide grants to certain issuers of debt in order to assist with the payment of debt service. Eligible are authorities that issue debt for tax increment financing; redevelopment authorities; convention center authorities, including municipal authorities formed for the purpose of convention center activities; and the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority. Used for payment of debt service incurred by the authority relating to debt issued for the project.

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<p><b>Infrastructure Development Program (IDP)</b> – Provides grant and low-interest loan financing for public and private infrastructure improvements. Loans and grants up to \$1.25 million.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Local industrial development authorities; Local municipal authorities; Redevelopment authorities; Local development districts; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Innovation Partnership (IPart)</b> – Assistance for early-stage PA technology companies applying to Federal Funding opportunities such as SBIR/STTR. Eligible are early-stage PA technology companies working with an IPart Partners organization. Used for federal proposal preparation assistance.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Refer to program Web site for Partner Organizational Contacts</p>
<p><b>Job Creation Tax Credits</b> – Program provides a \$1,000-per-job tax credit to businesses that will create new jobs in the Commonwealth within three years. Must create at least 25 new jobs or new jobs equaling at least 20 percent of the existing work force.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Keystone Innovation Grant</b> – Keystone Innovation Grants provide funding to encourage the technology transfer and commercialization of intellectual property between Pennsylvania’s technology-oriented businesses and entrepreneurs and Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ)-participating Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). The Keystone Innovation Grant program is a companion program to the <u><a href="#">Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) program</a></u>.</p> <p>Eligible are KIZ-participating IHEs. Keystone Innovation Grants are designed to assist Pennsylvania’s IHEs that are members of the KIZ Partnerships improve their performance in transferring technology from their institutions to the marketplace. The technology areas of focus will be the same as those adopted by the KIZ Partnership as their priority areas.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Keystone Innovation Starter Kit</b> – Keystone Innovation Starter Kits are designed to recruit new, top-level research faculty to Pennsylvania academic medical centers and institutions of higher education to accelerate the development of a cluster of companies and employees in emerging and growing technology areas. The Starter Kit program is a companion program to the <u><a href="#">Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) program</a></u>. Eligible are KIZ participating institutions of higher education, academic medical centers and research institutions.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>

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**Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ)** – Provides grant funds to community/university partnerships to generate job growth through tech transfer and entrepreneurship. Focused around campuses and property around college and universities. Partnerships must include: institution of higher education, economic development organizations, private sector businesses, business support organizations, commercial lending institutions, venture capital, and foundations.

Recommended partners include: local government organizations and workforce development organizations. Zone must be geographically identified with links to institutions of higher education. Grant funds will be used for Zone coordination, strategic planning, personnel costs, hiring of consultants and administration of the zone. Companies located in tax zones, in operation less than 8 years and fall under the industry sector focus, are eligible to apply for state tax credits.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)** – Provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Eligible are qualified businesses, property owners and residents. Qualified means you satisfactorily meet the necessary criteria listed in the Act. It is used for businesses, property owners and residents that are located in a KOZ, KOEZ/KOIZ are eligible to receive significant state and local tax benefits.

Contact – Regional Zone Coordinators; Customer Service Center, KOZ Online Application; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund** – State grants to improve the physical facilities of public libraries. Joint applications are required from a sponsoring municipality (or Councils of Government and authorities approved by the participating local governing body of the COG or authority) and a state-aided public library. Used to construct new library buildings, renovate or rehabilitate existing facilities and make library buildings accessible for persons with disabilities. Requires a dollar for dollar match.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP)** – Provides grants for the preparation of community comprehensive plans and the ordinances to implement them. It promotes cooperation between municipalities. Approval must be obtained PRIOR to start of comprehensive plan. Applicants are to provide a minimum 50 percent match of cash or in-kind services.

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**Local Government Capital Project Loan Program** – Provides low interest loans for the purchase of equipment and facility needs to small local governments. Fifty percent of the total cost of purchasing equipment up to a maximum of \$25,000 or 50 percent of the total cost for purchase, construction or renovation of municipal facilities up to a maximum of \$50,000.

Contact – Sharon Grau at 1 (888) 223-6837; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Local Municipal Resources and Development Program (LMRDP)** – Grants to municipalities for improving quality of life within the community. Eligible are municipalities and non-profit entities. No minimum or maximum; typical grants are between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds) Luzerne County** – As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), DCED has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Luzerne County. Eligible applicants include any municipality in Luzerne County, with preference given to host municipality (Plains Township) and contiguous municipalities, including Bear Creek Township, Forty Fort Borough, Jenkins Township, Kingston Borough, Laflin Borough, Laurel Run Borough, Wilkes-Barre City, Wilkes-Barre Township and Wyoming Borough. Uses will vary based on location, but funds are generally used for community and economic development projects. See program guidelines for specific eligible uses of funds.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds) Monroe County** – As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), DCED has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account Funds in Monroe County. Eligible applicants include any municipality in Monroe County, as well as those counties and municipalities contiguous to Monroe County. Economic development and redevelopment authorities in Monroe County and the contiguous counties (Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne) are also eligible. (NOTE: The total local share account funds will be divided into two equal funds: one for Monroe County and the other for projects in contiguous counties.) Uses will vary based on location, but funds are generally used for community and economic development projects. See program guidelines for specific eligible uses of funds.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds) Washington County** – As required under Act 71 (the Gaming Act), DCED has developed program guidelines for Local Share Account funds in Washington County. Eligible applicants include Washington County, as well as economic development and redevelopment authorities within Washington County. Uses will vary based on location, but funds are generally used for community and economic development projects. See program guidelines for specific eligible uses of funds.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF)** – Low interest loan financing to acquire and install new or used machinery and equipment or to upgrade existing machinery and equipment. Loans of up to \$5 million or 50 percent total eligible project costs, whichever is less.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Main Street Program** – A five-year program designed to help a downtown economic development effort. Municipalities and redevelopment authorities are eligible. Grants total \$115,000 over a five-year period. Match required.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Market Access Grant (MAG)** – Designed to enhance the capability of small and mid-sized Pennsylvania companies to increase export sales. The Pennsylvania Market Access Grant (MAG) is a valuable tool available to qualifying companies seeking financial assistance and foreign market entry support. Eligible are export-ready Pennsylvania companies in good standing. The MAG program is designed to provide flexibility and encourage innovative use of funds to meet the specific international marketing needs of the applicant. Examples: trade mission participation, trade show exhibition, consultant fees for web site internationalization, training and workshops (CE Mark, CSA, ISO, etc.). Matching grant with maximum annual award of \$5,000 per company.

Contact – Regional Export Network; Center for Trade Development; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Matching Fund Program** – The purpose is to allow the Commonwealth to provide part of the funds necessary for a local Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) to conduct appropriate destination marketing. Only properly designated TPAs may receive grants under the Matching Fund Program. Consult the Matching Fund Program Guidelines for complete program details.

Contact – Eligible TPAs are required to complete the Matching Fund application contained in the Matching Fund Program guidelines. If you have any questions, please e-mail Janice Collier at: [jacollier@state.pa.us](mailto:jacollier@state.pa.us).

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**Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)** – Tax credit program to encourage businesses to donate capital that can be used to provide eligible services to low-income persons or distressed neighborhoods. Eligible are non-profits and for profit businesses. A project must serve low-income persons or residents of economically distressed neighborhoods. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: community services, crime prevention education, job training or neighborhood assistance.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Neighborhood Assistance, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (NAP-EZP)** – An incentive program that provides tax credits to businesses investing in or making physical improvements to properties located within designated enterprise zones. Eligible is any business or industry, including insurance companies, utilities, banks, savings and loans. Used for real property improvements such as rehab, expansion or physical improvements to buildings or land located within designated enterprise zones.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Neighborhood Assistance, Neighborhood Partnership Program (NAP/NPP)** – Corporate tax liability credit for businesses that sponsor a neighborhood organization to develop and implement a neighborhood revitalization plan by contributing a substantial amount of cash per year over an extended period of time. Eligible are non-profits and for profit businesses. Programs must serve clients who are low-income and residents of economically distressed neighborhoods specified by the neighborhood organization. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: Housing; education; health and social services; community development; job training; crime prevention; and community participation.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**New PA Venture Capital Investment Program** – Loans to venture capital partnerships to invest in growth-stage PA companies. Venture capital investment firms are eligible. Used for investment in young job-producing companies; investments must be made in underserved areas defined as outside the Philadelphia MSA and those with populations below 1 million. Amounts are variable and to be determined by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Contact – Commonwealth Financing Authority; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**New Pennsylvania Venture Guarantee Program** – Guarantees to top-tier venture capital partnerships for investments in growth stage pa companies. Venture Capital partnerships are eligible. It is used for Guarantees on the first losses of equity investment made in Pennsylvania companies.

Contact – Refer to Commonwealth Financing Authority; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Opportunity Grant Program** – Provides grant funds to create or preserve jobs within the Commonwealth. Projects must offer substantial economic impact; 4:1 private match required.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program (PAHP)** – Provides grants to local entities to carry out home modification programs that will enable low- and moderate-income persons with physical disabilities of all ages to make their home more accessible. No minimum or maximum; grants average \$250,000.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pennsylvania Base Development Committee** – This initiative is designed to assist local defense organizations to promote and enhance the military value of over 70,000 active, reserve, National Guard and Department of Defense positions located on 11 major installations across the Commonwealth. Eligible are local gov/non-profits incorporated to function as a local defense group. Grants typically range between \$75,000 and \$250,000.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP)** – Loan guarantee through participating banks to be used to support a wide variety of business purposes. It is used for land, building, equipment, working capital. Guaranteed loans up to \$500,000.

Contact – Participating banks. Check with DCED on banks in your region, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program (PCD Bank)** – Debt financing for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Eligible are public funds (25 percent) matched with private sector funds (75 percent) to create a loan pool for eligible CDFIs; state accredited community development financial institution. CDFI must meet state accreditation standards and program underwriting guidelines. Minimum two years lending experience. Focus on economic development and job creation.

Contact – DCED Center for Business Financing, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt Bond Program** – Tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled transactions and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment, working capital and refinancing. Eligible is manufacturing; nonprofit 501(c) (3); energy; solid waste disposal; wastewater treatment; transportation facilities; assisted living/housing. Program is used for land and building acquisition; building renovation and new construction; machinery and equipment acquisition and installation; designated infrastructure.

Contact – Industrial Development Authorities and Corporations, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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<p><b>Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (Taxable) (PEDFA)</b> – Tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled transactions and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment, working capital and refinancing. Loans no less than \$400,000, up to 100 percent of project costs.</p>	<p>Contact – Industrial Development Authorities and Corporations, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)</b> – Low-interest loan financing through industrial development corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation resulting in the creation or retention of jobs. Loans up to \$2 million (within Enterprise Zones, Act 47 communities, Brownfield sites, and Keystone Opportunity Zones, up to \$2.25 million).</p>	<p>Contact – Local Industrial Development Corporations, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB)</b> – Low-interest loans for the design, engineering, right-of-way and repair, reconstruction and construction of public highways, bridges, public and private airports and railroads and public transportation systems. Eligible are all public highways and bridges as well as airports, rail freight and public transportation facilities are eligible to apply. Used for roadway and bridge construction and repair, traffic signals, roadway drainage improvements, airport runways, hangars and equipment, railroad track, equipment and signals, and public transportation capital facilities and purchases.</p>	<p>Contact – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at <a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us">www.dot.state.pa.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)</b> – Low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction of publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater treatment and collection systems. Up to \$11 million per project for one municipality; Up to \$20 million for more than one municipality; Up to \$2 million for upfront (5 year loan) design and engineering; Up to 100 percent of the eligible project costs; average project size is \$1.5 million.</p>	<p>Contact – <a href="http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us">www.pennvest.state.pa.us</a>. Refer to PennVEST section of the directory for further details; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)</b> – Low-interest loan financing to business owned and operated by ethnic minorities. Can be used for land and building acquisition, building construction and renovation, machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, working capital.</p>	<p>Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>

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**PNC's Pennsylvania Working Capital Growth Fund**

– PNC's Pennsylvania Working Capital Growth Fund is designed to provide low-interest revolving line of credit working capital financing, up to \$100,000,000 in funds available to lend. Small/medium sized businesses creating or retaining jobs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with annual sales up to \$30 million are eligible.

Contact – PNC's hotline at:

1 (800) PNC-7660 / 1 (800) 762-7660

or visit PNC Web site at:

[www.pncbank.com/paworkingcapfund](http://www.pncbank.com/paworkingcapfund);

1 (866) GO-NEWPA or

[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Pollution Prevention Assistance Account (PPAA)**

– Assistance for small businesses that helps implement pollution prevention and energy efficiency projects, enabling these businesses to adopt or install equipment or processes that reduce pollution or energy use. Seventy-five percent of total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Contact – Local area loan organizations,

local industrial resource centers; or

1 (866) GO-NEWPA or

[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Rail Freight Assistance (RFA)** – Grants to build or repair

rail lines or spurs. Up to \$750,000 or no greater than 75 percent of total cost, whichever is less, for maintenance projects; Up to \$100,000 or no greater than 50 percent, whichever is less, for construction projects. Local match: 25 percent for maintenance, 50 percent for construction; Agreement to maintain active rail operations for 5 years.

Contact – PennDOT [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Bureau of Rail Freight. All applications must be filed electronically. Refer to Department

of Transportation section of the directory for further details; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or

[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Regional Investment Marketing** – The Regional Investment

Marketing (RIM) Grant Program is intended to reinforce the linkages between state and regional efforts to promote business expansion and to attract new investment to Pennsylvania, and focus regional economic development efforts on industries and industry sub-sectors where the likelihood of success is greatest. More specifically, RIM is designed to foster a shared vision of the importance of marketing the Commonwealth as a whole as a destination of choice for investment and promoting the attributes and assets of individual regions within that context. In addition, the program is designed to advance an investor-oriented and data-driven approach to marketing to attract investment, including the use of regional marketing areas as an organizing principle in structuring marketing initiatives.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or

[ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

To qualify an applicant must be a Pennsylvania-based non-profit organization that represents a regional alliance of economic development, business, industry, labor, academic and/or community entities whose service areas and impact is spread across a minimum of three counties for purposes of the grant proposal. DCED encourages applications from regional alliances which can demonstrate sound financial

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management capacities and organizational experience in economic development marketing. DCED expects applications from regional alliances which have a particular emphasis on business attraction and business expansion in the regional markets which were benchmarked in the GC Study. Refer to the GC Study posted under 'Important Resources' on the homepage.

**Regional Marketing Initiative** – The purpose of the Regional Marketing Initiative (RMI) grants is to encourage Tourism Promotion Agencies (TPA) to join in sensible regional partnerships to promote marketable destinations. It is desirable that the applicants not be a TPA, but preferably a 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (6) or similar entity, whose board is represented by the counties and or TPA's of the marketed region.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Regional Police Assistance Grant Program** – Provides grants for a period of up to three years for the start-up of consolidated police departments. Any two or more municipalities that regionalize are eligible for \$99,000 in grants for regional police chief salary and other expenses for up to 3 years.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Research and Development Tax Credit** – Allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to the buyer(s). It is used for applied research and development expenditures. 10 percent tax credit of company's increased research and development expenses over a base period (prorated to not exceed \$15 million annual cap for all businesses); Up to 20 percent of total pool set aside for small businesses. Applicable to CNI, CSFT and PIT tax liability; unused credits may be carried over for up to 15 succeeding taxable years.

Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Second Stage Loan Program** – Loan Guarantees for working capital for 2- to 7-year-old manufacturing, biotech, and technology-oriented companies. Pennsylvania banks are eligible. Preference will be given to guarantees for working capital; land, building, machinery and equipment also eligible. Program Guidelines to be approved and issued by Commonwealth Finance Authority.

Contact – Visit [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com) to confirm. Banks will be required to enroll in the program through DCED; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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**Section 108 Program** – Section 108 enables states and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to obtain federally guaranteed loans to fund large economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities. Under Pennsylvania’s initiative to use Section 108 the loans are guaranteed by the Commonwealth, committing the use of future CDBG funds to pay off the loan in case of default. Eligible for loan guarantees as security for federal loans; Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities. Used for acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation, clearance, site preparation, special economic development activities, certain public facilities and housing construction.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Shared Municipal Services Program (SMSP)** – Provides grant funds that promote cooperation among municipalities. Also encourages more efficient and effective delivery of municipal services on a cooperative basis. No minimum or maximum; grants range between \$10,000 and \$25,000; 50 percent match required.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)** – Technical assistance and consulting services to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Areas of expertise range from business plan development and implementation to issue areas related to current business operations.

**Contact** – Local Small Business Development Centers; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Small Business First (SBF)** – Provides funding for small businesses (100 or fewer employees), including low-interest loan financing for land and building acquisition and construction, machinery and equipment and working capital. Loans up to \$200,000 or 50 percent of total eligible project costs, whichever is less. Maximum loan amount for working capital is \$100,000, or 50 percent of total eligible project costs whichever is less.

**Contact** – Area loan organizations, 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Guarantee 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. Eligible are all municipalities and their authorities, including boroughs, townships, towns, counties and home rules that issue TIF bonds to fund local economic development projects.

**Contact** – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or [ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).



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<p><b>Urban Development Program (UDP)</b> – Provides grants for urban development and improvement projects to municipalities and non-profit entities. No minimum or maximum; grants range between \$5,000 and \$25,000.</p>	<p>Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PennWorks)</b> – A program to ensure safe water supply and proper wastewater infrastructure. Eligible are municipalities, industrial development corporations, municipal authorities, investor-owned water or wastewater enterprises. It is used for water and sewer projects not used solely for residential purposes.</p>	<p>Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Weatherization Assistance Program</b> – A federal program, which works to minimize the adverse effects of high energy costs on low-income, elderly and handicapped citizens through client education activities and by providing high quality weatherization services. Non-profit organizations and local governments are eligible to apply.</p>	<p>Contact – DCED Karl Kimmel, 787-1984; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Workforce Investment Act of 1998</b> – A federal program that provides job training to eligible individuals. Provides private and public sector employers up to 50 percent of wage rate for employees while in training and up to actual costs of classroom training, training-related and supportive services.</p>	<p>Contact – <a href="http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us">www.paworkforce.state.pa.us</a> or local Career Link center; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Workforce Leadership Grants</b> – Improve the supply of, and create a pipeline for, technology based industries in Pennsylvania that will require highly skilled technical workers to compete in a globally competitive technology-based economy. Education programs cutting across secondary and post-secondary education are eligible. It is used to develop and implement 2+2+2 secondary and post-secondary education programs. Up to \$300,000 for 2+2+2 grant; up to \$100,000 for expansion of an existing program. The 2+2+2 grants require strong business participation, articulation agreements and program guarantees.</p>	<p>Contact – 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>

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#### REGIONAL OFFICES

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

*Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union counties*

330 Pine St., Suite 400

Williamsport, PA 17701

Phone: (570) 326-3521

Fax: (570) 322-2914

E-mail: [mfahringer@state.pa.us](mailto:mfahringer@state.pa.us)

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

*Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset and York counties*

551 to 553 Forum Building

P.O. Box 1554

Harrisburg, PA 17105

Phone: (717) 705-5956

Fax: (717) 705-2943

E-mail: [lyeich@state.pa.us](mailto:lyeich@state.pa.us)

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##### **Northeast Field Office (Scranton)**

*Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming counties*

409 Lackawanna Ave.

3rd floor, Oppenheim Building

Scranton, PA 18503-2025

Phone: (570) 963-4973

Fax: (570) 963-3439

E-mail: [ddemara@state.pa.us](mailto:ddemara@state.pa.us)

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

*Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties*

Suite 207, State Office Building

1400 W. Spring Garden St.

Philadelphia, PA 19130-4007

Phone: (215) 560-1182

Fax: (215) 965-5686

E-mail: [cwallis@state.pa.us](mailto:cwallis@state.pa.us)

[frubert@state.pa.us](mailto:frubert@state.pa.us)

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

*Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland counties*

1405 State Office Building,

3000 Liberty Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1210

Phone: (412) 880-0486

Fax: (412) 565-2635

E-mail: [kfrankel@state.pa.us](mailto:kfrankel@state.pa.us)

[trstack@state.pa.us](mailto:trstack@state.pa.us)

##### **Northwest Field Office ( Erie)**

*Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties*

230 Chestnut St.

Meadville, PA 16335

Phone: (814) 332-6190

Fax: (814) 332-6117

E-mail: [kmcculloug@state.pa.us](mailto:kmcculloug@state.pa.us)

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**Bureau of Forestry Grants** – Grant Funding from the U.S. Forest Service and administered through DCNR, Bureau of Forestry is available to rural volunteer fire companies that serve populations of 10,000 or less. The grant is a 50 percent match with a maximum grant amount of \$7,500. A priority of project funding is for the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing. Grants can also be awarded for maintenance of federal excess equipment, wildfire training, dry hydrants and mobile and portable radios. Grants cannot exceed 50 percent of the actual expenditures during any on fiscal year; maximum grant is \$7,500. Matching funds required.

**Contact** – Charles C. Choplick, Program Specialist, at (717) 787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at <http://www.state.pa.us> Keyword: “forests”

Priority on applications goes to seeking funds for projects that include the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing.

**Heritage Areas Program** – Promotes public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources to stimulate economic development through heritage tourism. Grants are awarded for planning, acquisition and development of historic, cultural and nature tourism projects and can only be obtained through one of the twelve designated Heritage Areas in PA. Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Grants require a 25 percent to 50 percent cash match, depending on the type of grant.

**Land Trust Grants** – Provides 50 percent funding for acquisition and planning of open space and natural areas which face imminent loss. Lands must be open to public use and priority is given to environmental areas and habitat for threatened species. Eligible applicants are pre-qualified nonprofit land trusts and conservancies.

**Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Grant Program (PRTP)** – Provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. For this grant round, the department has approximately \$1.9 million available for grants. This funding must be distributed among motorized, non-motorized, and diverse trail use, as follows:

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.  
Match requirements are 80 percent grant money and 20 percent project applicant money. Eligible applicants include federal and state agencies, local governments and private organizations.

- 40 percent minimum for diverse trail use
- 30 percent minimum for motorized recreation
- 30 percent minimum for non-motorized recreation

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**Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)** – Provides up to 80 percent funding with a 20 percent minimum match required for planning, maintenance, and development grants for trails and facilities. Up to 50 percent funding provided for acquisition of a fee simple title to real property or a less than fee interest such as an easement in connection with snowmobile and/or ATV use.

A special set-aside of approximately one-third of the annual grant funds will be targeted for county, multi-county and regional authority projects. If the demand is not received for these types of projects, the balance of the set-aside will be used to fund other snowmobile and ATV applications.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

Municipalities and municipal agencies are eligible applicants. The department provides grant funding at a level not to exceed 50 percent of eligible costs unless noted otherwise.

**Deadline** – Call the Regional Advisers for more information.

**Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plans** – Grants to develop a comprehensive long-range planning document that provides strategies to address a municipality's recreation, park and open space needs.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Conservation/Sound Land Use** – Grants to encourage conservation planning and sound land use. Either as a stand-alone product or as part of comprehensive recreation, park and open space or a municipal plan, the department will fund studies that advance conservation or sound land-use strategies or practices identified in existing plans.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**County Natural Areas Inventories** – Grants to inventory important natural areas, habitats for species of special concern, significant natural plant communities and areas important for open space, recreation and wildlife habitat. Inventories are done on a county or multi-county area.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Feasibility Studies (Swimming Pool/Recreation Facilities)** – Grants to determine the feasibility of acquiring, developing or rehabilitating swimming pools, ice rinks, sports complexes, recreation centers, etc. DCNR usually requires the completion of these studies before a municipality is funded for development or rehabilitation of major facilities under the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Acquisition and Development Grants.

**Greenways** – Grants to explore establishing, developing and managing linear corridors of open space along streams, shorelines, wetlands, canals, ridge tops, etc. These corridors are studied to create recreational trails and bikeways, park connectors, and for environmental protection. DCNR has separate grant programs for river conservation and rail-trail planning.

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<p><b>Master Site Plans</b> – Grants to design the proposed development of a neighborhood, community, or regional park. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.</p>	
<p><b>Circuit Riders</b> – These projects provide grant funds for county or regional organizations to hire a professional, full-time staff person. The circuit rider’s purpose is to initiate new programs and services for counties and municipalities and organizations that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional staff person. Available grant funding for the circuit rider’s salary decreases from 100 percent the first year to 75 percent the second year, 50 percent the third and 25 percent the fourth year.</p>	<p>Circuit Rider grant applications are accepted 12 months a year. Required Peer to Peer study first.</p> <p>Information is available at any DCNR regional office.</p>
<p><b>Park and Recreation Areas Acquisition</b> – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both for any neighborhood, community or regional public park and recreation site. Property may be acquired for active and/or passive recreation use to create new park and recreation areas or expand existing areas.</p>	<p>Information is available at any DCNR regional office.</p>
<p><b>Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance</b> – Grants of up to 90 percent of eligible costs (\$10,000 maximum). These projects help municipalities and other local groups improve their park, recreation and conservation services through a collaborative process. Projects are accomplished through consultant contracts with experienced park, recreation and conservation professionals working closely with community leaders. Examples of eligible projects include the forming of a new intergovernmental recreation and park agency (which is a high priority for the Bureau); 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, and park and recreation board training and development.</p>	<p>DCNR applications are accepted at any time of the year. Information is available at any DCNR regional office.</p>
<p><b>Rehabilitation and Development Park Grants</b> – Provides grants for rehabilitation and development of public indoor and outdoor park, recreation and conservation areas and facilities. Support facilities that serve park and recreation areas may be eligible for funding and include such items as locker/rest rooms, comfort stations, utilities, roads, parking lots, walks, lighting, signs, and landscaping.</p>	<p>Information is available at any DCNR regional office.</p>

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**Small Community Development Grants** – Municipalities with a population of 5,000 people or less are eligible to apply for funding under this project type. Eligible projects include but are not limited to rehabilitation and development of basic park and recreation facilities such as picnic areas, playgrounds, fitness courses, hiking and nature trails, and support facilities. DCNR strongly encourages the development of projects for new or renovated play areas that will meet current standards for safety and accessibility.

The first \$20,000 of this grant requires no match, and must be used only to purchase eligible materials and approved professional design fees of up to \$3,000. Additional grant funds of up to \$20,000 may be provided, and this additional grant money must be matched by the municipality on a dollar for dollar basis by cash or non-cash match. The additional grant money and the municipal match may be used to cover all other eligible costs, such as labor and/or equipment, or to expand the project. The maximum grant a municipal applicant can receive under this funding type is \$40,000, and the maximum total project cost is \$60,000.

**RIVERS GRANTS**

Both municipalities and appropriate and authorized organizations are eligible applicants. The department provides grant funding at a level not to exceed 50 percent of eligible costs.

**Rivers Conservation Acquisition Grants** – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both, which promotes rivers conservation within river segments or watersheds listed on the PA Rivers Conservation Registry. Projects must be recommended in an approved Rivers Conservation Plan.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rivers Conservation Development Grants** – Provides grants to improve, restore and enhance the cultural, biological, ecological and recreational values of waterways. The project must lie within river segments or watersheds listed on the PA Rivers Conservation Registry and recommended in an approved Rivers Conservation Plan. Eligible projects include riverbank stabilization, stream relief initiatives, river corridor recreation development, recreational access use, stream improvements, archeological, historical and critical habitat restoration and protection. Support facilities such as access roads, parking areas, comfort stations, utilities, landscaping, etc. are also eligible for funding.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rivers Conservation Plans** – Grants to study watersheds or rivers, including streams and creeks, to identify significant river resources, potential threats to these resources, and recommend restoration, maintenance or enhancement actions.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rivers Implementation Projects** – Grants directed to resolution of specific issues for a river that is on the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry (Investigations into river access, water quality monitoring, and preparation of ordinances and zoning documents are eligible activities.)

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### RAILS TO TRAILS GRANTS

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**Greenways and Trails Acquisition Grants** – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both which provides a linear recreation, conservation or open space corridor along a natural or man-made feature.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Greenways and Trails Development Grants** – Provides grants for the renovation and development of linear public facilities such as bicycle, walking, equestrian, snowmobile, nature trails, and passive recreation areas, riparian forest buffers, wetland boardwalks, observation decks, etc. and related support facilities, access roads, parking areas, lighting, landscaping and signage directly related to the project are also eligible for funding.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rail-Trail Feasibility Studies** – Grants to determine the feasibility of converting available railroad rights-of-way to a trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is not required in order to conduct the study.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rail-Trail Master Plans** – Grants to develop a design detailing the proposed development of the trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rail-Trail Special Purpose Studies** – Grants to develop a detailed study on a particular issue or structure (culverts, bridges, tunnels) that impacts the conversion of a rail corridor to a trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rails-to-Trails Acquisition** – Grants to acquire abandoned railroad rights-of-way for public recreational trail use and adjacent lands for trail access or related support facilities.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

**Rails-to-Trails Development Grants** – Provides grants for renovation and development of abandoned railroad rights-of-way or lands available for trail purposes under rail banking. Development includes construction of trails and associated structures; support facilities such as access roads, parking areas, interpretive facilities, and comfort facilities. Related facilities such as walks, lighting, landscaping, and signage for trail use are eligible.

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**Accessibility to the Arts in PA for Individuals with Disabilities**  
 – This division’s goal is to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to more fully participate in the cultural life of Pennsylvania. This division is available to arts organizations and programs to assist them in making their arts programs and materials accessible. It also supports the artistic participation of artists with disabilities.

All applications must be postmarked by February 1.

**Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) and PPA Program Stream** – Support for eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have consistently received PCA funding is available through the AOAP Program Track and PPA Program Stream.

**Deadline** – AOAP – December 5, annually and PPA Program Stream – March 1st, annually.

Eligibility is by invitation. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements and be notified by the PCA in order to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 200 organizations with an average fiscal size over \$200,000. PPA Program Stream funds over 350 organizations with an average fiscal size under \$200,000.

**Entry Track** – This program serves as the point of entry for organizations or programs to the Arts Organization and Arts Program Track (AOAP) (see AOAP program description, above), as organizations and arts programs must be invited to apply to the AOAP Track. Entry Track supports eligible arts organizations and arts programs that generally have a history of at least one-year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track organizations for consultation and assistance. Potential applicants interested in this track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

**Who can apply** – Generally, an organization is eligible to apply 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; non-profit [501(c) (3)], tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An arts program may apply through a fiscal sponsor to the Entry Track. An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: currently funded by a Pennsylvania 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 may 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.

**Deadline** – December 5th, annually.



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**Local Government** – Categories for Local Government grants are as follows: **Arts Programs** – on-going programs, such as concert series in the park, children’s summer program, community festival, administered by the local government; **Arts Projects** – one time projects such as art in the park, or downtown mural projects, administered by the local government and completed in one year; **Re-grant Programs** – awards to local organizations for art/cultural programs, administered by the local government; **Pass Through** – funds to a non-profit local arts agency for programs, projects, administration, and re-grant programs, administered by the local arts agency; and **Other** – for clarification or consultation regarding the eligibility of a program or project, contact the Local Government Program Director at the PCA 717-787-1523.

The maximum request for Local Government grants is \$10,000, though awards generally do not exceed \$5,000 per year.

**Who can apply** – This funding program is open to all local governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania). Local Government applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

**Deadline** – September 1st, annually.

**Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) – Project Stream** – Through 17 regional Partner organizations across the state, the PCA re-grants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. Implemented in 1997, the PPA program was designed with the goal of expanding the availability of state arts dollars to local and regional communities throughout the Commonwealth. Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars throughout all 67 Pennsylvania counties.

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, schools and senior citizen centers across the Commonwealth.

Applications for funding are available in the spring from your regional PPA Partner. To determine the appropriate regional Partner organization for your project, see the list at <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/pca.cfm?id=6&level=Third&sid=13>.

**Who can apply** – Nonprofit arts organizations that have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; emerging arts organizations, including those that have applied for but have not yet received 501(c)(3); community-based organizations, entities of local government and churches or faith-based 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 Commonwealth.

**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 30th, annually.

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**Preserving Diverse Cultures Division** – The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizational stabilization and expansion of arts and cultural programming in culturally specific communities. The division focuses on the development of culturally-specific organizations and the training of capable administrators therein.

Eligible organizations include those whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of the African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American perspectives. The applicant’s programs, perspective, and staff must be representative of those communities.

First-time applicants are encouraged to contact PDC Program Director, Charon Battles, at: (717) 787-1521, prior to completing an application.

**SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS:**

**Folk & Traditional Arts Apprenticeships** – These apprenticeships support artists who practice the traditional arts found in communities across the Commonwealth. An apprenticeship is a partnership between a Master, recognized by his/her community as such, and a qualified Apprentice. A successful apprenticeship requires careful planning and communication between all individuals involved. Masters and Apprentices should work together to develop their plan of study and must apply together. Proposals for second year partnerships must show what was learned in the first year and that new skills or repertory will be learned in the second.

**Who can apply** – The apprentice must be a resident of Pennsylvania, and preference is given to apprenticeships with a Pennsylvania Master. Masters from outside Pennsylvania may be sought, especially if no Master in the tradition is available within Pennsylvania. A Master artist must have attained excellence within his or her tradition and be recognized as such by members of his or her community.

Apprentices must be individuals who have demonstrated competency in the basic skills in the specific tradition of the apprenticeship. While most apprenticeships take place between one Master and one Apprentice, other arrangements may be more appropriate to a specific art form or tradition. These arrangements should be described fully in your proposal.

For clarification or consultation regarding the eligibility of a program or project, contact the Institute for Cultural Partnerships at: (717) 238-1770 or <http://www.culturalpartnerships.org>.

**Deadline** – August 1st, annually.

## PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (PCA)

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**Individual Creative Artists Fellowship Program** – The PCA awards non-matching fellowships, in fixed amounts of \$5,000 or \$10,000, to eligible Pennsylvania artists of talent, to enable them to pursue their artistic goals. The PCA selects these artists using a highly-qualified jury of arts professionals whose recommendations are submitted to the Council for final approval. Fellowship awards are highly competitive. Only a small percentage of applicants receive awards. Guidelines are available in the late spring/early summer in print form at [www.pacouncilonthearts.org](http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org). Applicants are able to submit online through eGrant™, an online, electronic process.

Fellowship discipline categories:

- Arts Commentary
- Crafts
- Folk & Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Media Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Dance

**PennPAT** – The purpose of Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania-based performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. Through a multi-layered approach that includes grants to presenters, grants to artists, training for artists and marketing support, PennPAT seeks to nurture the diverse ecology of presenting and touring. PennPAT offers support for touring engagements with PennPAT roster artists to presenters in: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia.

Created as a unique public/private partnership administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, PennPAT continues to garner funding and guidance from its four founding partners: Vira I. Heinz Endowment, The William Penn Foundation, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and The Pew Charitable Trusts. <http://www.pennpat.org>.

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**Note** – Application categories (and the subcategories within) change biennially. Check online or contact the PCA for a list of the calendar year's category deadlines.

**Who can apply** – Applicants must be creative artists who are current residents of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the application deadline. The following individuals are not eligible to apply: Individuals enrolled in high school, or in a bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. degree program in the arts. If you received a Fellowship, you may not apply for a Fellowship in the following year.

For clarification or consultation regarding the eligibility of a program or project, contact the Fellowship Program Director at the PCA (717) 787-1523.

**Deadline** – August 1st, annually.

**Who can apply** – Individual artists and presenters must be Pennsylvania residents. Performing arts companies must either be incorporated in Pennsylvania, or if not incorporated, at least 50 percent of the artists must be Pennsylvania residents. College and university-based performers must perform regularly off-campus for professional fees to be eligible. Artists selected for inclusion in the 2008 PennPAT Artist Roster will be eligible for all roster benefits for one year – from January 2008 through December 2009.

**Contact** – Katie West at: (215) 496-9424.

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**Professional Development & Consulting** – A limited pool of funds is available to organizations throughout the year to address specific artistic, programmatic, administrative or technical needs. Funds are generally used to hire consultants to assess a specific issue and recommend action.

Additionally, the PCA offers funding for professional growth opportunities. Most are non-matching awards. The maximum award amount is \$2,000 per organization, per year.

**Contact** – The PCA at: (717) 787-6883.

**Deadline** – Rolling

**The Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education** – The *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education* is an annual publication featuring those artists who have been accepted into the PCA's Arts in Education (AIE) artist-in-residence program. Schools and community organizations throughout the Commonwealth use the Directory to identify artists to work in their organizations. The *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education* is available online as a searchable database – [http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/search\\_for\\_artists.cfm](http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/search_for_artists.cfm).

All applications for listing in the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education are accepted and reviewed on a regional basis, through 12 regional AIE Partner organizations across the state. To obtain guideline and application materials to apply for inclusion in the *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education*, artists should contact the AIE Partner for their region (see the list online at: [http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/partner\\_resources.cfm](http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/partner_resources.cfm) or contact the PCA at 717-525-5547.

These regional AIE Partner organizations recruit, select, train, place and evaluate the artists in their regions.

**Who can apply** – Individual artists and artistic ensembles or companies may apply to be listed in the *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education*. Artists in all disciplines are eligible to apply for inclusion in the Directory and to perform AIE residencies that are funded in part by the PCA. Preference is given to Pennsylvania residents, although outstanding artists from other states will be given consideration.

**Note** – Artists and companies or ensembles who intend to work in multiple disciplines must demonstrate their qualifications and be approved by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to work in EACH discipline. Only artists who will be available to conduct residencies of ten or more days should apply. If you are a renewing artist, your residency activity should be substantial over the last three-year period in the Directory.

Deadline for application to the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education is determined by each respective regional Partner on an annual basis.

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**ADULT BASIC & LITERACY EDUCATION**

**Act 143 of 1986** – provides fund for adult literacy programs that will enable out-of-school youth and adults 17 years of age and older who are nonreaders or who read below the 5th grade level or who lack basic English language proficiency to improve their basic skills in order to increase their prospects for a more productive life and expand the availability of adult literacy, family literacy and other adult education programs, including volunteer programs, in the Commonwealth.

**Application Deadline** – March 17

**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-6344.

**Act 143 of 1986 for a Family Literacy Program** – Provide funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the establishment of local Even Start projects by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified family program and assist children and adults from low-income families to meet challenging education performance standards.

**Application Deadline** – March 13

**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-6344.

**Act 143 of 1986 for the Pennsylvania Literacy Corps Program** – Provides funds for grants to support the Pennsylvania Literacy Corps Program. Grant funds are available in amounts up to \$35,000 per program to support collaborative efforts between institutions of higher education and adult basic and literacy education providers.

**Application Deadline** – March 13

No more than 10 percent of any grant to an eligible agency may be used for support services or administration.

**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-6344.

**Even Start Family Literacy** – Provide funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the establishment of local Even Start projects by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified family program and assist children and adults from low-income families to meet challenging education performance standards.

**Application Deadline** – March 13

**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-5532

Requires a local contribution/matching funds in addition to the requested grant amount. The Even Start statute requires a graduated increase in the local share, which ranges from 10 percent (in the first year) to 50 percent (in years five through eight.)

**Move Up, Services for Welfare Recipients** – provides funds (\$6 million from the Department of Welfare and \$1.5 million from the Department of Education) to support integrating literacy instruction into welfare programs. Services support individuals becoming self-sufficient, including obtaining the skills and knowledge they need for training and job-search programs as well as those necessary to obtain and retain a job.

**Application Deadline** – May

Available in 23 counties.

Services must be responsive to requirements of welfare system.

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**Section 223, State Leadership of the Workforce Investment Act, Title II** – Provides funds for the establishment of adult education and family literacy programs that will assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children, and; assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

**Application Deadline** – Late April (Letter of intent)/ Late May (Grant Application)  
 Not more than 12.5 percent of the state’s allotment shall be used for State Leadership Activities. 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.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-5532

**Workforce Investment Act of 1998 Section 231 Funds for Adult Basic Education** – Provides funds for the establishment of adult education and family literacy programs that will assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children, and assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind.

**Application Deadline** – March 17  
**Contact** – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at: (717) 787-6344.

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

**Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth** – This grant provides a combination of intense, individualized academic instruction and behavior modification counseling in an alternative setting to assist students to return successfully to the regular classroom. The program approval and grant funding is provided to any public school (school district, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school, special school jointure, or any combination/consortium of public schools) that meets the minimum program requirements.

**Application Deadline** – April 30 – projected enrollments  
 Restricted to public schools that provide an Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program for middle school or high school students and meet all state laws and guidelines.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-9202.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant** – Provides for planning and implementation funding for charter schools (an independent public school established and operated under a charter from the local school board of school directors or, in the case of cyber charter schools, under a charter from the PA Department of Education.

**Application Deadline** – February  
 A charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit corporation. Charters may not be granted to any for-profit entity.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community and Student Services, Division of Nonpublic,

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	<p>Private and Charter School Services at (717) 705-8019.</p>
<p><b>COMMONWEALTH LIBRARIES</b></p>	
<p><b>Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Public Libraries)</b> – Provides matching grants to municipalities for up to \$500,000 for the construction and renovation of public library facilities. Letter of intent due last business day of January.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – Full application due last business day of June. Funds may not be used for routine maintenance or for furniture and equipment unless part of an overall construction/renovation project. <b>Contact</b> – Bureau of Library Development/ Division of Library Improvement at: (717) 783-3124.</p>
<p><b>Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) NETshare</b> – Funds may be requested for networked information access, cooperative efforts and resource sharing, or services to special groups. A separate focused category may be included for school libraries.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – First Friday of September Funding may not be used for construction/renovation, projects that have already begun, or operating expenses. <b>Contact</b> – Bureau of Library Development/ Division of Library Improvement at: (717) 783-5746.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY &amp; STUDENT SERVICES</b></p>	
<p><b>21st Century Community Learning Center Grants</b> – Provides funds for the establishment of community learning centers that provide academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects; to offer students a broad array of activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and to offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – June Grants are awarded for a three-year period depending on federal funding. <b>Contact</b> – Bureau of Community &amp; Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.</p>
<p><b>Education for Homeless Children &amp; Youth Program</b> – designed to minimize the disruption in the educational lives of homeless students. Requires each funded site designate a homeless education liaison to coordinate services between the school, shelter and community agencies; develop and implement a local tracking component; develop or revise a</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – July 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.</p>

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procedure for the prompt resolution of disputes regarding enrollment and placement of homeless students; address the educational barriers outlines in PA's Education of Homeless Children & Youth State Plan.

**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 772-2066.

**Education Mentoring Program** – Funds are available to non-profit, community-based organizations that enter into formal partnerships with schools to develop or expand Education Mentoring Programs. Funds may be used to develop programs that link students with caring, responsible mentors to assist students in improving their performance in school.

**Application Deadline** – Spring 2008 – Grants are awarded for a 3-year cycle.

Funding may not be used for direct support of religious activities; purchase of equipment; full-time staff positions

**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.

**DROPOUT PREVENTION**

**Successful Students' Partnership** – Provides funds to school districts to assist districts in the development of strategies to help students stay in school, graduate and transition to employment or post-secondary education.

**Application Deadline** – Spring 2008 – Grants are awarded for a 3 year cycle.

May be used for planning and program implementation. Funds are not intended to provide sustained, long-term operational support for program services or capital improvements.

**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**Head Start State Supplemental** – state investment to supplement federal Head Start funding so that the successful program can reach more families.

Annual renewals in April, limited to Federal Head Start Programs.

**Contact** – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at: (717) 346-9327.

**PA Pre-K Counts** – Funds are available to child care programs participating in Keystone Stars at a Star 2 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs, and school districts to provide early learning opportunities to children ages three and four. A priority of this program will be on children who are at risk of 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** – Late April (Letter of intent)/ Late May (Grant Application)

**Contact** – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at: (717) 346-9327.



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**After School Snack Program** – 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 three months operating costs on hand.

**Contact** – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at: (717) 787-3186.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program** – Provides 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** – 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 (800) 331-0129 or send e-mail to: [still@state.pa.us](mailto:still@state.pa.us).

**National School Lunch Program** – 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

Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

**Contact** – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at: (717) 787-3186

**School Breakfast Program** – 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

Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

**Contact** – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at: (717) 787-3186.

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**Secondary Level Interdisciplinary Curriculum (SLIC)**  
 – an interdisciplinary curriculum containing lessons for the following subject areas: Algebra, American History, Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, Consumer Math, Environmental Science, English, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Health. Each lesson can be taught as a stand-alone lesson or as part of an interdisciplinary unit.

**Application Deadline** – Readily available  
**Contact** – Nutrition Education & Training Program at 1 (800) 331-0129 or (717) 787-7698.

**Special Milk Program** – 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  
 Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at: (717) 787-3186.

**Summer Food Service Program** – Provides reimbursement for meals served by non-profit, 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 & Approved Prior to Start of Applying Agency’s Summer Program  
**Application Deadline** – Only available during the summer months  
 Program sponsors must be non-profit, 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 and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at 1 (800) 331-0129 or send e-mail to: [sstill@state.pa.us](mailto:sstill@state.pa.us).

**HIGH SCHOOL REFORM**

**Classrooms for the Future** – Grant recipients will receive funding to purchase technology equipment, infrastructure, and support. The purposes of the Classrooms for the Future program are not to support technology acquisition but to foster 21st Century teaching and learning. Professional development included.

**Application Deadline** – April 11  
**Contact** – Classrooms for the Future Project Manager, (717) 214-9393.

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**Dual Enrollment** – Locally administered program that allows high school students to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses and to receive both secondary and postsecondary credit for that coursework. The local programs are run through partnerships between school entities and eligible postsecondary institutions Pennsylvania’s dual enrollment program also emphasizes early college, middle college, and gateway to college programs. State funds will be targeted to at-risk students, academically challenged school districts, and the Project 720 sites.

**Application Deadline** – February 15  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching & Learning Support, (717) 783-4799.

**Project 720** – Named for the number of days a Pennsylvania student spends in school from 9th through 12th grades, Project 720 ensures that all students have access to college-preparatory courses in core subject areas, additional Advanced Placement courses and smaller learning environments for better one-on-one teacher-to-student interaction.

**Application Deadline** – Funding deadline for cohort 3- March 28.  
**Note** – no new cohorts  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching & Learning Support, (717) 783-4799.

### LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA

**Learn and Serve America: K-12 School-Based Program** – Infuses service-learning activities into K-12 academic curricula as a means of enhancing student achievement and promoting personal growth. Service learning is a teaching methodology by which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that is based on classroom learning, but is conducted to meet the needs of the school and/or local community.

**Application Deadline** – Spring 2007  
 Funds may not be used for construction or other items unrelated to program operation.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.

### MIGRANT EDUCATION

**Child Care for Migrant Children** – Supports day care services for migrant students in Pennsylvania.

**Application Deadline** – July 1  
 Funds can only be used for services to migrant students and families who meet eligibility criteria and have arrived to school district within the last 18 months.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.

**Education of Migrant Laborers’ Children** – Supports programming for services to highly mobile interstate migrant students in Pennsylvania. Funds summer programs for migrant students in coordination with school districts in program sites with highly mobile interstate migrant students.

**Application Deadline** – July 1  
 Funds can only be used for services to migrant students and families who meet eligibility criteria.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 783-6466.

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**Education of Migratory Children** – Supports programming through five local operating agencies for services to over 14,000 migrant students in Pennsylvania. Year-round supplemental programs in coordination with school districts throughout Pennsylvania.

**Application Deadline** – July 1  
 Funds can only be used for services to migrant students and families who meet eligibility criteria.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services, (717) 783-6466.

**OTHER VARIOUS MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**Math and Science Partnerships** – 100 percent federally funded competitive program providing assistance to Higher Education institutions and LEAs for professional development in math and science.

**Application Deadline** – Spring of each year for previously awarded grantees.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/ Division of Federal Programs, (717) 783-2193.

**Reading First** – 100 percent federally funded competitive grant to assist LEAs and schools with the implementation of a Scientifically Based Reading Program in grades K-3.

**Application Deadline** – July 1  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching & Learning Support Division of Federal Programs, 717-783-2193.

**Rural and Low Income Schools** – 100% 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, (717) 783-2193.

**Title I** – 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, (717) 783-2193.

**Title I, Part D – 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, (717) 783-2193.

**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, (717) 783-2193.

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**Title II, Part D – Enhancing Education Through Technology (EET)** – 100 percent federally funded program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies. To accelerate the implementation of statewide educational technology plans. Tech Plans are designed to integrate technology fully into school curriculum so that all students become technologically literate in reading, math, science, and other core academic subjects essential for success in the 21st Century.

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Funding may not be used for construction.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/  
 Division of Federal Programs,  
 (717) 783-2193.

**Title III – Language Acquisition** – 100 percent federally funded program for 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,  
 (717) 783-2193.

**Title V, Part A: Innovative Programs** – 100 percent federally funded supplemental program that provides support for activities that encourage school reform and educational innovation. Of the state allocation, 85% is used for local educational agencies and 15% is for program administration and state-use.

Application Deadline – July 1  
 Funding may not be used for construction.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning/  
 Division of Federal Programs,  
 (717) 783-2193.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

**Act 101 of 1971 (Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act)** – The Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program (Act 101), established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1971, encourages institutions of higher learning to admit low-income students who, due to poor performance on standardized tests, inadequate high school preparation or both, would not normally be admitted. These institutions recruit highly motivated students who show the potential to succeed in college with adequate support (counseling, tutoring, remediation and summer programs). The goal of Act 101 is to help these institutions provide opportunities for under-prepared students seeking a college degree.

Application Deadline – June 8, 2007  
 Act 101 funds may not be used for the following: Program director's salary; Direct financial aid, student stipends, tuition, room and board; Modification or furnishing of campus or community facilities; Costs (including salaries) related to courses not specifically created for Act 101 students and approved by the program director; Professional training programs not related to Act 101 job functions; Partial or total salary of staff whose primary functions are to serve the total student population (examples: admissions, counseling, financial aid, learning center).  
**Contact** – Office of Equal Educational Opportunity/Act 101 State Office,  
 (717) 787-4637.

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**Community Education Councils** – Program brings opportunities for postsecondary and higher education to areas in Pennsylvania that have limited access to a college or university.

**Application Deadline** – May 31st and, depending on availability of funds, July 31st  
 Funds cannot be used for tuition, scholarships, instructor salaries, operational costs of any educational provider or costs related to avocational or recreational courses.  
**Contact** – Office of Equal Educational Opportunity at: (717) 787-4637.

**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 Program Services in the Bureau of Postsecondary Services, Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education.

**Application Deadline** – Varies  
 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 Postsecondary Services, Teaching and Learning Improvement Programs, Division of Program Services, (717) 772-3623.

**PA – PACT**

*A Consolidated Application for Funding under the Accountability Block Grant, Educational Assistance Program and the Accountability to Commonwealth Taxpayers programs*

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is supporting schools and districts in reaching the goal of 100% proficiency through the establishment of the Pennsylvania Pact (PA-Pact). PA-Pact provides resources for schools and districts to invest in proven practices that will ensure that all students achieve greater academic success. Through PA-Pact, school districts create a single application for up to three separate funding sources:

- The Accountability Block Grant (ABG): Provides school districts with financial assistance to implement effective educational practices and initiatives to improve student achievement. Grant categories: pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; social and health services; tutoring assistance; academic performance of subgroups; science and applied-knowledge; professional education; literacy and math

**Application Deadline** – May 19  
**Contact** – Bureau of Teaching and Learning, (717) 773-9294.

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coaching; incentives for certified teachers; research based improvement strategies.

- The Educational Assistance Program (EAP), and
- The Accountability to Commonwealth Taxpayers (ACT) – a school district’s increase above the annual inflation index of the Basic Education Funding under Section 2502.49

**PREGNANT AND PARENTING**

**Pregnant & Parenting Teens ELECT (Education Leading to Employment Career Training)** – Assists 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** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 346-9399.

**Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program (PPT)** – Supports Local Education Agency efforts to assist pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school until graduation.

Continuation grants – non-competitive  
 Funds may not be used for construction or other items unrelated to program operation.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 346-9399.

**REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE**

**Regional Summer Schools of Excellence** – Provides seed money to local education agencies to satisfy a need for regional summer enrichment programs for students in grades K-12 who possess outstanding skills, display unusual ability, and/or are identified as talented or gifted. Fifteen grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded. The program must operate between July 1 and August 31.

**Application Deadline** – On or about December 1  
 Individuals and for-profit agencies are not eligible. Agencies or organizations may submit no more than one proposal each.  
**Contact** – Monica Washington, Bureau of Teaching and Learning Support Division of Professional Development, (717) 783-5670.

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**SAFE SCHOOLS**

**Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities** – Program that supports the LEA efforts in prevention of violence and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Programs must be based on a thorough needs assessment of the violence and drug problems; establish a local advisory council to establish measurable goals; implement violence prevention programs which are research based to prevent and/or reduce violence and drug use; and evaluate the program in respect to achievement of goals.

**Application Deadline** – June 30  
 Funding may not be used for Construction or Treatment Services.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 772-2813.

**Safe Schools Initiative** – Provides funding to develop a plan through a planning process or implement and enhance activities that prevent or reduce violence by and against youth on school property and/or on transportation to and from school and is designed to meet local needs based on risk-focused, data-driven assessment results.

**Application Deadline** – Summer  
**Contact** – Bureau of Community & Student Services at: (717) 772-2813

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**ACCESS** – Is a streamlined process to gain Medical Access reimbursements for the cost of providing related services to students. Funds may be used to enhance or enlarge special education and health services.

**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) 783-6913.

**Early Intervention** – A 12-month program that provides early intervention/special education to all eligible young children 3-5 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) 346-9320.

**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  
 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) 783-6913.



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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B** – Supplemental programs 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

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** – Bureau of Special Education at: (717) 783-6913.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 619** – Supplemental programs 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) 346-9320.

**Transition to Employment for Students with Autism** – To develop outcome based competitive employment models to build capacity for system wide reform and improve employment outcomes for students and youth on the autism spectrum. School based career development models with proven strategies to expand measurable employment outcomes will sustain and expand local effort.

**Application Deadline** – August 8

**Contact** – Bureau of Special Education at: (717) 783-6913

- To build capacity with agency and school staff to provide effective, evidence based employment development programs for students and youth on the autism spectrum.
- To establish evidence based service delivery models for replication in other parts of the state.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006** – The new 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.

**Application Deadline** – August 31

**Contact** – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at: (717) 783-6981.

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(9) Required Uses of Funds:

- 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.

**Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 – Tech Prep** – Grants are awarded to eligible consortia of secondary and postsecondary agencies to develop and implement Tech Prep programs that: combine at a minimum 2 years of secondary education with a minimum of 2 years postsecondary education in a non-duplicative, sequential course of study; integrate academic, and vocational and technical instruction, and utilize work-based and work site learning.

**Application Deadline** – May 29 – Applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed from the PDE Web site. Tech Prep Coordinators travel is limited to within the Commonwealth.

**Contact** – Bureau of Career and Technical Education, (717) 346- 9735 or send e-mail to [swill@state.pa.us](mailto:swill@state.pa.us).

**College and Career Counseling** – Grant program taps the collaboration and leadership skills of academic leaders and school counselors to create a vibrant career exploration, career planning and goal setting process for each and every student in grades 8-12. Grant applicants will be expected to create a student-centered career development system facilitated by the school counselor(s) or other academic leader(s). The Department will be monitoring the applications to demonstrate both systemic reform in a district’s or school’s career development system and a substantive evaluation

**Application Deadline** – April 18

**Contact** – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at: (717) 772-4857.

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system that will ensure each year increasingly large percentages of students are prepared for college and career success upon graduation. Schools will provide all students with a college preparatory sequence of courses as defined in Project 720.

**New Choices/New Options Program** – Provides career development services for single parents, displaced homemakers, single pregnant women and individuals interested in nontraditional career-technical education; Offers services to assist individuals in finding nontraditional jobs or occupational training program that will enable individuals to support themselves and their families; supports high skill/high wage/demand/priority occupations; Offers career counseling and support services to help participants prepare for the job market. All services are offered free of charge.

**Application Deadline** – 30 Days from Announcement of Funding  
 Eligible expenditures are defined in the guidelines. Program Guidelines are distributed to eligible entities. They are also available on the PDE website.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at: (717) 772-4851.

**Professional Personnel Development Centers** – Provides an alternative education preparation system for vocational-technical teachers: teacher pre-service; teacher in- service; continuous teacher professional development services; support research in career and technical education.

**Application Deadline** – May 25  
 Restrictions apply only as to the eligibility of the institution and the list of eligible expenditures.  
**Contact** – Bureau of Career and Technical Education/Department of Education at: (717) 783-6592.

**Vocational-Technical Equipment Updates** – Program to assist area vocational – technical schools and school districts offering approved vocational – technical programs to purchase equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of providing training to students.

**Application Deadline** – May 25  
 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 Vocational-Technical Education at: (717) 772-4853.

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**DEP GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS**

DEP has dozens of grants and loans to assist individuals, groups and businesses with a host of environmental issues. Below, you'll find a list of available grants and loans, a description of each program, links to applications and eligibility information. DEP's Grants Center is available to assist you with general questions. Contact (717) 705-5400 for more information or go to <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/grantscenter/GrantAndLoanPrograms.asp>.

**Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant – Energy Program** – To help improve PA's air quality and reduce the use of imported oils through the use of alternative fuels.

**Eligibility** – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Residents, Corporations, Businesses in PA

Application Availability – April 20  
 Application Deadline – June 20  
 Average Grant Amount – \$500,000  
 Contact – (717) 783-9242  
 E-mail – [epafiginfo@state.pa.us](mailto:epafiginfo@state.pa.us)

**Coastal Zone Management – Water Program** – To implement studies, plans, designs, programs, land acquisition, research and minor construction projects within the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zones.

**Eligibility** – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, State Agencies

Application Availability – August 25  
 Application Deadline – October 20  
 Average Grant Amount – \$50,000  
 Contact – (717) 772-5619  
 E-mail – [jdewey@state.pa.us](mailto:jdewey@state.pa.us)

**Composting Infrastructure Development Grant – Land Program** – Reimburses for-profit business entities and non-profit organizations located and operating in Pennsylvania that use organic materials limited to yard waste and food waste feedstock collected in Pennsylvania. The grant aims to increase the volume of organic materials being diverted and composted and assist businesses to increase their use of organic materials.

**Eligibility** – Non-Profit, For-profit Business Entities

Application Availability – May 10  
 Application Deadline – July 18  
 Average Grant Amount – \$100,000  
 Contact – (717) 787-7382  
 E-mail – [cscheidler@state.pa.us](mailto:cscheidler@state.pa.us)

**Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance – Land Program** – To reduce non point source pollution from the maintenance of dirt and gravel roads.

**Eligibility** – Conservation District

Application Deadline – County Determines  
 Contact – (717) 787-2103  
 E-mail – [mklimkos@state.pa.us](mailto:mklimkos@state.pa.us)

**Enactment & Implementation of Stormwater Ordinances – Water Program** – Reimbursement to enact stormwater management ordinances.

**Eligibility** – municipalities enacting ordinances to implement a county prepared and DEP approved stormwater management plan pursuant to 1978 Act 167.

Application Deadline – March 31 of each year  
 Average Grant Amount – \$1,400  
 Contact – (717) 772-5661  
 E-mail – [sstanwood@state.pa.us](mailto:sstanwood@state.pa.us)

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<p><b>Environmental Education Grants Program – Combination Program</b> – The conservation of Commonwealth resources depends on the effectiveness of the environmental literacy of its citizens. The focus of this EE Grant Program is to support environmental education through schools, county conservation districts and other nonprofit conservation or educational organizations, including colleges and universities.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Non-Profit Conservation or Education Organizations</p>	<p>Application Availability – October 1          Application Deadline – Pre-applications due in December          Average Grant Amount – \$10,000          Contact – (717) 705-3767          E-mail – <a href="mailto:jfarster@state.pa.us">jfarster@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Flood Protection Grant Program – Water Program</b> – Provides funds to government entities responsible for the operation and maintenance of flood protection projects for non-routine maintenance, project improvements and specialized equipment.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – County, Municipality, Authority</p>	<p>Application Availability – January          Application Deadline – April          Average Grant Amount – \$25,000          Contact – (717) 787-7433          E-mail – <a href="mailto:rzomok@state.pa.us">rzomok@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grants – Water Program</b> – Restore watersheds and streams, reclaim mined lands, remediate acid mine drainage</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – County, Municipality, Authority, Council of Government, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Watershed Associations</p>	<p>Application Availability – January          Application Deadline – April          Average Grant Amount – \$95,000          Contact – (717) 772-5807          E-mail – <a href="mailto:GrowingGreener@state.pa.us">GrowingGreener@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Host Municipality Certified Inspectors (Hazardous) – Land Program</b> – Reimbursement to municipalities for certified inspectors of commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment or disposal facilities.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – Host municipalities for permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities that pay certified host municipality inspectors to perform inspections.</p>	<p>Application Availability – January 1          Application Deadline – March 31          Average Grant Amount – \$1,340          Contact – (717) 783-6006          E-mail – <a href="mailto:mtexter@state.pa.us">mtexter@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Host Municipality Certified Inspectors (Municipal) – Land Program</b> – Reimbursement to municipalities for employment of certified inspectors at landfills or resource recovery facilities.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Availability – January 1          Application Deadline – March 31          Average Grant Amount – \$10,981          Contact – (717) 783-6006          E-mail – <a href="mailto:mtexter@state.pa.us">mtexter@state.pa.us</a></p>

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<p><b>Host Municipality Review of Permit Applications – Land Program</b> – Grants for municipalities for independent review of permit applications for new municipal waste landfills or resource recovery facility, or expansion of existing facility.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open                  Average Grant Amount – \$10,000                  Contact – (717) 787-7381                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:twoy@state.pa.us">twoy@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Host Municipality Siting Incentive – Land Program</b> – Provides one-time payments to municipalities which host new or expanded hazardous waste capacity for PA.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open                  Contact – (717) 783-3390                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:dshipman@state.pa.us">dshipman@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program – Land Program</b> – Reimbursement of 50 percent of eligible expenses for household hazardous waste programs not to exceed \$100,000 per county.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Non-Profits and other organizations</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open                  Average Grant Amount – \$26,782                  Contact – (717) 787-8686                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:thyatt@state.pa.us">thyatt@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Review – Land Program</b> – Reimbursement for independent review of commercial hazardous waste disposal facility applications.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open                  Average Grant Amount – \$10,000                  Contact – (717) 783-3390                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:dshipman@state.pa.us">dshipman@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Municipal Recycling Program Grant (902) – Land Program</b> – Reimbursement of 90 percent of approved costs of county and municipal recycling programs.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, councils of governments, consortiums</p>	<p>Application Availability – March                  Application Deadline – June                  Average Grant Amount – \$500,000                  Contact – (717) 772-5719                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:mvottero@state.pa.us">mvottero@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Non-point Source Pollution Prevention Education Mini-grant Program (319) – Water Program</b> – DEP provides funding to the PA Assoc. of Conservation Districts to administer this grant program. This program provides mini-grants for the purpose of providing education on non-point source water pollution.</p> <p>Eligibility – Conservation District</p>	<p>Application Availability – Ongoing                  Average Grant Amount – \$2,500                  Contact – (717) 238-7223                  E-mail – <a href="mailto:kathleen-banski@pacd.org">kathleen-banski@pacd.org</a></p>

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**Nonpoint Source Implementation Program (Section 319) – Water Program** – Provide funding to assist Pennsylvania to implement PA’s Nonpoint Source Management Program. This includes funding for abandoned mine drainage, agricultural and urban run-off, and natural channel design / streambank stabilization projects, and for development of watershed-based restoration plans.

**Eligibility** – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Watershed Groups

Application Availability – January  
 Application Deadline – April 13  
 Average Grant Amount – \$110,000  
 Contact – (717) 772-5807  
 E-mail – [ruwagner@state.pa.us](mailto:ruwagner@state.pa.us)

**PEDA (PA Energy Development Authority) Grants – Combination Program** – PEDA solicitations are varied and diverse. 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 tupes 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.

**Eligibility** – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Corps, partnerships, assoc. and legal business entities.

Application Availability – April 15  
 Application Deadline – June 20  
 Average Grant Amount – \$350,000  
 Contact – (717) 783-8411  
 E-mail – [jdwoertzky@state.pa.us](mailto:jdwoertzky@state.pa.us)

**Pennsylvania Energy Harvest Grant – Combination Program** – To deploy cleaner energy sources that protect water or air quality, and have a positive economic benefit. Provides funding for renewable energy deployment; biomass energy projects; coal-mine methane, waste coal reclamation for energy; implementation of innovative energy efficiency technologies; or clean distributed generation infrastructure improvements. Energy Harvest is not a research initiative. It is about new and innovative technologies in the marketplace.

**Eligibility** – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Businesses registered with the Department of State

Application Availability – April 14  
 Application Deadline – June 20  
 Average Grant Amount – \$190,000  
 Contact – (717) 783-8411  
 E-mail – [kcampbell@state.pa.us](mailto:kcampbell@state.pa.us)

**Pollution Prevention Reimbursement (Pump & Plug UST) – Land Program** – Reimburse for costs of pumping and plugging storage tanks.

**Eligibility** – Owners of six or less storage tanks

Application Availability – Open  
 Application Deadline – Open  
 Average Grant Amount – \$2,500  
 Contact – (717) 772-5831  
 E-mail – [rcarmen@state.pa.us](mailto:rcarmen@state.pa.us)

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**Recycling Coordinators – Land Program** – Reimbursement of 50 percent of county recycling coordinator salaries and expenses.

Eligibility – County

Application Availability – December

Application Deadline – April 30

Average Grant Amount – \$14,915

Contact – (717) 787-0120

E-mail – [edelia@state.pa.us](mailto:edelia@state.pa.us)

**Recycling Markets Infrastructure Development Grant – Land Program** – Provides reimbursement for equipment costs associated with increasing the use of recycled content in products by for-profit business entities and non-profit organizations located and operating in Pennsylvania.

Eligibility – Non-Profit, For-Profit Business Entities

Application Availability – August – September

Average Grant Amount – \$500,000

Contact – (717) 787-7382

E-mail – [cscheidler@state.pa.us](mailto:cscheidler@state.pa.us)

**Recycling Performance – Land Program** – Grant program rewards municipalities for materials recycled.

Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, councils of governments, consortiums

Application Availability – Spring

Application Deadline – September 30

Average Grant Amount – \$26,000

Contact – (717) 772-5719

E-mail – [mvottero@state.pa.us](mailto:mvottero@state.pa.us)

**Resource Recovery Demonstration (Act 198) – Land Program** – Grants for municipalities and municipal authorities to establish new and innovative resource recovery projects.

Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority

Application Availability – January

Application Deadline – March

Average Grant Amount – \$100,000

Contact – (717) 772-5720

E-mail – [jlundsted@state.pa.us](mailto:jlundsted@state.pa.us)

**Sewage Facilities Enforcement – Water Program** – Reimburses 50 percent to 85 percent of costs of on-lot system permitting programs.

Eligibility – County, Municipality, Groups of Municipalities

Application Availability – December 15 each year

Application Deadline – March 1 each following year

Average Grant Amount – \$6,600

Contact – (717) 787-5017

E-mail – [jennbrandt@state.pa.us](mailto:jennbrandt@state.pa.us)

**Small Business Advantage Grant Program – Combination Program** – Provides assistance to small business to incorporate energy efficient and pollution preventative equipment or processes to increase business competitiveness while simultaneously improving the environment of PA residents.

Eligibility – PA business with fewer than 100 full-time or full-time equivalent employees

Application Availability – Summer 2009

Average Grant Amount – \$5,500

Contact – (717) 772-5160

E-mail – [epadvantagegrant@state.pa.us](mailto:epadvantagegrant@state.pa.us)



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<p><b>Small Business Pollution Prevention Assistance Account (PPAA) Loan Program – Combination Program</b>          – Provides low interest loans to small PA businesses undertaking projects in the Commonwealth that reduce waste, pollution or energy use. Loans will be used to fund 75 percent of the total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of \$100,000.  <b>Eligibility</b> – PA business with fewer than 100 full-time employees</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open          Average Loan Amount – \$54,000          Contact – (717) 772-8951          E-mail – <a href="mailto:gdelvecchi@state.pa.us">gdelvecchi@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Small System Operator Expense Reimbursement Program – Water Program</b> – Reimburses small system operators (those serving less than 3,300 customers) for the cost of obtaining and maintaining their certification.  <b>Eligibility</b> – Operators of small water systems</p>	<p>Application Availability – Online – one-page form          Application Deadline – Open          Average Grant Amount – \$275          Contact – (717) 772-4465          E-mail – <a href="mailto:mpollard@state.pa.us">mpollard@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Stormwater Management Planning and Implementation – Water Program</b> – Grants to counties to cover 75 percent of the cost of preparing watershed based stormwater management plans covering the entire county pursuant to the PA Stormwater Management Act (1978 Act 167).  <b>Eligibility</b> – County</p>	<p>Application Availability – Ongoing          Average Grant Amount – \$200,000          Contact – (717) 705-6346          E-mail – <a href="mailto:banewman@state.pa.us">banewman@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Technical Evaluation of HSCA Remedial Response – Land Program</b> – Independent technical evaluation of proposed remedial response at a HSCA site.  <b>Eligibility</b> – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open          Average Grant Amount – \$40,000          Contact – (717) 783-9284          E-mail – <a href="mailto:colewiler@state.pa.us">colewiler@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Underground Storage Tank Heating Oil Clean Up Program – Land Program</b> – Assists tank owners with the corrective action costs due to releases from underground heating oil tanks with a 3,000 gal. capacity or less.  <b>Eligibility</b> – Owners of UST heating oil tanks 3,000 gal or less</p>	<p>Application Availability – Open          Application Deadline – Open          Average Grant Amount – \$3,500          Contact – (717) 783-9284          E-mail – <a href="mailto:colewiler@state.pa.us">colewiler@state.pa.us</a></p>
<p><b>Waterline Grant – Land Program</b> – Cleanup of contaminated water sources at a HSCA site.  <b>Eligibility</b> – Municipality, Authority</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open          Contact – (717) 783-9284          E-mail – <a href="mailto:colewiler@state.pa.us">colewiler@state.pa.us</a></p>

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It is the mission of DGS to provide high quality services at a good price to support the operation of state government. DGS is the state's purchaser of commodities and services, the manager of capital expenditures for buildings, and the entity that maintains and protects our facilities. In addition, the department aims to make government friendlier for its users, expand opportunity for minority and women-owned businesses, and reduce operating costs for the agencies of state government.

**COSTARS** – This program permits local public procurement units registered with the program and state-affiliated entities to purchase goods and services from Department of General Services contracts.

A complete list of the currently registered communities and organizations that can use the state contracts, as well as more information about the COSTARS program itself, is available at:  
[www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars) or by calling (866) 768-7827.

Please note that the Software Licensing Program no longer exists. It has been replaced by access, through the COSTARS program, in the software contracts.

The **Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations** offers municipalities a number of programs to help stretch limited budget dollars.

The **1033 Excess Property Program** provides your law enforcement agency an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night vision goggles, vehicles, and many other valuable protective items can be acquired to protect the men and women who protect your community. The property itself is a donation from the Federal Government. However, you do incur a service charge to cover the state's cost of administering this program.

**Contact** – Bureau of Supplies & Office Surplus, Law Enforcement Property Program at: (717) 787-6159, ext. 3212

The **1122 New Property Program** enables your law enforcement agency to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities using Federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing power, the Federal Government receives tremendous discounts on many of the items commonly used by local law enforcement agencies.

**Phone** – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3205

Our agency will research the federal contracts and provide quotes to you. You do incur a service charge of \$500 or 4 percent of the sale price, whichever is less, to cover the state's cost of administering this program.

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The **Federal Surplus Property Program** offers a virtually limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper clips to battle ships, from computers to concrete block, we can meet your property needs through this program.

Check out our complete inventory on-line at: [www.dgs.state.pa.us](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us) under Government Surplus. The property itself is donated to your municipality from the Federal Government. You do incur a service charge, however, to cover the state's cost of administering the program.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3814

The **Fixed Price Vehicles Program** enables our Bureau to offer General Services Administration fleet vehicles to your municipality before these vehicles go to public auction. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks are all available through this program.

You may submit your requests for vehicles to our office. As your vehicles become available, GSA will contact our agency with the price and condition of each vehicle. If the price and condition match the needs of your organization, you may acquire the vehicle by submitting your payment by organization check prior to the delivery of the vehicle.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3215

The **State Surplus Property Program** offers Commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies through our warehouse at 2221 Forster St. in Harrisburg, and offers a variety of items on-line through eBay ([www.ebay.com/seller\\_id/pastatesurplus](http://www.ebay.com/seller_id/pastatesurplus)). Sales are open to the general public. Store hours are 9 AM to 2:45 PM, Monday through Friday.

To register for the municipal sales, please visit our on-line auctioneer, Asset Auctions, at: [www.asset-auctions.com/padgs](http://www.asset-auctions.com/padgs) to register your municipality and to receive notices of up-coming auctions.

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Surplus Auctions are sometimes held across the Commonwealth. Additionally, we offer off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other maintenance equipment to municipalities before these items are offered for sale to the general public.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in our 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 learn the latest information on public health issues at their finger tips.

The Department of Health has published a comprehensive guide entitled the Health & Human Services Resource Guide. The guide is a 36-page booklet designed to inform individuals about human resources that may be readily available in their area. This information is also available at the department’s Web site <http://www.health.state.pa.us>. Once at the Web site, go to the top right hand corner of the homepage and conduct a site search using the keyword “Resource Guide.”

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has also compiled an “Access to Healthcare Guide” to serve as a one-stop manual for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health-care service. The following highlights each program. This information is also available at the department’s web site at <https://www.health.state.pa.us>. Once at the Web site, go to the top right hand corner of the homepage and conduct a site search using the keyword “Access to HealthCare Guide.”

**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.

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

**Free PA Senior Medical Clinics** – Free Medical Clinics is a collaborative effort of concerned citizens and health care professionals who recognize the importance of affordable health care to the growth and development of a community.

[http://www.paseniorcenters.org/information/free\\_clinics.htm](http://www.paseniorcenters.org/information/free_clinics.htm)

**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.

<http://ask.hrsa.gov/pc/>

**Medical Student Run Clinics** – The goal of the MSCA is to have EVERY medical/osteopathic school associated with a student-run clinic as a means for students to serve the community and to use as a learning environment. Here you will find links to all of the student-run clinics around the country.

<http://www.student-clinics.org/cliniclist.html>

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<p><b>National Nursing Centers Consortium</b> – 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.</p>	<p><a href="http://nationalnursingcenters.com/membership/penn.html">http://nationalnursingcenters.com/membership/penn.html</a></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Association for Community Health Centers (PACHC)</b> – The PACHC (previously known as the PA Forum) was established in 1981 as a private non-profit organization. These community-owned and operated rural and urban centers provide quality health care that is both affordable and accessible.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pachc.com/">http://www.pachc.com/</a></p>
<p><b>Volunteers in Health Care Links Page</b> – Volunteers in Health Care staff have prepared the following list of links useful to those serving the uninsured.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.volunteersinhealthcare.org/links.htm">http://www.volunteersinhealthcare.org/links.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Volunteers in Medicine Institute</b> – 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.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.vimi.org/alliances.shtml#pa">http://www.vimi.org/alliances.shtml#pa</a></p>
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<p><b>Pennsylvania Dental Association Dental Clinic Directory</b> – The PDA is frequently contacted by members, the public and elected officials for information on the availability of low-cost dental care.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.padental.org/">http://www.padental.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care Program</b> – The Senior Dental Care Program offers reduced-cost dental care to eligible Pennsylvania senior citizens by dentists who are members of the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.padental.org/">http://www.padental.org/</a></p>
<p><b>ToothWoman.Net</b> – ToothWoman Network, a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, works to improve health through oral health education. With special emphasis on women, children, seniors and people with disabilities, we strive to educate all people about the importance of improving oral health, preventing disease and trauma to the mouth, and understanding the relationship of the mouth to the rest of the body.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.toothwoman.net/er/index.html">http://www.toothwoman.net/er/index.html</a></p>

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**adultBasic** – Recognizing the need to provide quality healthcare coverage that is accessible and affordable to the Commonwealth’s uninsured adult population, adultBasic was launched in 2002 to cover the basic healthcare needs of Pennsylvanians age 19-64 who have no health insurance and who meet certain eligibility requirements. (Administered by the PA Department of Insurance.)

**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 PA Department of Insurance.)

**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 PA Department of Public Welfare.)

**Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)** – A wide variety of healthcare programs for Pennsylvanian’s eligible to receive medical assistance. (Administered by the PA Department of Public Welfare.)

**PA HEALTH PROGRAMS**

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Section – HealthyWoman Program (HWP)** – This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre-cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women.

**Contact** – Telephone toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615; [www.PAHealthyWoman.com](http://www.PAHealthyWoman.com).

**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** – Joseph Foner, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.

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<p><b>Child Orthopedics Program</b> – This program provides services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, inpatient surgery, orthopedic/prosthetic appliances, and durable medical equipment to eligible children with orthopedic conditions.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><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.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – LuAnn Cartwright, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>
<p><b>Cleft Palate Program</b> – This program supports the direct payment for services against a fee schedule for diagnostic tests, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and inpatient surgery and care to eligible children with cleft conditions.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><b>Cooley’s Anemia Program</b> – This program provides comprehensive multi-disciplinary medical services to patients of all ages with Cooley’s Anemia.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><b>Cystic Fibrosis Program</b> – This program supports medical centers that provide comprehensive services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><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.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Kelly Holland, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>
<p><b>Genetic Services Program</b> – This program provides genetic screening, pre-conceptual health assessment, genetic counseling and referral services. The program targets low income individuals who are at-risk for transmitting, affected with, or concerned about a genetic disorder. It enables individuals to make informed health decisions and ensures them access to comprehensive genetic services.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – David Marchetto, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143 or contact the Special Kids Network for the phone number of the nearest provider in your area: 1 (800) 986-4550; TTY 1 (877) 232-7640.</p>

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<p><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.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Nicole Adams, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762. <b>Toll Free Number</b> – 1 (866) 412-4755.</p>
<p><b>Hearing and Speech Program</b> – This program provides diagnosis, treatment, habilitation prostheses, and other services including remediation of speech, language and hearing problems.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<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><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</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><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><b>HOPWA</b> – Federally-funded program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development 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, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, and supportive services (e.g., security deposits, case management, drug and alcohol abuse treatment).</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Joanne Valentino, PHP Administrator, Division of HIV/AIDS, (717) 783-0572.</p>
<p><b>Immunization Program For Children, Adolescents And Adults</b> – All recommended childhood immunizations are made available to children and adolescents who have no medical homes or resources for payment through a network of public clinic sites. Tetanus/diphtheria, influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are made available to adults who have no resources for or access to these immunizations</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Heather Stafford, RN, BSN, Director, Division of Immunizations, (717) 787-5681.</p>
<p><b>Lead Hazard Control Program</b> – 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.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Cynthia Dundas of Faith Blough, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>



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<p><b>Love'em with a Checkup Program</b> – This program consists of two informational and referral help lines. Healthy Baby 1 (800) 986-2229 provides pregnant women with information about where to get early and regular prenatal care. Healthy Kids 1 (800) 986-5437 provides parents with information about where to obtain primary health care for their children and information about infant care and breast feeding.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Rodney Shomper, Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2763</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Cancer Education Network</b> – This program provides free public education about prostate, skin, ovarian and colorectal cancers.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Telephone toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615.; <a href="http://www.PACancerEducationNetwork.com">www.PACancerEducationNetwork.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program</b> – 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.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – James Besong, STD Program Manager, Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, (717) 787-3981.</p>
<p><b>Sickle Cell Disease Program</b> – This program provides comprehensive medical treatment and psychosocial services, care coordination, and education to children and adults with sickle cell disease.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Ellen Bierbower, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><b>Special Kids Network</b> – This is a statewide information and referral helpline service that connects individuals and families of children with special health care needs in obtaining needed services. The helpline number is 1 (800) 986-4550; TTY 1 (877) 232-7640.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Rodney Shomper, Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2763.</p>
<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>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p><b>Tobacco Prevention and Control</b> – This program provides financial aid to uninsured pregnant women and youth under the age of 18 for participation in department-approved tobacco cessation programs. 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 Web site, <a href="http://www.determinedtoquit.com">www.determinedtoquit.com</a> provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Judy Ochs, Director, Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, (717) 783-6600.</p>

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**Tuberculosis (TB) Program** – The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting, and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all County and Municipal Health Departments.

**Contact** – Jody Harclerode, RN, MS, TB Program Manager, Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, (717) 787-6267.

**Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)** – This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children under age five. 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.

**Contact** – Bonnie Mellot or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-1289 or 1 (800) WIC-WINS.

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.state.pa.us](http://www.health.state.pa.us). Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the Web site or contact the appropriate person listed with each program.

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### CONTACT PERSON

Office of Public Health Preparedness .....	Shannon Fitzgerald
Diabetes Programs .....	Leslie Best
Diabetes Control.....	Leslie Best
Disease Control Immunization.....	Janice Kopelman
PHHSBG – Block Program Services .....	Leslie Best
Preventive Health Special Projects .....	Leslie Best
Steps to a Healthier US.....	Leslie Best
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening and Treatment .....	Janice Kopelman
Survey and Follow-up – STD .....	Janice Kopelman
Newborn Screening .....	David Marchetto
Primary Health Care Practitioner .....	Martin Raniowski
Loan Repayment Program.....	Martin Raniowski
Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.....	Martin Raniowski
J-1 Visa Waiver Program.....	Martin Raniowski
Primary Care Community Challenge Grant Program.....	Martin Raniowski
Health Work Force Reports .....	Martin Raniowski
State Health Improvement Plan.....	Martin Raniowski
Health Equity.....	Jamahal C. Boyd, Sr.

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Health Literacy .....	Leslie Best
AIDS Programs .....	Janice Kopelman
AIDS Health Education .....	Janice Kopelman
HIV Care .....	Janice Kopelman
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS.....	Janice Kopelman
Maternal and Child Health .....	Melita Jordan
Adolescent Health.....	Carolyn Cass
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants .....	Michelle Connors
Child Health .....	Carolyn Cass
Genetic Counseling.....	David Marchetto
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement .....	Carolyn Cass
MCHSBG – Program Services.....	Melita Jordan
Women, Infants and Children (WIC).....	Greg Landis
Family Health Special Projects .....	Carolyn Cass
Screening Newborns .....	David Marchetto
Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention .....	David Marchetto
Assistance to Drug and Alcohol Programs .....	Robin Rothermel
SABG – Drug and Alcohol Services.....	Robin Rothermel
Substance Abuse Special Project Grants.....	Robin Rothermel
Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment .....	Janice Kopelman
Tuberculosis Control Program .....	Janice Kopelman
Renal Dialysis .....	Carolyn Cass
Services for Children with Special Needs.....	Michelle Connors
Adult Cystic Fibrosis .....	David Marchetto
Cooley’s Anemia .....	David Marchetto
Arthritis Outreach and Education.....	Leslie Best
Hemophilia .....	David Marchetto
Lupus .....	Leslie Best
Sickle Cell .....	David Marchetto
Newborn Hearing Screening .....	David Marchetto
Osteoporosis Prevention and Education .....	Leslie Best
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation .....	Leslie Best
Health Research .....	Patricia Potrzebowski
Traumatic Brain Injury .....	Carolyn Cass

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Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction  
(717) 787-6214

Martin Raniowski, Director,  
Bureau of Health Planning  
(717) 772-5298

Robin Rothermel, Acting Director,  
Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs  
(717) 783-8200

Melita Jordan, Director,  
Bureau of Family Health  
(717) 787-7192

Janice Kopelman, Director,  
Bureau of Communicable Diseases  
(717) 783-0479

Patricia Potrzebowski, Director,  
Bureau of Health Statistics and Research  
(717) 783-2548

Jamahal C. Boyd, Sr., Director  
Office of Health Equity  
(717) 787-4366

# DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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**adultBasic Health Insurance** – adultBasic provides health insurance for adults meeting certain income and other eligibility requirements and who do not have health-care coverage. The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department through contracts with four insurance companies throughout the state. adultBasic offers basic benefits, including preventative care, physician services, diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, in-patient hospitalization, out-patient hospital services, emergency accident and medical care.

Individuals enrolled in the program have a monthly premium payment of \$33.50.

Additional information, including eligibility criteria is available on the department's Web site at: [www.ins.state.pa.us](http://www.ins.state.pa.us).

Interested individuals may apply on-line at: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us), by phone at 1 (800) GO-BASIC to receive a paper application, which will be mailed.

\*\*\*\*There is currently a waiting list for enrollment. However, individuals determined to be eligible for adultBasic and are placed on the waiting list, have the option to purchase the adultBasic coverage at the Insurance Department's cost and will receive the same benefits as those offered through the program.

**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 Web site at: [www.ins.state.pa.us](http://www.ins.state.pa.us) or calling the Auto CAT Fund at (717) 787-4919.

**CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)** – This program provides free or low-cost comprehensive health care to children under the age of 19 whose families make too much money to qualify for Medicaid and are not otherwise covered by health insurance. CHIP has expanded to cover all kids and that means that now, no family makes too much to be eligible. The cost of coverage is based on family income.

Quality comprehensive health-care benefits provided by CHIP include, immunizations, routine check-ups, diagnostic\

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Additional information is available on the department's Web site at: [www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com).

Currently, there is no waiting list for the CHIP Program.

Families may apply on-line at: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us), by phone at 1 (800) 986-KIDS to receive a paper application, which will be mailed.

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testing, prescription drugs, dental, vision and hearing services, emergency care, maternity care, mental health benefits, up to 90 days of hospitalization in any year, durable medical equipment, substance abuse treatment, partial hospitalization for mental health services, rehabilitation therapies and home health care.

**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 the insurance requirement.

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 Web site at: [www.ins.state.pa.us](http://www.ins.state.pa.us) or by calling the USTIF at 1 (800) 595-9887 (PA) or (717) 787-0763.

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**Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA)** – The Trade Act establishes ATAA as an alternative assistance program for older workers certified eligible to apply for TAA. This program is effective for petitioners who request that workers be certified for the ATAA program, and do so at the time the petition is filed. ATAA is designed to allow TAA eligible workers for whom retraining may not be appropriate and who find reemployment, to receive a wage subsidy to help bridge the salary gap between their old and new employment. To receive the ATAA benefits, workers must be TAA and ATAA certified and must file the application for ATAA within two years of the first day of qualifying reemployment.

- An individual must meet the following requirements to for participation in the ATAA program:
- Be at least 50 years old at the time of reemployment.
  - Be reemployed by the last day of the 26th week after the worker’s qualifying separation from the TAA/ATAA certified employment.
  - Not be expected to earn more than \$50,000 annually from the reemployment.
  - Be reemployed full-time.
  - Not return to work from which the worker was separated.

- The ATAA supplement shall cease:
- If the individual’s annualized reemployment wage is projected to exceed \$50,000.
  - If the individual has received \$10,000 in ATAA benefits.
  - If the worker has reached the end of the two-year eligibility period.

Workers who begin receiving payments under the ATAA program cannot receive other TAA benefits and services except for relocation allowances and the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC).

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a Pennsylvania CareerLink and requesting the pamphlet, UCP-II or UCP-II (A), Assistance for Workers Under the Trade Act of 1974. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to apply for these benefits, please contact the UC Service Center or visit a Pennsylvania CareerLink.

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**AmeriCorps** – 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.

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.

PennSERVE anticipates awarding several AmeriCorps grants for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Grant applications will likely be due in January 2009.

**Employment Incentive Payment (EIP)** – The EIP tax credit offers a three-year graduated tax credit to private-for-profit employers that hire Pennsylvania residents who are recipients of cash assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, or who are recent customers of a State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation or the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The first-year credit is 30 percent of the first \$9,000 paid to the employee; the second year is 20 percent of the first \$9,000 and the third year is 10 percent of the first \$9,000 plus additional amounts if the employer provides or reimburses for child care or transportation to work.

To receive the full credit the employee must remain on the payroll for the full year. If the employee voluntarily quits, becomes disabled or is terminated for a just cause, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue will pro-rate the tax credit.

Additional information, forms and instructions, can be downloaded from [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us). Click on “Businesses and Organizations”; click on “Financial Incentives/Resources”; click on “Employment Tax Credits”; click on “Employment Incentive Payment Program” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink Office, Pennsylvania County Assistance Office, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the Tax Credit Coordination Services at 1 (800) 345-2555.

**Health Coverage Tax Credit** – The Health Coverage Tax Credit is a federal tax credit that pays 65 percent of the health plan premium for eligible individuals enrolled in qualified health plans. The benefit can be received as a tax credit or an advanced payment. This benefit is available to TAA eligible individuals, ATAA eligible individuals (those getting wage subsidy), recipients of Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC) benefits age 55 or older, and qualified family members. The TAA eligible individual must be eligible to receive Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) under the Trade Program; be collecting Unemployment Insurance (UI) or TRA and while collecting UI or TRA; must be enrolled in TAA approved training or have completed TAA approved training, or have a waiver from training.

In addition to the criteria that qualify an individual to apply for HCTC, there are also criteria that define a qualified health plan. The insurance must meet one of the four following criteria:

1. COBRA continuation coverage
2. Individual coverage in which the worker is enrolled at least 30 days prior to separation from the job that qualified him/her for TAA
3. State qualified plan

Coverage under the TAA eligible worker’s spouse’s health plan where the spouse’s employer pays less than 50 percent of the health plan coverage.

To apply for benefits, contact the HCTC Customer Contact Center toll free at 1 (866) 628-HCTC.



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**Independence Capital Access Network (ICAN)** – The ICAN Fund provides grants to small employers (with 100 employees or less) for reimbursement of costs associated with necessary accommodations to hire, retain and promote workers with disabilities. Such accommodations include: site or building modifications, specialized or adapted machinery, transportation modifications, or specialized training. The maximum annual grant is \$50,000.

Approved grant applications require an executed agreement between the recipient and the ICAN Program. The business may proceed with the accommodation(s) after ICAN contractual procedures are completed. The business must submit invoices or receipts to the ICAN Program for reimbursement.

**Contact** – Ray Walker, ICAN Program, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at (717) 787-5735.

**Individual Training Account (ITA)** – An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Investment Act, 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 to support the development of new and emerging Industry Partnerships. An Industry Partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that brings together management and employees to improve competitiveness of the companies. Effective Partnerships facilitate companies to come together to aggregate training and 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.

**Guidelines are available on –**  
[www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us).  
**Contact** – Dan Kuba, (717) 772-1854

**Industry Partnership Worker Training Program** – Grants will be made available to assist emerging and existing Industry Partnerships to help identify the training needs of the companies by developing effective and responsive training solutions that will enhance participating companies competitive position. Incumbent Worker Grants will help support the development and training implementation strategy by supporting training to generate cutting edge skills needed by employers while promoting opportunities and advancement of workers and job seekers.

**Guidelines are available on –**  
[www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us).  
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**Job Training Fund Equipment Grant** – Pennsylvania’s human capital strategy has focused on education for our citizens that stress both academic rigor and industry relevance. The focus of the Equipment Grant is to ensure that students are training on equipment that is found or will be found in the competitive industries of today and the future. In addition, the legislation specifically requires that funds be earmarked for 6th, 7th, and 8th class counties and that eligible entities are non-profit training providers and public educational institutions. This year the funds will be limited to equipment purchases in high priority occupations and targeted industry clusters.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is making the funds available to eligible entities based on a competitive application process; a maximum grant award will be \$200,000 and it requires a 1:1 funding match.

**Guidelines are available on –**  
[www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us).

**Contact –** Dan Kuba at (717) 705 8821

**Learn and Serve** – The Learn and Serve grants are provided to community-based organizations and grantees are required to develop and implement programs that link community service and education. There is a match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations.

PennSERVE currently has no Learn and Serve grants available.

**Nursing Shortage Initiative Grants** – Provides a new source of financial support for non-profit, tax-exempt schools of nursing. The intent of this program is to enable schools to quickly increase their nursing enrollment by funding additional faculty, providing assistance for current faculty to complete degrees, or allowing faculty members to hire graduate assistants to teach nursing students.

**Guidelines are available on –**  
[www.paworkforce.state.pa.us/about/lib/about/pdf/skilled\\_workforce/nursing\\_shortage\\_continuation\\_guidelines-final.pdf](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us/about/lib/about/pdf/skilled_workforce/nursing_shortage_continuation_guidelines-final.pdf)

**Contact –** Dan Kuba at (717) 705-8821

**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.

CareerLink Staff and the training providers with which Local Areas work can provide guidance on how participants can apply for Pell grants and other student aid. There also are various Web sites that provide instructions on the application process.

**Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers** – The Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board and serves as a catalyst to develop action-oriented strategies to respond to Pennsylvania’s short and long-term health care workforce challenges. The initiatives of the Center for Health Careers focus on four distinct issues currently affecting health care: increasing the capacity of Pennsylvania’s nursing

**Contact –** David Ranck at (717) 525-5596

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education system; retaining health care workers in healthcare professions; responding to the demand for critical allied health professionals; and addressing the needs of direct care workers.

Pennsylvania's health care workforce is projected to grow by more than 6,000 positions each year through 2014. In order to sustain this growth and meet Pennsylvania's health care needs in the near future, an estimated 15,000 health care job openings will need to be filled each year in addition to addressing critical labor shortages already in existence in such fields as nursing, pharmacy, medical technology, and direct care. The demand for health care services and a strong, dependable workforce will also intensify as the leading edge of the baby boom generation turns 65 in 2011 and the current health care workforce retires at increasing rates. The center's objective is to address these critical issues affecting the health care setting and respond with innovative solutions in an effort to ensure the growth and stability of the future health care workforce.

**Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) Project Grant Program** – Grants to carry out projects related to recreation, conservation and historical preservation (non-profit agencies in cities of the first class may also apply, but only for projects involving the removal of graffiti and the repair of institutional vandalism.)

Grant recipients receive the services of a PCC crew (all wages paid) for one year. May also receive the funds to pay for the materials and contracted services needed (municipalities and school districts must supply a 25 percent cash match).

Applications for this grant are taken annually in the Fall.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Conservation Corps at 1 (888) 577-4722 or e-mail: [pcc@dli.state.pa.us](mailto:pcc@dli.state.pa.us).

**Planning/Capacity-Building Grants** – The Planning/Capacity-Building grants for community-based, faith-based and educational institutions to develop the infrastructure necessary to operate an AmeriCorps grant, and to build capacity.

There is a match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations.

PennSERVE currently has no Planning/Capacity-Building grants available.

**PennSERVE special grants** – Awarded on rare occasions. The terms of these special grants are dictated by the funding source and PennSERVE acts primarily as a pass-thru and oversight agency.

For additional information on grant opportunities, and on the types of programs currently funded, visit: [www.pennserve.state.pa.us](http://www.pennserve.state.pa.us).

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**Regional Career Education Partnerships for Youth (RCEPs)** – The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established Regional Career Education Partnerships for Youth (RCEPs) to help students (and their parents) make informed choices about the education and training they need to pursue careers in high growth industries so that they can acquire jobs that are in demand and earn higher wages. These RCEPs work to give students better opportunities to gain the knowledge and skills critical for success in college and careers.

Over the past two years, almost 235,000 students have connected to more than 9,000 businesses that provide them with career awareness and work based learning opportunities like job shadowing, mentoring, paid and unpaid internships, and apprenticeships. It is proven that when these kinds of experiences are combined with rigorous academics and career related skills development; students are more successful in high school and through post secondary education, and ultimately on the job.

Employers visit classrooms and talk to students about the knowledge, skills, and education levels that they will need to get the good paying jobs of the future. Employers also work with teachers to help develop lesson plans and even open their doors to provide teachers and counselors educator in the workplace opportunities, many times offering Act 48 credits.

Contact – Toni Strong at (717) 705 8819

**Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania** – Scholars in Service to PA is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only program. This means that participating students enroll as AmeriCorps members on a part-time basis and receive a partial Education Award at the end of their term. Students who complete 450 hours of service in 1 year earn an award of \$1,250. The award can be used to pay for any legitimate educational expenses at their current undergraduate institution or to pay for future educational expenses.

Second round of applications due on November 30, 2008.

Visit [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), keyword PennSERVE for more information.

**TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances** – In addition to training-related benefits, the TAA Program also can assist 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 them 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.

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**Trade Adjustment Assistance** – The Trade Act’s Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program helps trade-affected 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 for classroom training, 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 similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment, and sustain that employment at the best wage available.

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 104 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 Pennsylvania CareerLink and requesting the pamphlet, UCP-11 or UCP-11 (A), *Assistance for Workers Under the Trade Act of 1974*. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to apply for these benefits, please contact the UC Service Center or visit a Pennsylvania CareerLink.

**Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)** – The WOTC provides a private-for-profit employer with tax savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. WOTC targets short- and long-term TANF recipients; Food Stamp recipients; Veterans on Food Stamps; disabled Veterans; recent vocational rehabilitation customers who received services through a state plan for vocational Rehabilitation or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); Supplemental Security Income recipients; ex-felons; designated community residents and summer youth living in a Renewal Community, Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, or Rural Renewal Community.

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 180 days or 400 hours. 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.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us). Click on “Businesses and Organizations”; click on “Financial Incentives/Resources”; click on “Employment Tax Credits”; click on “Work Opportunity Tax Credit” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink Office, Pennsylvania County Assistance Office, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the Tax Credit Coordination Services at: 1 (800) 345-2555.

*The Commonwealth’s Workforce Development Agencies are working together to keep Pennsylvania competitive and create opportunity for our citizens. For more information about any of these programs, or other workforce development initiatives, contact the Workforce Development Office at (717) 705-5866.*

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us>

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**Education Assistance Program (Act 11 of 2000)** – 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 PA National Guard members for 100 percent of the tuition cost 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, \$2,588, or their actual tuition cost, whichever is less per semester. PA National Guard members that do not possess a bachelor’s degree and are enrolled as a part-time student (3 to 11 credits) can receive 100 percent of their tuition or \$1,725 per semester, whichever amount is less; those members possessing a bachelor’s degree would be eligible to receive 50 percent of their tuition or \$862 per semester, whichever amount is less.

Members that 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 benefits extended for one additional month for each month of service.

Eligible members discharged after 11 September 2001 because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for 6 years from the date of the “Medical” discharge.

**Contact** – PA Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs, Education Center at:  
1 (866) 920-7902.

# PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)

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**Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program** – 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 Web site:  
<http://www.usfa.fema.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.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014

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.

**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 at: (717) 651-2014

**Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System (IFLOWS)** – PEMA, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the National Weather Service (NWS), operates and maintains a flash flood warning system in flood sensitive areas encompassing some 30 counties across the Commonwealth. This system, known as IFLOWS, relies on radio reporting rain and stream gauges which provide rainfall and stream level data via radio and satellite to counties, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), PEMA Area Offices and the National Weather Service offices serving Pennsylvania. The IFLOWS system also provides an alarm feature for local and state/NWS use.

No new county sites are being funded by NWS for this program due to funding constraints at the federal level.  
Contact – Wendall West at: (717) 651-2013; [wwest@state.pa.us](mailto:wwest@state.pa.us).

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**Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF)** – Provides funding for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for areas surrounding each nuclear electrical facility, nuclear fabrication and away-from-reactor storage facility located in the Commonwealth; the training and equipping of state and local emergency response personnel; the periodic exercise of accident scenarios and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.

**Contact** – PEMA Grant Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014 for further information.

**Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Fund (RTERF)** – The fund provides grants to the 47 counties that have an approved Nuclear Regulatory Commission/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania route for the shipment of spent nuclear fuel within 5 miles of their jurisdictional borders. Financial assistance is provided to respond to accidents involving the shipment of spent nuclear fuel. Counties may apply one time during a fiscal year for a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.

**Contact** – PEMA Grants Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014 for further information.  
**Note** – Grants are not currently available under this program due to insufficient funds in the dedicated account. These funds are generated by user fees.  
 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, Hazard Mitigation Forms, Hazardous Material Forms and 911. The following Web page is a direct link to these forms:  
<http://www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/cwp/browse.asp?a=585&bc=0&c=45241&pemaNav=#911>.

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

Applications deadlines for each fiscal year vary.  
 For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner Web site at: [www.osfc.state.pa.us](http://www.osfc.state.pa.us). Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at: [ra-vfcvasgp@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-vfcvasgp@state.pa.us).

**Volunteer Loan Assistance Program** – 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.

For more information contact Cheryl Ritter, VLAP Coordinator, (717) 651-2205, [critter@state.pa.us](mailto:critter@state.pa.us) or the VLAP staff at 1 (800) 670-3473 or (717) 651-2200 or via e-mail using [fire@state.pa.us](mailto:fire@state.pa.us).



## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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The grants listed are from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Any grant that an entity applies for in the state of Pennsylvania is administered through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

**Contact** – Roland R. Metz, Director  
 Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security  
 2605 Interstate Drive  
 Harrisburg, PA 17110  
 (717) 651-2715

The following information is from <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=18>.

The Department of Homeland Security enhances the ability of states, local and tribal jurisdictions, and other regional authorities in the preparation, prevention, and response to terrorist attacks and other disasters, by distributing grant funds. Localities can use grants for planning, equipment, training and exercise needs. These grants include, but are not limited to areas of

- Port Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Regional and Local Mass Transit Systems
- Equipment and Training for First Responders
- Homeland Security Grants

The Office of Grants and Training, a component of the Preparedness Directorate, as part of its mission, oversees the distribution of these grants. For more information on these and other grants contact the Office of Grants and Training.

**Contact** – The Office of Grants & Training  
 810 Seventh St., N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20531

G&T Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID), 1 (800) 368-6498, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday, Fax: (202) 786-9920

**Questions or Comments** – [askcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov)

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

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**Educational 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 tuition or the PASSHE tuition (100 percent) charged to a Pennsylvania resident, whichever is less.

Contact – 1 (800) GO GUARD or visit:  
<http://www.paguard.com>.

**Horace Mann Bond-Leslie Pinckney Hill Scholarship Program** – Scholarship to graduates of Lincoln University and Cheyney University who enter law, medicine or dentistry at Temple University, Penn State University or the University of Pittsburgh.

Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Students should apply for a Pennsylvania State Grant & Federal Pell Grant by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year.

**Pennsylvania State Grant Program** – Grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial aid to attend an approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student.

**Full Time:** Up to \$4,700 per year for full-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$600 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$800 at an out-of-state school).

**Part Time:** Up to \$2,350 per year for part-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$300 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$400 at an out-of-state school).

**Veterans:** Qualified veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces are eligible for special consideration for a Pennsylvania State Grant while enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate student.

**Application Deadline** – May 1 – immediately preceding academic year.

File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.

Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**PHEAA Academic Excellence Scholarship Award** – available to Pennsylvania State Grant recipients who meet the eligibility requirements of the federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, but do not receive funding through the Byrd program.

**Application Deadline** – must be received by May 1.

Must attend a Pennsylvania institution. Qualified Byrd applicants will automatically be considered. No additional application process required.

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<p><b>Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program</b> – Grant program assists children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue and ambulance squad members, correction employees, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and National Guard members who died in the line of duty, by providing a waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board charges at Pennsylvania state-owned, state-related and community colleges.</p>	<p>Available for a maximum of five academic years to students whose parents have died in the line of duty since January 1, 1976.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – PHEAA State Grant &amp; Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.</p>
<p><b>POW-MIA Program</b> – Provides special state grants to children of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who served on active duty after January 31, 1955 and who has been a prisoner of war or reported missing in action and was a Pennsylvania resident for 12 months prior to active duty service.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHEAA State Grant &amp; Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392</p>
<p><b>Private Scholarships</b> – Funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions and private businesses.</p>	<p>Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information. Check out <a href="http://www.EducationPlanner.org">http://www.EducationPlanner.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program</b> – Federal program that provides funds to offer merit scholarships to high school seniors.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – May 1</p> <p>Must be in the top 5 percent of high school class, have a 3.5 GPA or higher, and have a combined SAT score of 1150 or an ACT score of 25 or above.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392 or (717) 720-2800</p>
<p><b>Workforce Advancement Grant for Education (WAGE)</b> – Block grants to institutions, including vocational and technical education programs, to provide funds for Pennsylvania adult students who don't qualify for awards from the Pennsylvania State Grant Program. WAGE is only for Pennsylvania residents who have been classified as independent students in accordance with federal requirements.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> the financial aid office of the institution you attend to see if they participate and for eligibility requirements.</p>
<h3>LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS</h3>	
<p><b>Agricultural Education Loan Forgiveness</b> – State program helps agriculture and veterinary medicine graduates repay their student loans (up to \$2,000 per year for each year of qualifying employment – \$10,000 lifetime maximum limit). Eligibility now includes borrowers in their first year of full-time employment teaching an agriculture curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b> – November 15, 2008.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a degree in a field related to the production of agricultural products or veterinary medicine; or a current teacher certification in agriculture from a Pa. institution.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – PHEAA, Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Program at: 1 (800) 233-0557.</p>

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**Armed Forces Loan Forgiveness** – up to \$2,500 in a one-time payment for eligible federal loan borrowers who served in the Armed Forces in an active duty status between September 11, 2001 and December 31, 2007.

Application Deadline – June 30, 2009.  
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

**Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program** – Provides up to \$5,000 in loan forgiveness for eligible full-time elementary and secondary school teachers (up to \$17,500 for highly qualified mathematics, science and special education teachers of children with disabilities).

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Loan Forgiveness Program for State Veterans Home Nurses** – An incentive for nurses graduating in 2007 to accept employment in a Pennsylvania state veterans home. Forgives up to 50 percent, to a maximum of \$10,000, of student loan debt over three years of employment.

Application Deadline – December 31, 2008.  
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

**Nursing Loan Forgiveness for Healthier Futures** – An incentive for new graduates to enter the field of nursing in direct patient care or as a nurse educator. Forgives up to 25 percent of student loan debt (to a maximum of \$12,500) over three years of qualifying employment at a participating, licensed Pennsylvania facility.

Application Deadline – December 31, 2008 for all applicants who graduate in 2007.  
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

**Quality Early Education Loan Forgiveness** – for qualified professionals who make a maximum gross annual income of no more than \$30,000 from full-time employment in an approved Pa. child-care center, family day care home, Head Start program facility or group day care home. Forgives up to \$3,300 per year for three years.

Must be a Pennsylvania resident and have a current, outstanding balance on a federally insured Stafford loan that is guaranteed and serviced by AES/PHEAA  
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

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### NEW ECONOMY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS (NETS)

Students must complete a FAFSA each year in order to be considered for NETS aid.

**SciTech Scholarship Program** – Provides up to \$3,000 (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board and a \$700 allowance for books) per year for a maximum of three years to students who are enrolled full time in certain majors to educate and retain a workforce of highly trained technology experts

**Application Deadline** – December 31 of current academic year.

Must be enrolled full time as at least a sophomore, and have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher at the time of application. Must maintain 3.0 grade point average and must agree to work full-time in Pennsylvania after graduation, one year for each year a scholarship is received.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Technology Scholarship Program** – Provides up to \$1,000 (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board and a \$700 allowance for books) per year to persons who do not seek a four-year education but want to succeed in a technology-based economy. The Technology Scholarship is available to full and part-time students.

**Application Deadline** – December 31

Must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Must agree to work full-time in Pennsylvania after graduation, one year for each year a scholarship is received.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

### KEYSTONE FAMILY OF LOAN PROGRAMS

**KeystoneBEST Loan Program** – Low-cost Stafford loan program. The estimated savings to borrowers (using a \$10,000 loan balance) over the life of the loan is \$2,300.

**Contact** – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**KeystoneEXTRA Loan Program** – Provides a private supplemental loan to give students the opportunity to borrow up to \$7,500 per year for undergraduates and \$15,000 per year for graduate students. Exhaust all Stafford Loan options first.

**Contact** – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 343-1809.

**KeystonePLUS Loan Program** – Helps parents of dependent undergraduate students pay the difference between the actual cost of higher education and the amount covered by financial aid.

There is no family income limit.

**Contact** – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Keystone Stafford Loans** – Funds available to help Pa. students and residents who have family incomes of less than \$21,000.

**Contact** – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

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**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**Federal Pell Grant** – Federal (non-repayable) grant funds available, depending upon financial need. Provides between \$400 and \$4,310 annually.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Federal Perkins Loan** – Loans of up to \$4,000 annually for undergraduate students at 5 percent interest rate with up to a 10-year repayment option. Graduate students may borrow up to \$6,000 annually.

**Note** – Perkins loans were not funded by the federal government for the 2006-07 academic year. Check with the financial aid officer of the college you attend to see if funds are available for 2008-09.

**Federal PLUS Loan** – Long-term loans that provide funds to cover the difference between educational costs and other financial aid for dependent undergraduates.

**Contact** – PHEAA Student Loan Department at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Federal Stafford Loan** – Long-term, low-cost education loans to students from private lending institutions for their program of study.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Contact** – PHEAA Student Loan Department at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** – Grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,050 annually for undergraduate students. Priority given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

**Contact** – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program** – Provides funds to students who are the children of a parent who has a permanent disability or who died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Contact** – Local Veterans Administration Office.

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

**Contact** – Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office.

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**Gate Student Loan Program** – Private loan that offers low interest rates, no payments during enrollment and a 13-year graduated repayment schedule. Available to 78 schools nationwide, including Lycoming College, Williamsport.

**Contact** – AES West Coast at: 1 (800) 645-0750.

**Institutional Assistance Grants Program** – Payments are based on the number of full-time equivalent state grant recipients certified as enrolled at IAG-eligible institutions during the academic year. Eligible institutions must be independent, operated not for profit and approved for purposes of the Pennsylvania State Grant Program and must not be a state-owned college or university, a state-related university or a community college. For the last several years, the appropriation legislation has excluded any institution that is the recipient of a direct state appropriation.

**PrepGate Private School Loan Program** – Provides assistance for virtually every type of private K-12 educational program. There is no charge to apply for the loan. Debt to income ratio not to exceed 50 percent.

A credit bureau report will be obtained for each applicant.

**Contact** – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 343-1809.

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**SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

**Access Home Modification Program** – Provides non-interest bearing second mortgage loans (from \$1,000 to \$10,000) to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities who are purchasing homes and need to make accessibility modifications. This program provides a deferred payment loan, with no interest, and no repayment, as long as the buyer occupies the home as a primary residence.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org).

**Closing Cost Assistance Program** – Deferred payment non-interest bearing closing cost assistance loan of up to \$2,000. It’s a no-interest second mortgage that does not require repayment until the first mortgage is paid in full or the home is sold, refinanced, transferred (except transfers by inheritance or between spouses), or is no longer occupied as the borrower’s primary residence.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org).

**Future Home Buyer Program** – Program designed to help teach high school students the importance of budgeting, the use of credit and the ramifications of abuse of credit and inform them of some of the everyday legal concerns they may soon face.

**Contact** – Yolanda Garcia at: (717) 780-4033

**HERO – Homeowners’ Equity Recovery Opportunity** – Designed to improve the financial situation of Pennsylvanians who are not able to afford their current mortgage payments. The HERO program is an option for those homeowners not eligible for the REAL Program due to credit issues or owing more than their home is worth.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.

**HOMEstead Second Mortgage Program** – Provides non-interest bearing second mortgage loans for down payments and closing costs. Loans range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. No repayment is required until payoff of the first mortgage or sale, transfer or non-owner occupancy of the property and are forgiven on an annual basis over five years. Not available in all areas of the Commonwealth.

First time home buying families with at least one child or persons with disabilities. Limited to borrowers with incomes at or below 80 percent of their county’s median income.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org).



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<p><b>Keystone Home Loan PLUS Program</b> – Offers PHFA’s lowest rate financing, below-market origination fees and closing cost assistance for families with children or persons with disabilitiesbuyers having incomes at or below approximately 80 percent of their county’s median income for the county in which they plan to purchase their first home.</p> <p>Applicants who meet additional eligibility requirements may also be eligible for closing cost assistance of up to \$2,000. No origination fees are charged for these loans. Available with conventional, FHA, VA and RDHS loans types.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Keystone Home Loan Program</b> – Provides 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loans with lower-than-market interest rates to qualifying home buyers.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>PENNVEST – Individual On-Lot Sewage System Loans</b> – Program provides up to \$25,000 for 20-year, very low interest rate loans to homeowners for the repair or upgrade of malfunctioning on-lot sewage systems in rural areas. These loans are insured under the FHA Title I Home Improvement Loan Program. Family income may not exceed 150 percent of the statewide median household income, adjusted annually for inflation.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.</p>
<p><b>PHFA/RHS Joint Financing Program</b> – Provides 100 percent financing to low-income families in rural Pennsylvania who are first-time homebuyers. Funding is provided through a partnership between PHFA and the Rural Housing Service (RHS) of the United States Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – State Rural Housing Service office at: (717) 237-2186, which will direct them to the nearest local office or PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Purchase-Improvement Program</b> – Program allows borrowers to make up to \$15,000 in home improvements in conjunction with the purchase of a home with an agency first mortgage loan. This can include repairs, alterations or modifications to improve the basic livability, accessibility, energy efficiency or safety of the property.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>REAL – Refinance to an Affordable Loan Program</b> – Provides a refinancing option to homeowners with an unaffordable mortgage. It offers an attractive 30-year fixed rate, flexible credit underwriting, and 100 percent financing.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.</p>
<p><b>Renovate &amp; Repair Program</b> – Homeowners may borrow up to \$35,000 for as long as 20 years to make repairs and improvements to their homes. Provides attractive financing as well as assistance with construction management.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or <a href="http://www.phfa.org">www.phfa.org</a>.</p>

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**MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

**Construction Loan Program** – Program makes below market-rate construction loans available to sponsors of rental housing projects who have permanent take-out financing from other lenders. At least 20 percent of the residents of the development must have incomes that do not exceed 80 percent of the area’s median income.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit 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 ten years). Provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multifamily 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.

**PennHOMES Program** – 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 source of the funds for the program include Agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a subrecipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

**Taxable and Tax Exempt Bond Financing** – Program provides financing at competitive rates to developers building, rehabilitating, or preserving rental housing developments. The rates are made competitive through the sale of Agency tax exempt and taxable bonds. Mortgage provided through Agency bond proceeds must be secured by a first lien position on the property.

**Contact** – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

**OTHER PROGRAMS**

**First Time Homeownership Counseling** – Provides funds for Homebuyer Workshops and Pre-purchase Counseling with the goal of expanding homeownership opportunities, educating consumers about the home buying experience, predatory lending and creating a network of counselors covering all phases of the homeownership experience.

**Contact** – Yolanda Garcia, (717) 780-4033.

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**Homeownership Choice Programs** – The Homeownership Construction Initiative and Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative offer funding to development proposals which provide ownership opportunities through new construction or renovation of vacant homes, turning blighted, urban areas into attractive neighborhoods. Proposals are submitted as joint applications of non-profit organizations, for-profit builders and municipalities. HCP is intended to be part of a municipality’s comprehensive approach to increasing housing investment.

PHFA periodically issues Requests for Proposals on the Web site, [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org).

**Contact** – Robert Bobincheck,  
(717) 780-1801 or Jennifer Gerace,  
(717) 780-3910.

**Mixed Use Facility Funding Initiative** – Provides funds for small-scale, mixed-use neighborhood revitalization efforts situated in commercial corridors around the state. Goals of this effort are to help stabilize and revitalize commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Proposals must be for one to 20 family residential structures and include one or more storefront commercial components. Proposals must be financially viable and made by an entity with development experience in the community with the capability to complete the project.

**Contact** – Robert Bobincheck,  
(717) 780-1801 or Jennifer Gerace,  
(717) 780-3910.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us>

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<p><b>Child Welfare Systems of Care Program</b> – \$500,000 federal grant awarded as a demonstration project to enable child welfare to build an infrastructure that supports cross systems collaboration in planning for children and families served by multiple agencies.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 772-7016.</p>
<p><b>Children’s Trust Fund</b> – Grants that provide funding to community-base organizations to develop new and innovative prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The board issues annual requests for proposals for grant applications.</p>	<p>Contact – The Children’s Trust Fund at: 1 (800) 833-5196.</p>
<p><b>Developmental Disabilities Council</b> – Provides funding to demonstrate new ways to go about providing services and supports; to break down barriers; to design new systems and to bring about community regeneration.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: 1 (877) 685-4452.</p>
<p><b>Employment and Job Training for Welfare Clients</b> – Provides employment and training programs through-out Pennsylvania for welfare clients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such programs.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 787-4048.</p>
<p><b>Human Services Development Fund</b> – Provides counties with a flexible source of funding to be used within the seven human services programs for which the counties are responsible: Adult Services, Aging, Children &amp; Youth, Drug and Alcohol, Homeless Assistance and the Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation programs.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 772-2521.</p>
<p><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.</p>	<p>The program opens in November and closes in March or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>Contact – The Office of Income Maintenance at: (717) 783-3063 or local county assistance office or 1 (866) 857-7095.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Access Grant Program</b> – DPW and DCED Program that provides low- and moderate-income persons with permanent disabilities increased accessibility in their current home by undertaking modifications to the home.</p>	<p>Contact – (717) 214-5341 Web site – <a href="http://www.newPA.com">www.newPA.com</a></p>

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**Supported Work Program** – DPW and DCED Program that prepares and assists public assistance recipients to obtain unsubsidized employment and provides work opportunities for post-24 month cash assistance recipients. Through Community Action Agencies, basic support services, such as transportation and child care reimbursement, are provided.

Contact – (717) 787-1984

Web site: [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com).

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

http://www.revenue.state.pa.us

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**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** – The Property Tax/Rent 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 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program was dramatically expanded in 2006 to increase rebate amounts and give rebates to more older and disabled Pennsylvanians. The expansion increased the income limit from \$15,000 to \$35,000 for homeowners and boosted the maximum rebate for both homeowners and renters from \$500 to \$650. Since the program’s expansion, the number of eligible applicants has more than doubled, and about 600,000 residents are expected to benefit from rebates this year.

Applicants can exclude one-half (1/2) of their Social Security income, so people who make substantially more than \$35,000 may still qualify for a rebate.

Homeowners can receive:

Renters can receive:

Income	Standard Rebate	Income	Standard Rebate
\$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		

Now that slots gaming has generated enough revenue to provide general property tax relief for all Pennsylvania homeowners, additional benefits are available through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program to senior homeowners who need it the most – those with high property tax burdens and those living in cities of high tax burden. In fact, an estimated 68,000 senior homeowners will have property taxes completely eliminated as supplemental property tax rebates through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program combine with general property tax relief.

These supplemental rebates, equal to 50 percent of each qualifying taxpayer’s standard rebate, are automatically calculated and awarded to homeowners in Pittsburgh, Scranton and Philadelphia with eligibility incomes of \$30,000 or less, as well as homeowners in the rest of the state who meet the same income-eligibility requirement and pay more than 15 percent of their household incomes on property tax bills. About 187,000 claimants are eligible for supplemental rebates totaling an estimated \$48.5 million in additional property tax relief.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate information and applications are available by calling 1 (888) 222-9190 or visiting [www.papropertytaxrelief.com](http://www.papropertytaxrelief.com). The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2007 has been extended until December 31, 2008.

**Research and Development Tax Credit** – Allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to the buyer(s). Businesses qualifying for the federal Research and Development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania are eligible. It is used for applied research and development expenditures. 10 percent tax credit of company’s increased research and development expenses over a base period (prorated to not exceed \$15 million annual cap for all businesses); Up to 20 percent of total pool set aside for small businesses Applicable to CNI, CSFT and PIT tax liability; Unused credits may be carried over for up to 15 succeeding taxable years.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, (717) 787-8201.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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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.

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** – Director, Bureau of Finance and Operations, Room 308 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

**Phone:** (717) 783-9195.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)**

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us>

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**BUREAU OF AVIATION**

**Aviation Development Program** – State funded program that provides funds for airport development. This 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, 25 percent local funds. Available only to public use airports.

Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,  
e-mail: [elocke@state.pa.us](mailto:elocke@state.pa.us).

**Capital Budget /Aviation Transportation Assistance Program** – State funded program that provides funds for improvement projects to airports with public sponsors. Federally eligible projects can be funded up to 75 percent and non-federally 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 – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,  
e-mail: [elocke@state.pa.us](mailto:elocke@state.pa.us).

**Federal Airport Improvement Program** – Federally funded program administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. Provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are funded with 95 percent federal, 2.5 percent state and 2.5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).  
Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,  
e-mail: [elocke@state.pa.us](mailto:elocke@state.pa.us).

**Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank-Aviation (PIB)** – Revolving loan fund administered by PennDot for eligible airport development at public-use airports. Interest rate is one-half the prime lending rate. Maximum loan term of 10 years.

Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,  
e-mail: [elocke@state.pa.us](mailto:elocke@state.pa.us).

**Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates** – Program funded through tax on aviation gas (for propeller-driven piston aircraft) and limited to taxes collected in the previous year. 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 – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,  
e-mail: [elocke@state.pa.us](mailto:elocke@state.pa.us).



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)**

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**BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING**

**Highway Safety Grant Program** – Federally funded program that provides funds for highway safety initiatives. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA.

Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania’s Comprehensive Strategic Highway Safety Improvement Plan (CSHSIP). Funds are granted to perform data driven and result oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the CSHSIP.

September 30 – Grant proposals must be submitted in writing to be considered by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC).

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** – Lou Rader, (717) 783-1901, e-mail: [lrader@state.pa.us](mailto:lrader@state.pa.us).

**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 (for initially titled vehicles) or to the registration renewal form issued by the Department.

**Contact** – PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17104; phone: 1 (800) 932-4600. [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us).

**Reduced Motor Vehicle Registration** – Retired persons can register their automobiles for a \$10 fee instead of \$36 fee. Those eligible must be a retired Pa resident receiving Social Security or pension/annuities that do not exceed \$19,200 annually. A completed MV-371 is required.

**Contact** – local county Area Agency on Aging or PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104; phone: 1 (800) 932-4600.

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**BUREAU OF RAIL FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS**

**Capital Budget Rail Freight Assistance** – State funded program that provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects.

An annual grant program with 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 project include rail maintenance and construction. Maximum state funding for both types of projects 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.

Applications typically accepted mid summer through early fall of each year. Applications deadlines can be found on PennDOT’s Web site at: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application, go to: [www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants](http://www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants).

**Contact** – Lugene Bastian, (717) 783-8763, e-mail: [lbastian@state.pa.us](mailto:lbastian@state.pa.us).

**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: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

**Contact** – James Smedley, (717) 772-1772, e-mail: [jsmedley@state.pa.us](mailto:jsmedley@state.pa.us).

**Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)** – 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 an annual grant program with a current funding allocation of \$11 million. 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 construction portion of any project can not exceed \$250,000. The final grant award will be based upon actual bid costs or agreed upon prices if work is to be performed by your own labor forces.

Types of projects eligible for funding:

- Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts & other track materials. See PennDOT’s Web site ([www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)) for more details.
- Construction – consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail, ballast & other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail associated facility.

Applications typically accepted late summer through fall of each year. Applications deadlines can be found on PennDOT’s Web site at: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. 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. (We typically receive double the amount of funding requests for the available funding.)

**Contact** – Lugene Bastian, (717) 783-8763, e-mail: [lbastian@state.pa.us](mailto:lbastian@state.pa.us).

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**BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**Public Transportation Operating Assistance** – State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 53 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 – June 30.  
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or [lacollins@state.pa.us](mailto:lacollins@state.pa.us).

**TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**

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

**Asset Improvement Program** – Funds distributed based on needs as determined by the Department. This program will require a local match.

Legislation enacted July 2007  
 Application Deadline – To be determined  
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or [lacollins@state.pa.us](mailto:lacollins@state.pa.us).

**Capital Improvements Program** – Funding distributed by formula to transit agencies based on ridership. This program requires no local match.

Legislation enacted July 2007  
 Application Deadline – To be determined  
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or [lacollins@state.pa.us](mailto:lacollins@state.pa.us).

**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. Funds may also be used to purchase, construct and/or renovate shared-ride office and maintenance facilities.

Application Deadline – January 31  
 Eligibility – All counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.  
 Contact – John Levitsky, (717)787-1206 or [jlevitsky@state.pa.us](mailto:jlevitsky@state.pa.us).

**Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens:** Senior citizens may ride free on local fixed route bus, trolley, subway elevated and commuter rail services during all hours of service. Senior citizens will pay \$1 per trip for commuter rail service.

Application Deadline – No deadline  
 Eligibility – A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for free transportation on a participating transit system. All providers of fixed route transportation services are eligible to participate.  
 Contact – John Swindler, (717)346-9983 or [jswindler@state.pa.us](mailto:jswindler@state.pa.us).

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**Intercity Bus Assistance Program** – PennDOT contracts with municipalities and 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 match equivalent to state funding for operating assistance.

Application Deadline – No deadline  
 Contact – Robert Sharp, (717) 783-9461 or [rosharp@state.pa.us](mailto:rosharp@state.pa.us).

**Intercity Rail Passenger Program** – PennDOT contracts with AMTRAK for rail passenger service in the Philadelphia-to-Harrisburg corridor to complement services provided within the Commonwealth by AMTRAK as part of their national rail passenger service network. Capital improvements and operating costs may be supported under this program.

Application Deadline – No deadline  
 Contact – Robert Sharp, (717) 783-9461 or [rosharp@state.pa.us](mailto:rosharp@state.pa.us).

**New Initiatives** – Funds may be available for capital funding for new or expanded fixed guideway systems that use and occupy a separate right of way or rail used exclusively for public transportation or high occupancy vehicles. This program will require local matching funds.

Legislation enacted July 2007  
 Application Deadline – To be determined  
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or [lacollins@state.pa.us](mailto:lacollins@state.pa.us).

**Rural Persons with Disabilities Program** – This program provides reduced rates on shared-ride transportation services for persons with disabilities in selected counties in Pennsylvania. In those counties, shared-ride trips for persons with disabilities are discounted up to 85 percent if the trip is not eligible under any other funding program. The passenger pays at least 15 percent of the general public shared-ride fare on local shared-ride door-to-door advance reservation transportation service.

Application Deadline – May 1.  
 Eligibility – Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.  
 Contact – Eileen Ogan, (717) 787-1213 or [eogan@state.pa.us](mailto:eogan@state.pa.us).

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 and be willing to share the vehicle with other riders.

**Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens** – This program enables senior citizens 65 years of age and older to use shared-ride, demand-responsive (normally door-to-door) services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of

Application Deadline – May 1.  
 Contact – Eileen Ogan, (717) 787-1213 or [eogan@state.pa.us](mailto:eogan@state.pa.us).

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the 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 and be willing to share the vehicle with other riders.

**Transit Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles (section 5310 Program)** – Private, non-profit organizations and dedicated public bodies may apply to pay 80 percent of the purchase costs of new wheelchair accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the local applicant. Private, non-profit agencies, some urban and rural transit systems and counties with public transportation are eligible for funding under this program.

Public bodies must be a Shared Ride Coordinator in PennDOT’s Senior Citizens’ Shared Ride program.

Application Deadline – Flexible, but usually January 31.

Contact – Ben Brosius, (717) 787-1211 or [bbrosius@state.pa.us](mailto:bbrosius@state.pa.us).

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

Application Deadline – N/A

Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or [lacollins@state.pa.us](mailto:lacollins@state.pa.us).

**Welfare to work (w2w)** – State funds are available annually for the purpose of creating programs which address transportation related barriers that prevent low income individuals (incomes less than 235 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 transportation organizations/authorities. Funding is also available to match federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

Application Deadline – March 30

Contact – John Levitsky, (717) 787-1206 or [jlevitsky@state.pa.us](mailto:jlevitsky@state.pa.us).

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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 has enabled local governments to accomplish more than they could have with their own limited resources and increased our collective effectiveness and efficiencies for the general public.

Agility Agreements have a contract life of five years and may be renewed in additional five year increments.

An Agility Agreement must be adopted at a public, advertised meeting of the Agility Partner. Services to be exchanged should be of a reasonably equal value and detailed on a single-page Work Plan and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

**Contact** – Toni Crawford, (717) 705-1333, e-mail: [tccrawford@state.pa.us](mailto:tccrawford@state.pa.us).

**Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program** – Governor Rendell enacted Act70 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 released in April of each year. The objective is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads that are better suited for local traffic purposes, such as roads that have a low average daily traffic count or would benefit the municipality socially and economically. 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) 214-8686, e-mail: [bfields@state.pa.us](mailto:bfields@state.pa.us).

**Pilot Roadside Beautification Project** – This pilot project is a collaboration between PennDOT’s Bureau of Municipal Services’ Agility Center and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to streamline the installation process of beautification sites on roads and highway right-of-ways. The \$1M pilot project is 100 percent funded by the FHWA. A Design/Build landscape contractor designs and installs each site in partnership with PennDOT and a volunteer Beautification Sponsor Group. To date, there are eight (8) completed beautification sites. The landscape

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contractor maintains each site for a one-year Period of Establishment (POE). At the end of the POE, the site is turned over to the volunteer Beautification Sponsor Group which maintains the site for a 3-year minimum with an option to renew. Since this is a pilot project, only Engineering Districts 1-0, 2-0, 9-0, 10-0, 11-0, and 12-0 are participating. Approval is being sought to expand this pilot project to the remaining Engineering Districts.

Highway beautification not only enhances communities, it helps improve the quality of life for residents by attracting new investments and businesses. Academic studies show that beautified highways reduce stress, frustration, and aggression.

Contact – Tammy McElfresh,  
(717) 705-1333, e-mail:  
[tmcelfresh@state.pa.us](mailto:tmcelfresh@state.pa.us).

## 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 – Kim Ferroni, (717) 214-8685 or  
1 (800) FOR-LTAP, e-mail:  
[kferroni@state.pa.us](mailto:kferroni@state.pa.us) or [LTAP@state.pa.us](mailto:LTAP@state.pa.us).

**PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

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**Better Choice** – This is a partnership between the Treasury Department, the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association and dozens of independent credit unions that offers consumers a fair and affordable alternative to predatory payday loans. Borrowers can apply for loans of up to \$500 with a fixed application fee of no more than \$25 and annual interest rates of no more than 18 percent. The term of the loans can be as long as 90 days, and borrowers can pay in installments during that period rather than having to make a single, lump sum payment. Better Choice loans are currently available from more than 150 credit union branch offices across the Commonwealth.

Additional information about the Better Choice program is available at: [www.pacreditunions.com](http://www.pacreditunions.com).

**Bureau of Unclaimed Property** – The Treasury Department is responsible for returning unclaimed property to its rightful owner(s). 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 a period of about five years. The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, checks that have not been cashed, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, unused gift certificates, items abandoned in safe deposit boxes or held by police departments. By law, holders must transfer abandoned property to the Treasury Department. Treasury maintains custody of unclaimed property while working hard to return it to its rightful owner(s).

Individuals can search for unclaimed property on the department’s Web site at: [www.patreasury.org](http://www.patreasury.org) or by calling 1 (800) 222-2046. Claimants may also use the Web site to check the status of an unclaimed property claim.

Holders needing information about reporting unclaimed property by April 15th of each year may call Treasury at: 1 (800) 379-3999 or visit the department’s Web site at: [www.patreasury.org](http://www.patreasury.org) for a copy of the Unclaimed Property Act and to download reporting forms and/or reporting software.

**INVEST Program** – INVEST is a family of highly rated investment pools designed specifically for local government and nonprofit groups. INVEST is similar in concept to money market funds, offering two rated pools with short-term maturity as well as periodic custom investment opportunities for longer-term investment needs.

**Local Governments** – Call 1 (866) 300-4603 for the Local Government Investment Pool Application Form. Applications should be directed to The Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Rm. G-22 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

**Nonprofits** – Call 1 (866) 300-4603 for the Community Investment Pool Application Packet. Applications should be directed to: The Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Rm. G-22 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.



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**KeystoneHELP** – KeystoneHELP (Home Energy Loan Program) is a low-interest loan program that helps Pennsylvania homeowners reduce energy costs. Eligible homeowners can obtain unsecured loans of up to \$10,000 for as long as ten years to purchase ENERGY STAR heating or cooling units and other major appliances, or to make other improvements to their homes that will conserve energy and save money.

Information about applying for a KeystoneHELP loan is available at: [www.KeystoneHELP.com](http://www.KeystoneHELP.com) or at: 1 (888) 232-3477.

**\*\*\*Note\*\*\*** KeystoneHELP 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 Stay Warm PA hotline, 1 (866) 550-4355 or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at: 1 (866) 857-7095.

**nowU Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan** – The nowU Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) is a college savings plan that provides all of the benefits and advantages of a 529 plan and guarantees that account savings will keep up with the rising cost of tuition inflation. Anyone age 18 or older can open a GSP account, so long as the account owner or beneficiary is a resident of Pennsylvania, with as little as \$25. With a GSP account, families can save for college in a way that meets nearly every need and budget. Accounts can be used for most expenses at almost any college and many career schools.

More information about the GSP is available at: [www.pa529gsp.com](http://www.pa529gsp.com) or by calling 1 (800) 440-4000. The GSP guarantee is a guarantee of the GSP fund and not the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Read the Disclosure Statement carefully for important information about the nowU Pennsylvania Guaranteed Savings Plan.

Pennsylvania taxpayers can deduct contributions to the GSP from their Pennsylvania taxable income up to \$12,000 per beneficiary per year. For married couples, contributions up to \$24,000 per beneficiary are deductible, provided each spouse has taxable income of \$12,000.

## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RURAL AFFAIRS

www.ruralpa.state.pa.us

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**Electrotechnology Applications Center** – Provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers to help them increase productivity, improve energy efficiency and achieve and maintain environmental compliance. Helps businesses gain a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and curing processes.

**Contact** – Electrotechnology Applications Center  
**Phone** – (610) 861-5081  
**Web site** – [www.etctr.com](http://www.etctr.com)

**Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs** – Promotes, coordinated efforts to expand economic and social opportunities for rural Pennsylvania. Council serves as an advocate for the equitable treatment of rural communities through a collaborative partnership of representatives from private and nonprofit sectors and local, state, federal government agencies.

**Contact** – Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs  
**Phone** – (717) 705-0431  
**E-mail** – [ruralpa@state.pa.us](mailto:ruralpa@state.pa.us)  
**Web site** – [www.ruralpa.state.pa.us](http://www.ruralpa.state.pa.us)

**Rural Community Assistance Program** – Resource for community leaders and others who need technical assistance services and training related to rural drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, solid waste programs, housing, economic development, comprehensive community assessment and planning, and compliance with environmental regulations. Staff are fluent in a number of languages and dialects.

**Contact** – PA Rural Community Assistance  
**Phone** – (814) 333-2706  
**Web site** – [www.rcap.org](http://www.rcap.org)

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**PA Open for Business** – Web site offers entrepreneurs “one door” access to business information. Entrepreneurs can explore financial options, download important forms necessary to start and expand a business, and electronically register a business with the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry, Revenue, and State.

Contact – Office of Administration  
 Web site – [www.paopen4business.state.pa.us](http://www.paopen4business.state.pa.us).

The following list is from [www.paopen4business.state.pa.us](http://www.paopen4business.state.pa.us) under Financial Incentives.

**Ben Franklin Technology Partners** – Ben Franklin Technology Partners is a statewide network that fosters innovation to stimulate Pennsylvania’s economic growth and prosperity. Operating regionally with four centers strategically located throughout the Commonwealth, Ben Franklin Technology Partners brings together the best of Pennsylvania’s people, ideas, and technology to serve as a catalyst for advancing the state’s knowledge-based economy.

Web site – [www.benfranklin.org](http://www.benfranklin.org).

**Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)** – DCED has a comprehensive toolbox of bond, grant, loan and tax credit programs to assist businesses and meet the needs of Pennsylvania’s employers by creating and retaining family-sustaining jobs.

Web site – [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com).

**Employment Incentive Payment (EIP) Program** – EIP is a Pennsylvania State tax credit in effect through December 31, 2009. By hiring workers who are qualified cash welfare recipient or vocational rehabilitation referrals, an employer can earn tax credits that can be applied to state business taxes.

Web site – <http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=129&Q=67294&landiPNavCtr=|1063|1300|&TNID=2647#2647>.

**Incentive/Assistance Programs** – Search the [funding & program finder](#) or the [Business Financing Programs Guide \(PDF\)](#) to see if there are any state financial assistance programs available to help your business succeed.

Web site – <http://www.newpa.com/programFinder.aspx>.

**Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)** – The KOZ program represents the boldest, more forward-thinking economic development program in the nation because it empowers local communities and has fostered unique state/local and private/public partnerships. State and local taxes are reduced to almost zero through credits, waivers, and comprehensive deductions. The tax abatements, depending on the zone, could remain in effect until 2018. There are 12 regional zones that encompass more than 37,000 acres.

Web site – <http://www.newpa.com/default.aspx?id=345>.

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**Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Financial Programs** – The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture offers many different grants, loans, and other financial programs to promote and support agriculture within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Web site – [www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127319&agricultureNav=](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127319&agricultureNav=).

**Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC)** – WOTC provides employers tax savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. The WOTC applies to new employees hired before January 1, 2011.

Web site – <http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=129&Q=67287&landiPNavCtr=|1063|1300|&TNID=2646#2646>.

# OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

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### **Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)**

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

The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line item authorization for a specific project in the state’s Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project. Act 48 of 2008 amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, increasing the Commonwealth’s debt ceiling by \$800 million, allowing more than \$1.6 billion in development projects to advance through RACP. Upon enactment of Act 38A of 2008 and Act 48 of 2008, all projects listed in the state’s current Capital Budget are eligible to submit a letter to Governor Rendell requesting the release of funds allocated in the line item. If a funding release is granted, the project is then eligible to submit an application for the project, and when approved, trigger the drawdown of funds.

Contact – Office of the Budget, Phone: (717) 787-2542

Web site – [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com).

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)**

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<p><b>County Intermediate Punishment Program</b> – Provides funds to support county restrictive intermediate punishment programs consistent with approved county intermediate punishment plans.</p> <p>Matching funds are not required.</p>	<p>Contact – Jeff Hubert, (717) 265-8501</p>
<p><b>D.A.R.E. Officer Training and Mentor Training</b> – Provides state grants to train and certify law enforcement officers to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum in Pennsylvania’s elementary, middle and secondary schools.</p>	<p>Contact – Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8493</p>
<p><b>Drug &amp; Alcohol Treatment-based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program</b> – Provides funds to support drug and alcohol assessment, evaluation and treatment services related to county intermediate punishment activities.</p> <p>Matching funds are not required.</p>	<p>Contact – Jackie Weaknecht, (717) 265-8498</p>
<p><b>Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws</b> – Provides funds to support activities to address the issue of underage drinking. Funds are used for law enforcement activities as well as education opportunities for youth, law enforcement agencies and licensed distributors of alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p><b>Enhancement of Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs)</b> – Provides funds to established CJABs to implement programs to address local needs, and improve information sharing within the county.</p>	<p>Contact – Bob Ardner, (717) 265-8456</p>
<p><b>Evidence Based Prevention and Intervention</b> – Supports PA Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices. Provides training and technical assistance for programs and for communities to implement and sustain the Communities That Care community assessment and planning process.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: Program implementation grants require a 25 percent and 50 percent cash or in kind match in years three and four respectively. Technical Assistance grants are awarded match-free.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>

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<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>Matching fund requirement is 20 percent in-kind.</p>	<p>Contact – Karen Thorne, (717) 265- 8734</p>
<p><b>Justice Assistance Grant Program</b> – Provides assistance to state and local units of government in implementing projects that offer high probability of improving the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 25 percent the first year, 50 percent the second and 75 percent the third.</p>	<p>Contact – Tom D’Annunzio, (717) 265-8452</p>
<p><b>Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program</b> – Provides funds to address the problem of juvenile crime by encouraging accountability-based reforms at the state and local level.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 10 percent cash match, 50 percent for construction costs of permanent juvenile corrections facilities</p>	<p>Contact — Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p><b>Juvenile Justice &amp; 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>Matching fund requirements are: 50 percent for construction only.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania Weed and Seed Program</b> – Provides funds to support for research-based delinquency and violence prevention programs; innovative and proactive proposals to improve neighborhood quality of life by reducing juvenile crime and violence; and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and community-based organizations as a means of addressing the capital needs for local community and economic development. Grants serve the fifteen current PA Weed and Seed sites.</p>	<p>Contact – Nancy J. Chavez (717) 265-8462</p>
<p><b>Research Based Delinquency Prevention</b> – Provides funds for the implementation of Research Based programs designed to reduce the risk factors associated with delinquency.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 25 percent cash or in kind in year three and 50 percent cash or in kind in year four.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)**

<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us>

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**Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities** – Provides funds for programs/projects that (1) prevent school violence/drug use; and (2) helps schools and communities create safe, disciplined, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460

**School Resource Officer (SRO)/ Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** – Provides funds to assist police departments and school districts willing to work cooperatively to promote enhanced school safety and security.

Contact – Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8493

**State Rights and Services Act Program** – 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 made available through \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

Contact – Natalie Novotny-Goles, (717) 265-8735

Matching funds are not required.

**State Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program** – Provides funds through an allocation from the Commonwealth Budget to encourage 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 pleas, diversions, dispositions, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation).

Contact – Vicki Wagner, (717) 265-8746

Matching funds are not required.

**Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) System** – Provides funds to establish a statewide database to notify victims and law enforcement of offender status.

Contact – Tom D’Annunzio, (717) 265-8452

Matching fund requirement is 50 percent in-kind.

**Stop Violence Against Women Program** – 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.

Contact – Debbie Rollo, (717) 265-8733

Matching fund requirement is 25 percent cash or in-kind.



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<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us>

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**Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF)** – Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program will be made available by Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF.

Contact – Jeff Hubert, (717) 265-8501

Matching funds are not required.

**Title V Risk-Focused Prevention** – Provides funds to support community-based risk focused prevention initiatives.

Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460

Matching fund requirements are: 50 percent cash or in-kind match

**PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION (PFBC)**

<http://www.fish.state.pa.us/grants.htm>

**GRANT/LOAN**

**DEADLINE / REGULATIONS**

The commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. The information listed in the grant directory also appears on the commission's Web page: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/grants.htm](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/grants.htm). Each grant has appropriate links for program description and grant details.

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**Boating Facility Grant Program** – Provides grants to county and municipal governments for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth.

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

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

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

**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.

**Erie Access Improvement Grant Program** – Funding to assist non-profit and government organizations in the acquisition and development of angler access in the Erie watershed.

**Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)** – Federal funds to assist private landowners with protecting habitats of species in Pennsylvania's State Wildlife Action Plan.

**Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grants** – Funds for organizations and local agencies involved in offering sportfishing and aquatic resource education programming.

**State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program** – Federal monies for high-priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.

# PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

<http://www.pgc.state.pa.us>

## GRANT/LOAN

**State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program** – About \$40,000 is available for statewide competitive projects that provide multiple benefits to multiple fish and wildlife species. The funds will be used for agency-identified, high-priority, wildlife diversity efforts that implement the Wildlife Action Plan.

## DEADLINE / REGULATIONS

**Contact** – Patti Barber, (717) 787-5529 ext. 3326.

**Web site** –

<http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/pgc/cwp/view.asp?a=496&q=174268>.

**PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

<http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us>

**GRANT/LOAN**

**DEADLINE / REGULATIONS**

**Local Law Enforcement Grant Program** – Program provides grants to local law enforcement agencies (police departments and district attorneys) to enforce and prevent the unlawful operation of slot machines in the Commonwealth. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000 or 10 percent of the agency’s budget, whichever is less. \$5 million is available annually through the Gaming Fund.

Contact – (717) 346-8300, [pgcb@state.pa.us](mailto:pgcb@state.pa.us) or [www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us).

# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us>

## GRANT/LOAN

## DEADLINE / REGULATIONS

**Certified Local Government Grant Program** – Provides funds in the areas of: cultural resource surveys, national register nominations, technical and planning assistance, educational and interpretive programs, and staffing and training.

**Application Deadline** – January 15  
**Eligibility** – Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments.  
**Contact** – Janice E. Stramara, (717) 783-2838

**Keystone Historic Preservation Grant 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.

**Application Deadline** – May 1  
**Eligibility** – Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program. Funding has been cut in half by Legislature.  
**Contact** – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012

## PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY AND MUSEUM GRANT PROGRAM

**Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program** – Funding is designed to support a variety of museum, history, archives and historic preservation projects, as well as local governments and nonprofit organizations. The 10 types of grants are:

**Archives and Records Management Grants** – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Access and Preservation Programs, and County Records Improvement Programs. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. Applicants may apply for up to \$15,000.

**Application Deadline** – December 3  
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.  
**Contact** – Jerry Ellis, (717) 787-3384

**Collections Management Project Grants** – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Educational and Interpretive Programs, Exhibit Planning and Design, Management and Conservation. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

**Application Deadline** – December 3  
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.  
**Contact** – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8646

**Education, Public and Local History Grants** – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Public Programs, Research and Writing, and Educational Programs. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

**Application Deadline** – December 3  
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.  
**Contact** – Kenneth Wolensky, (717)772-0924

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)**

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**General Operating Support Grants for Museums** – Grants that require no match and are restricted to museums with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services). Grant awards will not exceed \$150,000 or 10 percent of the museum’s most recently completed fiscal year operating budget if less than \$1,500,000. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

**Application Deadline** – April 1  
 All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.  
**Contact** – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8649

**General Operating Support Grants for Official County Historical Societies** – Grants for historical organizations that are certified by their county governments as the official county historical societies for their respective counties. No more than one organization in each county may be so certified. The society must receive funds from the county government to assist in paying the operating expenses of the organization. The grant is noncompetitive and requires a 50/50 cash match.

**Application Deadline** – April 1  
 Grants will not exceed the amount of money provided by the local county government in support of general operations; the maximum award will not exceed \$10,000.  
 Applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.  
**Contact** – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8649

**Historic Preservation Grants** – Grants available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Planning and Development Assistance, Educational and Interpretive Programs, and Archaeology. The grants are awarded annually based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

**Application Deadline** – December 3  
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.  
**Contact** – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012

**Historical Marker Grants** – Grants requiring a cash match (generally 50/50) are available to support the manufacture of approved state historical markers. The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission approves historical marker nominations annually based upon the review of an independent panel of experts. Nomination forms can be obtained by writing the Historical Marker Program, Division of History, Commonwealth Keystone Building Plaza Level, 400 North S., Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093.

**Application Deadline** – January 5  
 Grants are only available for approved historical markers. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.  
**Contact** – Karen Galle, (717) 705-4266

**Organizational Planning and Development Project Grants** – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of increased organizational effectiveness through organizational study, system improvement, planning, and analysis. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

**Application Deadline** – December 3  
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.  
**Contact** – Edith Walsh, (717)214-8649

# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us>

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**Statewide Conference Grants** – Grants are awarded as “seed” money to organizations that plan and hold conferences relating to issues concerning the history, museum, historic preservation and cultural communities of Pennsylvania. Applications are accepted and awards are made throughout the year.

Application Deadline – Ongoing  
Matching funds are not required.  
Contact – Jean Cutler, (717)783-5321

**Statewide Organization Grants** – Grants are awarded to organizations that function in a statewide capacity to the history, museum, historic preservation and cultural communities of Pennsylvania. Funding is used for a variety of activities to benefit these communities.

Application Deadline – April 1  
Matching funds are not required.  
Applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.  
Contact – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012

**Technical Assistance Grants** – available to assist organizations in solving problems, increasing professionalism and building capacity funds. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made throughout the year based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – Ongoing  
Matching funds are not required.  
Contact – Janet McGrefor, (717) 909-3995

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

<http://www.pahumanities.org/>

**GRANT/LOAN**

**Humanities Grants** – Fund public programs that promote lifelong learning among Pennsylvanians from all walks of life. Categories range from Quick Grants (max \$500) to Small Grants (max \$3,000) to Large Grants (max \$20,000). Quick and Small Grants have rolling deadlines; Large Grants have a deadline for an Intent to Apply form (July 1) and an application deadline (September 1) for invited applications.

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**Contact** – Pennsylvania Humanities Council

**Phone** – 1 (800) 462-0442

**Web site** – [www.pahumanities.org](http://www.pahumanities.org)



**PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST)**

<http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us>

**GRANT/LOAN**

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<p><b>Advance Funding Program</b> – Low Interest loans and possible supplemental grants to improve water management systems.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority at (717) 787-8137 or visit <a href="http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us">www.pennvest.state.pa.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Brownfields Remediation</b> – Low-interest loans to municipal or county governments or an affiliated industrial or economic development or redevelopment entity for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to local groundwater or surface water sources. A public entity may sponsor a project for which a private party wants to submit an application, provided that either the public entity or the private party has an ownership interest in the property to be remediated.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)  <b>Phone</b> – (717) 783-6798  <b>Web site</b> – <a href="http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us">www.pennvest.state.pa.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Loans</b> – Low-interest loans to communities or private firms for designing, engineering, and constructing publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution systems.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)  <b>Phone</b> – (717) 783-6798  <b>Web site</b> – <a href="http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us">www.pennvest.state.pa.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Growing Greener Grants</b> – Under this initiative, PENNVEST has grant funds available for drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. These are the same types of projects that PENNVEST has always funded. At this time, PENNVEST will be using these grant funds in its normal funding process.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b> – Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible for Growing Greener grants under the PENNVEST program  <b>Contact</b> – Paul Marchetti, (717) 783-7796</p>
<p><b>H20 PA</b> – Act 38A of 2008 provides \$800 million in grant funding to upgrade Pennsylvania’s drinking water and wastewater facilities, flood protection projects, and to support the rehabilitation of high-hazard dams. Additionally, voters will have an opportunity in November’s election, through a bond referendum, to make another \$400 million in PennVEST funds available for water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Projects eligible for funds under H20 PA may range in costs from \$500,000 to \$20 million. Total funding allocations include a minimum of \$100 million to support projects that protect communities against flood hazards, and a minimum of \$35 million for the repair of high-hazard dams.</p>	<p>Guidelines for H20 PA are expected to be approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority this fall.</p>

**PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST)**

<http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us>

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**On-lot Sewage Disposal Funds** – Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner-occupied property, which is the primary resident of the owner.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)  
**Phone** – (717) 783-6798  
**Web site** – [www.pennvest.state.pa.us](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us).

**PENNVEST Loans & Grants** – PENNVEST provides low-interest loans and grants for new construction or for improvements to publicly or privately owned drinking water, storm water or sewer treatment facilities. PENNVEST also provides loan funding to remediate brownfields sites, as well as loan funding to individual homeowners for repair or replacement of their malfunction on-lot septic system.

Officials and employees of municipalities with drinking water, wastewater, or storm water management systems; municipal water and sewer authorities; private water and sewer companies; elected officials; county planners; consulting engineers; and persons involved in economic development should attend a PENNVEST “How to Apply” seminar to learn about applying for funds.

Many of the wastewater and drinking water projects funded by PENNVEST use federal dollars for design and construction. These dollars come with some strings attached that can increase the cost of the project for the community.

**Eligibility** – Any municipality, authority or private entity that is eligible under the PENNVEST program

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.

**Contact** – Paul Marchetti, (717) 783-4496

# PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD (PLCB)

<http://www.lcb.state.pa.us>

## GRANT/LOAN

## DEADLINE / REGULATIONS

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 and begin the process of utilizing environmental management strategies to reduce high risk and underage drinking.

The **PLCB Grant Program** continues to enable colleges and universities to work on environmental strategies including enhancing enforcement efforts, limiting access to alcohol and changing social and cultural norms.

The 2008 Grant application process was closed on **March 27, 2008**. The grant application process will be available again in early **2009**. The grants will be available to Institutions of Higher Education and their surrounding Municipalities to Prevent High-Risk Drinking Behavior Among College Students. These grants will provide funding to develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus- and/or community-based prevention and early intervention strategies to prevent high-risk drinking on and off campus.

Grants are for one year only (fiscal year July thru June) and are renewable based on funding availability and progression of schools and municipalities thru the stages of environmental management strategies. Maximum amount is \$11,500.

In 2001, the PLCB expanded its efforts and provided additional funding to communities through the **Community Grant Program**. These grants provide funding to eligible local community entities, organizations, municipalities, law enforcement departments, primary or secondary schools, and school districts throughout Pennsylvania for specially designated Underage Drinking projects.

The **2008-2009** grants will fund the following projects:

- Special Underage Law Enforcement Operations
- Curriculum and Program training in order to initiate /adopt evidence-based programs addressing underage drinking issues
- Curriculum Infusion
- Social Norms Campaigns
- CORE Survey Administration
- Safe Homes Campaign

Grants are for one year only (fiscal year July thru June) and are renewable based on funding availability. Maximum amount is \$11,500.00.

Applicants must be either non-profit entities or charitable institutions organized or registered to do business in Pennsylvania or be Pennsylvania political subdivisions or a subunit of a Pennsylvania political subdivision.

Grant projects must be directly related to alcohol issues that target the under-21 population and entail an environmental strategy, which addresses the inappropriate and excessive consumption of alcohol by minors.

For information about these grants contact the Alcohol Education Bureau of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board at: (717) 772-1432 or at [LB-ALED@state.pa.us](mailto:LB-ALED@state.pa.us).

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

www.psu.edu

**GRANT/LOAN**

**DEADLINE / REGULATIONS**

**Keystone Agricultural Innovation Center** – Partnership 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.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University  
**Phone** – (814) 865-9542  
**Web site** – <http://cax/aers/psu.edu>  
 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.

**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  
**Web site** – [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

**Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP)** – Helps Pennsylvania businesses improve competitiveness technical assistance and information to help resolve specific technical questions or needs that can be addressed within a limited amount of time.

**Contact** – Pennsylvania State University  
**Phone** – (814) 865-0427  
**Web site** – [www.penntap.psu.edu](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

**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  
**Web site** – <http://ptdc01.bd.psu.edu/index.html>

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)

<http://www.puc.state.pa.us>

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities to ensure safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protect the public interest; educate consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; further economic development; and foster new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.

For many consumers, deciphering a utility bill or understanding Utility Choice can be a daunting undertaking. The PUC has consumer education specialists that travel the state, holding workshops and providing tips to remove the mystery behind utility bills and issues.

The utility choice Web site <http://www.puc.state.pa.us/utilitychoice/> 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:

[http://www.puc.state.pa.us/general/consumer\\_ed/consumer\\_ed\\_events.aspx](http://www.puc.state.pa.us/general/consumer_ed/consumer_ed_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 Agency on Aging, Community-Based Organizations, Legislators, Consortiums, Health Care Agencies, Schools, Religious-Based Organizations, and Consumer Advocates

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 – Shari Williams at: (215) 560-6901, Christina Chase-Pettis at: (717) 772-8884 or James Rowland at: (717) 346-8130. For informal complaints or termination issues please contact the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) toll free hotline at: 1 (800) 692-7380.

### 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.

**Customer Assistance Program (CAP)** – CAPs can lower your monthly utility bill. CAPs may also remove the amount you already owe. The different CAP names are shown beside the company names below. The company works with the customer to determine what the customer can pay versus the cost of energy used.

**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.

**Hardship Funds** – Utility company 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.

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)

<http://www.puc.state.pa.us>

**Assistance Qualifications** – Customers must meet certain income limits and be payment-troubled to qualify for CAP, CARES, LIURP and Hardship Funds. Payment-troubled usually means customers have made a payment agreement with the company. The chart below shows the income levels at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines customers must meet in 2008-2009 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.

### Household Size Monthly Income Guidelines:

Size of Household	150 percent of Poverty	Size of Household	150 percent of Poverty
1 person	\$1,300	6 persons	\$3,550
2 persons	\$1,750	7 persons	\$4,000
3 persons	\$2,200	8 persons	\$4,450
4 persons	\$2,650		
5 persons	\$3,100		

For each additional person, add \$450.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – LIHEAP is a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to pay energy bills. In Pennsylvania LIHEAP is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) and consists of (3) components:

**Cash Benefits:** Helps low-income customers pay their home energy bill.

**Crisis:** Helps low-income customers meet home emergency situations and restore services if their service has been shut off.

**Weatherization:** Helps qualified low-income customers reduce their energy consumption through home improvements.

**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 DPW’s Web site at: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP/>.

If you have more questions about LIHEAP you may call your Local County Assistance Office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at: 1 (866) 857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at: 1 (800) 451-5886).

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO CALL – LIHEAP & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs
Allegheny Power (LIPURP)	1 (800) 207-1250
Duquesne (CAP)	1 (800) 393-7600
Met-Ed (CAP)	1 (800) 207-9276
PECO (CAP Rate)	1 (800) 744-7040
Penelec (CAP)	1 (800) 207-9276
Penn Power (CAP)	1 (800) 207-9276
PPL (OnTrack)	1 (800) 358-6623
UGI-Electric (LISHP)	1 (800) 340 5394

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# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)

<http://www.puc.state.pa.us>

Utility	Utility Assistance Programs
Columbia (CAP)	1 (800) 537-7431
Dominion Peoples (CA)	1 (800) 400-9276 (WARM)
Equitable (EAP)	(412) 395-3050 – Allegheny Co.
	1 (800) 654-6335 – Outside Allegheny Co.
NFG(LIRA)	1 (800) 365-3234
PG Energy (Partner’s Program)	1 (800) 490-8605
PGW(CRP)	(215) 235-1000
PPL Gas (CAP)	1 (800) 652-0550
TW Phillips (EHF)	1 (866) 276-4055
UGI – Gas (LISHP)	1 (800) 340-5394
Pennsylvania American Water (H2O-Help to Others)	1 (800) 565-7293 – Wilkes-Barre (NE PA)
	1 (800) 717-7292 – Mechanicsburg (Central & SE PA)
	1 (800) 474-7292 – Pittsburgh (W PA)
Aqua (A Helping Hand)	(610) 376-6571 – Berks County
	(570) 265-6415 – Bradford County or (570) 278-3338
	(215) 785-3296 –Bucks County
	(610) 436-4040 – Chester County
	(610) 874-8451 – Delaware County or (610) 583-9133
	(814) 643-3010 – Juniata County
	(724) 658-7664 – Lawrence County
	1 (800) 489-1633 – Mercer County
	(610) 277-6363 – Montgomery County
	(570) 644-6570 – Northumberland County
	(570) 622-1995 – Schuylkill County
	(717) 731-8120 – Scranton-Lackwanna Counties
	(570) 374-0181 – Union-Snyder Counties
<p>To view each utility’s Universal Service Plan in detail please go to:  <a href="http://www.puc.state.pa.us/general/consumer_ed/energy_asst_progs.aspx">www.puc.state.pa.us/general/consumer_ed/energy_asst_progs.aspx</a> and select the appropriate utility company.</p>	

## TEAM PENNSYLVANIA

www.teampa.com/foundation

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**Team Pennsylvania Foundation Ambassador Program**  
 – Brings leaders from across the state together to promote the Commonwealth as a location for global commercial enterprise and expansion. Over 700 business and community leaders voluntarily serve as Pennsylvania representatives. Also includes the Student Ambassador Program, which offers a mentoring opportunity for Pennsylvania students.

Contact – Team Pennsylvania Foundation  
 Phone – (717) 233-1375  
 Web site – [www.teampa.com](http://www.teampa.com)

## UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

www.sciencecenter.org

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The Science Center is a total “Venture Ecosystem” that forms and funds early-stage life science and technology companies, accelerates their commercialization and provides the infrastructure and community they need to flourish. Located in the heart of Philadelphia’s University City, the Science Center is one of the largest and oldest urban research parks in the world. The Science Center is an attractive “soft landing” place for international companies to launch their US businesses and a powerful economic engine for the regional economy.

Phone: (215) 966-6000, Web site: [www.sciencecenter.org](http://www.sciencecenter.org)

**Grant Workshops** – These day-long intensive programs help participants increase their funding opportunities by taking advantage of federal grant money available to science-based small businesses and helps companies identify strategic partnerships and alliances that provide important growth opportunities.

For more information, e-mail: [info@sciencecenter.org](mailto:info@sciencecenter.org).

**Innovation Partnership** is a consortium of economic development and business assistance organizations located throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our goal is to help early stage technology companies secure federal funding opportunities. We are especially interested in clean energy & energy-related, life sciences, nanotechnology, advanced manufacturing and communications technology businesses that show early signs of commercial success.

For more information on the Innovation Partnership please go to <http://www.innovationpartnership.net/>.

**Lunch for Hungry Minds** – This monthly series is focused on biomedical research. These events bring together life science industry researchers, entrepreneurs, and business professionals, encouraging productive interaction between our life science companies and prominent scientists in the community. Topics have included:

- Long-Range Gene Activation: the Role of Locus Control Regions;
- RNA Interference for the Treatment of Age Related Macular Degeneration;
- The Night Eating Syndrome;
- Stem Cell Research: Differentiation and Transplantation.

For more information, e-mail: [info@sciencecenter.org](mailto:info@sciencecenter.org).



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**SmartTalk** – SmartTalk is a monthly series offered to provide continuous learning as well as to meet the practical needs of aspiring and working entrepreneurs. Speakers include experts in their fields and topics have included:

- Building Brand Identity;
- Designing and Filing Investigational New Drug Applications;
- Patent Expansion;
- Protecting your Intellectual Property; and
- Designing a Successful Web site.

For more information, e-mail: [info@sciencecenter.org](mailto:info@sciencecenter.org).

**MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

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**Electrotechnology Applications Center** – Provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers to help them increase productivity, improve energy efficiency and achieve and maintain environmental compliance. Helps businesses gain a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and curing processes.

Phone – (610) 861-5081  
 Web site – [www.etctr.com](http://www.etctr.com)

**Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh Community Investment Programs** – Work to foster affordable housing and community development opportunities in very low-, low- and moderate-income areas through advocacy, creative financing and technical assistance. Programs include the Affordable Housing Program (AHP), the Banking On Business (BOB) program, the Community Lending Program (CLP) and the Home Buyer Equity Fund (HBEF).

Phone – (800) 288-3400  
 Web site – [www.fhfb-pgh.com](http://www.fhfb-pgh.com)

**Pennsylvania Downtown Center** – Promotes and supports the vitality of Pennsylvania’s downtowns and traditional neighborhood business districts by providing local groups with the techniques and strategies needed to recapture or sustain their downtowns as a vibrant civic, social, and economic center of activity.

Phone – (717) 233-4675  
 Web site – [www.padowntown.org](http://www.padowntown.org)

## MISCELLANEOUS RURAL PROGRAMS

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**American Farmland Trust** – Works with landowners, communities, elected officials, states and the federal government to save the best land for agriculture, plan for its future and keep the land healthy.

Phone – (202) 331-7300  
 Web site – [www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org)

**Rural Community Assistance Program** – Resource for community leaders and others who need technical assistance services and training related to rural drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, solid waste programs, housing, economic development, comprehensive community assessment and planning, and compliance with environmental regulations. Staff are fluent in a number of languages and dialects.

Phone – (814) 333-2706  
 Web site – [www.rcap.org](http://www.rcap.org)

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**Alternative Fuels Incentive Program** – 75 cent per gallon subsidy for biodiesel that is produced and sold in Pennsylvania.

**Amount Allocated** – \$5.3 million

**Eligibility** – Facilities that produce 25,000 gallons or more of biomass based diesel per month with its principal facility in PA.

Incentive limited to \$1.9 million per year. Please visit the Department of Environmental Protection's Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).

**Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program (IFIP)** – The IFIP is a debt reimbursement program that encourages private-sector investment in projects throughout the Commonwealth that promise job creation and generate significant new state taxes. In its brief history, the program has become a successful tool in the build out of capital improvements projects for hospitals, industrial facilities, private institutions, and mixed-use retail projects. The IFIP appropriation for this year is \$27 million, a \$7 million increase.

**Amount Allocated** – \$27 million for FY '08-'09, a \$7 million increase over last year.

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com).

**Nitrogen Tire Inflation Program** – Grants to automotive service providers to match 50 percent of the costs of purchasing and installing a nitrogen tire inflation system.

**Amount Allocated** – \$100,000

**Grant Limit** – \$5,000 per individual

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND

Pennsylvania's Energy Independence Fund was developed to aid Pennsylvania businesses and consumers in lowering their energy costs and reduce dependency on foreign oil, while fostering the development of renewable energy industries. The total amount allocated to the program in Act 1 is \$650 million. The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) will receive \$500 of the \$650 million to be allocated specifically for purposes outlined in the legislation, while the remaining \$150 million will be transferred from the General Fund between fiscal years '08-'09 through '15-'16. The breakdown of the program allocations are as follows:

**Alternative Energy Production Projects**

**Tax Credits** – \$50 million

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).

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<p><b>Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA)</b> – Money will be transferred to support early-stage activities and research to develop and implement alternative energy and energy efficiency technologies, which will be administered through the BFTDA.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$40 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, <a href="http://www.benfranklin.org">www.benfranklin.org</a>; 1 (866) GO-NEWPA or <a href="mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com">ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)</b> – Loans or grants for high performance buildings to individuals or small businesses, which will be administered by the CFA.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$25 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)</b> – Loans or grants for small scale renewable energy projects, which will be administered by the CFA.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$25 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)</b> – Money allocated for alternative energy grants/loans, which will be administered by the CFA.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$165 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)</b> – Money allocated for loans and grants for alternative energy production projects related to solar energy; which will be administered by the CFA.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$80 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Consumer Energy Conservation Projects</b></p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$92.5 million</p> <p><b>Note:</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Data Center Consolidation Projects</b> – for individuals and small businesses to reduce number of computer servers to reduce energy demand.</p>	<p><b>Amount Allocated</b> – \$2.5 million</p> <p><b>Note</b> – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <a href="http://www.newpa.com">www.newpa.com</a>.</p>

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**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** – Money allocated for consumer solar energy projects, which will be administered by the DEP.

**Amount Allocated** – \$100 million

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com).

**Home Energy Efficiency Loan Program** - Supported by the Pennsylvania Treasury Department and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Keystone HELP(tm) program helps make affordable energy efficiency (such as: high efficiency heating, air conditioning, insulation, windows, doors, siding, geothermal and solar PV systems as well as “whole house” improvements using Home Performance with Energy Star), available to all Pennsylvanians.

**Amount Allocated** – \$5 million

**Eligibility** – All PA homeowners who are making qualifying improvements to their primary residence or second home are eligible. (Secured loan available for primary residence only). Good credit and the ability to repay are required, however all income levels are eligible.

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at <http://www.keystonehelp.com>.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – \$10 million annually from fiscal year ‘08-’09 through ‘11-’12 for LIHEAP.

**Amount Allocated** – \$40 million

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us).

**Pollution Control Technology Program** – the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be transferred money for pollution control technology grants.

**Amount Allocated** – \$25 million

**Note** – In process of developing guidelines; please continue checking agency Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).