


BLAIR COUNTY	
	<p>Blair County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 56,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Blair County has received over \$39 million in funding for education, transportation, and infrastructure and other projects.</p>
Education	<p>The Recovery Act is providing much-needed federal funding for local school districts. School districts are using these funds for a variety of purposes, including special education, educational technology, and basic education needs. These funds have unequivocally prevented the elimination of teaching positions and have helped stabilize education budgets throughout the Commonwealth. Specific awards in Blair County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$939,334 to the Claysburg-Kimmel School District ➤ \$8,232,228 to the Altoona Area School District ➤ \$1,029,716 to the Bellwood-Antis School District ➤ \$38,024 to the Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation ➤ \$2,302,074 to the Hollidaysburg Area School District ➤ \$1,225,652 to the Penn Cambria School District ➤ \$1,547,672 to the Spring Cove School District ➤ \$1,819,660 to the Tyrone Area School District ➤ \$623,054 to the Williamsburg Community School District <p>Total Education Funding: \$ 17,757,414</p>
Transportation and Infrastructure	<p>The Recovery Act is helping Pennsylvania revitalize its transportation infrastructure through highway resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation projects. It is also providing funding for key infrastructure projects designed to improve water quality. Specific awards in Blair County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$4,612,698 for district wide bridge painting (includes Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset Counties) ➤ \$3,136,947 for pavement restoration and curb ramps on Penn Street in Hollidaysburg Borough ➤ \$1,762,071 for bridge preservation in Snyder township, Antis township, and Tyrone Borough ➤ \$3,810,042 for resurfacing, guiderail upgrades and ADA curb ramps on State Route 1001 ➤ \$1,542,404 to the Altoona, PA, area, in the form of Transit Capital Assistance <p>Total T&I Funding: \$14,864,162</p>

Helping Children and Families	<p>The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Blair County residents are benefiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 56,379 residents of Blair County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act ➤ 8,100 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation ➤ 5,100 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance ➤ 26,134 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance ➤ 19,134 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
Other Recovery Act funding for Blair County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$506,539 for the Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project. This project will provide for new full and part time job placements and work with families to become first time homeowners. ➤ \$2,800,000 for the Altoona VA Medical Center for upgrades and repairs ➤ \$205,700 to Altoona, in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ➤ \$535,897 to Altoona, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant ➤ \$126,841 to Altoona, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ➤ \$15,881 to Allegheny Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ➤ \$27,637 to Logan Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ➤ \$893,897 to the Altoona Housing Authority ➤ \$166,653 to the Blair County Housing Authority
	<p>Total: \$5,279,045</p>
Direct Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$37,672 to Blair County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters ➤ \$212,977 to Blair Tower, Inc. in rental assistance payments ➤ \$212,251 to the Child Advocates of Blair County for a Head Start Program ➤ \$170,359 to the City of Altoona for Safe Neighborhoods Program ➤ \$28,161 to the Housing Association of Tyrone in rental assistance

	<p>payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ \$114,735 to IDA Tower LTD Partnership for rental assistance payments➤ \$158,743 to Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry for a Head Start Program➤ \$170,359 to Altoona for safe neighborhoods/safe officers➤ \$1,542,404 to AMTRAN for facility renovations➤ \$819,718 to Altoona to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters
	Total: \$3,467,379