## CAMBRIA COUNTY



Cambria County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 64,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Cambria County has received over \$121 million in funding for education, transportation, and infrastructure and other projects.

#### **Education**

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 Cambria County include:

- ➤ \$1.680.022 to the Penn Cambria School District
- ➤ \$862,206 to the Blacklick Valley School District
- ➤ \$1,563,737 to the Cambria Heights School District
- ➤ \$1.430.991 to the Central Cambria School District
- ➤ \$1,043,875 to the Conemaugh Valley School District
- ➤ \$987,860 to the Ferndale Area School District
- > \$2,102,185 to the Forest Hills School District
- ➤ \$4,310,025 to the Greater Johnstown School District
- ➤ \$1,518,137 to the Northern Cambria School District
- ➤ \$1,191,400 to the Portage Area School District
- > \$700,927 to the Richland School District
- > \$722,786 to the Westmont Hilltop Area School District
- > \$817,940 to the Windber Area School District

Total Education Funding: \$19,976,082

# Transportation and Infrastructure

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 Cambria County include:

- > \$953,569 for bridge rehabilitation on Manor Drive over the R.J. Corman Railroad
- ➤ \$4,612,698 for district wide bridge painting (includes Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset Counties)
- > \$1,645,500, for the preservation of bridges on State routes 1021, 1026, and 4024
- ➤ \$8,600,000 for resurfacing US Route 219
- ➤ \$1,700,000 for the preservation of 10 bridges on U.S. 219, and Routes

36, 56 and 271 and State Route 3031 ➤ \$1,850,262 for the rehabilitation of Riverside Bridge, carrying Eisenhower Boulevard over Stonycreek River in Upper Yoder and Stonycreek Townships ➤ \$2,299,780 for improvements to the wastewater collection system in Cresson Borough > \$5,275,000 for improvements to the sewer system in Dale Borough > \$5,369,377 for improvements to the sewer system in East Conemaugh Borough ➤ \$500,000 to the Jackson Township Water Authority for the system improvement ➤ \$112,607 for a pollution buffer project along the Riparian Stream > \$1,289,689 to the Johnstown, PA area in the form of Transit Capital Assistance ➤ \$600,000 to the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority, for runway rehabilitation Total T&I Funding: \$34,808,482

#### Helping Children and Families

The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Cambria County residents are benefiting:

- ➤ 64,503 residents of Cambria County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- > 9,600 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- ➤ 6,400 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 25,978 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 4719,447 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

#### Other Recovery Act funding for Cambria County

- ➤ \$618,886 for the Community Services & Reinvestment Project
- > \$90,955 to Johnstown, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- > \$2,977,193 to the Johnstown Housing Authority
- ➤ \$421,437 to Johnstown, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant

Total: \$4,108,471

### **Direct Funding** ➤ \$47,252 to Cambria County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters ➤ \$42,200,000 to Highland Wind Farm ➤ \$114,520 to Gallitzin Borough to improve rural law enforcement investigations ➤ \$395,000 to Johnstown Flood to replace HVAC system at historic Unger House and Visitor Center > \$90,955 to Johnstown for a police mobilization program ➤ \$603,003 to Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley for programs ➤ \$1,260,000 to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority ➤ \$1,289,689 to Cambria County Transit Auth. (CAMTRAN) ➤ \$644,490 to Johnstown to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those experiencing homelessness ➤ \$16,555,000 to Pegasus Sewer Authority for sewage collection and treatment (14,555,000 in the form of a Loan) ➤ \$460,764 to Professional Family Care Services, Inc. ➤ \$239,921 to the Community Action Partnership of Cambria County for a Head Start Program ➤ \$30,273 to Mount Aloysius College to provide need-based financial aid to students ➤ \$460,764 to the Professional Family Care Services, Inc. for early Head Start ARRA expansion ➤ \$12,680 to Saint Francis University to examine the role of disulfide bridges in the folding of conotoxins > \$257,819 to Saint Francis University to provide need-based

Total: \$64,662,130

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