

CARBON COUNTY



Carbon County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 29,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Carbon County has received over \$41 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 Carbon County include:

- \$10,907,023 to the Hazelton Area School District
- \$1,189,320 to the Jim Thorpe Area School District
- \$1,807,697 to the Lehigh Area School District
- \$1,371,848 to the Palmerton Area School District
- \$1,691,297 to the Panther Valley School District
- \$648,206 to the Weatherly Area School District

Total Education Funding: \$17,615,391

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 Carbon County include:

- \$1,961,930 for resurfacing of State Route 209 from McCall Bridge through Lehigh in Carbon County
- \$2,917,485 for a sewer collection system in East Penn Township
- \$2,197,072 for improvements to the Derringer/Fern Glen Water System
- \$12,508,600 to the Hazleton City Authority for water system improvements
- \$1,219,854 to replace water meters in Jim Thorpe Borough
- \$1,500,000 to the Lansford-Coaldale Water Authority for system upgrades

Total T&I Funding: \$22,304,491

Helping Children and Families	<p>The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Carbon County residents are benefiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 29,054 residents of Carbon County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act ➤ 3,800 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation ➤ 3,600 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance ➤ 9,437 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance ➤ 237,257 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
Other Recovery Act funding for Carbon County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$10,725 to Palmerton Borough, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ➤ \$16,706 to Mahoning Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ➤ \$255,171 to the Carbon County Housing Authority
	<p>Total: \$282,602</p>
Direct Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$23,402 to Carbon County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters ➤ \$175,000 to Lehighon RC for energy renovations ➤ \$588,000 to Beltzville Lake for improvements ➤ \$27,431 to Palmerton Borough through JAG program funds ➤ \$216,359 to Lansford Family Associates for rental assistance payments ➤ \$1,075,388 to PathStone for a Head Start Program and early Head Start ARRA expansion
	<p>Total: \$2,105,580</p>