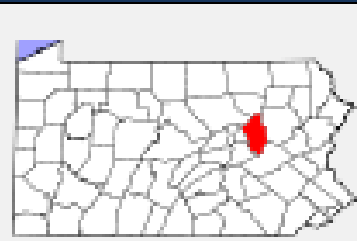


## COLUMBIA COUNTY



Columbia County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 29,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Columbia County has received over \$32 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 Columbia County include:

- \$ 617,594 to the Benton Area School District
- \$2,937,591 to the Berwick Area School District
- \$1,223,385 to the Bloomsburg Area School District
- \$1,228,778 to the Central Columbia School District
- \$758,246 to the Millville Area School District
- \$1,581,298 to the Mount Carmel Area School District
- \$1,818,876 to the North Schuylkill School District
- \$1,001,840 to the Southern Columbia Area School District

Total Education Funding: \$11,167,608

### 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 Columbia County include:

- \$ 1,409,708 for the rehabilitation of State Route 42 bridge over State Route 11
- \$2,446,233 for the rehabilitation of State Route 42 over Roaring Creek
- \$2,446,233 for the rehabilitation of State Route 2001 over Tributary of Roaring Creek in Locust Township
- \$1,462,740 for the installation and upgrading of signs in Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties
- \$13,627,297 for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Mount Carmel

Total T&I Funding: \$21,392,211

<b>Helping Children and Families</b>	<p>The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Columbia County residents are benefiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 29,182 residents of Columbia County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act</li> <li>➤ 4,600 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation</li> <li>➤ 3,300 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance</li> <li>➤ 9,931 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance</li> <li>➤ 7,010 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)</li> </ul>
<b>Other Recovery Act funding for Columbia County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$20,212 to Berwick Borough, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant</li> <li>➤ \$127,409 to the Columbia County Housing Authority</li> </ul>
	<p>Total: \$147,621</p>
<b>Direct Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$23,475 to Columbia County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters</li> <li>➤ \$75,000 to Berwick Readiness Center (Army National Guard)</li> <li>➤ \$20,212 to Berwick Borough through JAG program funds</li> <li>➤ \$25,000 to Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Inc.</li> <li>➤ \$133,284 to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania for research</li> <li>➤ \$116,408 to Bloomsburg University to to provide need-based financial aid to students</li> <li>➤ \$111,095 to Columbia Child Development Program, Inc. for a Head Start Program</li> <li>➤ \$80,510 to Urban Catawissa, LP for rental assistance payments</li> </ul>
	<p>Total: \$584,984</p>