ERIE COUNTY



Erie County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 119,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Erie County has received over \$91 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, educat ional 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 Erie County include:

- ➤ \$2,836,712 for the Corry Area School District
- > \$15,531,640 to the Erie City School District
- ➤ \$690,270 to the Fairview School District
- > \$1,534,074 to the Fort LeBoeuf School District
- ➤ \$1,805,821 to the General McLane School District
- ➤ \$1,655,656 to Girard School District
- ➤ \$1,628,713 to Harbor Creek School District
- ➤ \$1,492,072 to the Iroquois School District
- ➤ \$3,379,514 to the Millcreek Township School District
- ➤ \$1,491,622 to the North East School District
- ➤ \$1,745,688 to the Northwestern School District
- ➤ \$1,552,180 to the Union City Area School District
- ➤ \$1,316,755 to the Wattsburg Area School District
- > \$280,472 to the Perseus House Charter School of Excellence
- ➤ \$105,617 to the Montessori Regional Charter School
- ➤ \$234,933 to the Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School

Total Education Funding: \$37,281,739

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 Cameron County include:

- ➤ \$487,247 for bridge patching and parapet repair to State Route 98
- > \$1,973,033 to replace the bridge on State Route 955 (Iroquois Avenue) over Seven Mile Creek in Harborcreek Township
- ➤ \$5,365,013 to preserve Interstate 79

- > \$1,399,764 to construct ADA Curb Ramps in various locations in Erie County
- ➤ \$343,605 to replace durable railroad crossing pavement markings countywide
- > \$3,947,970 for highway resurfacing on State Route 20
- ➤ \$1,162,308 for highway resurfacing on State Route 8
- ➤ \$767,415 for the replacement of the bridge carrying Concord Road over Pine Run in Union Township
- ➤ \$1,052,745 for the construction of a roundabout, sidewalks, center median and landscaping on State Street in Erie
- ➤ \$688,117 for the construction of streetscape improvements on Parade Street
- ➤ \$457,489 for improvements to the Bayfront Connector
- > \$785,737 to mill and resurface Lake Road
- ➤ \$1,191,201 for improvements to storm water runoff systems throughout the county
- ➤ \$1,615,714 to construct ADA ramps on State Route 20
- ➤ \$3,866,369 to the Erie, PA area, in the form of Transit Capital Assistance

Total T&I Funding: \$25,103,727

Helping Children and Families

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

- ➤ 119,238 residents of Erie County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- ➤ 19,600 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- ➤ 13,800 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 63,058 Low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 50,572 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Other Recovery Act funding for Erie County

▶ \$1,009,150 for a Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment
Project. The project consists of new initiatives and program
expansions to include a locally designed individual account program
known as Money Works for You and an extended version of the
program providing additional financial literacy classes with the goal of
helping families to gain access to lines of credit. It offers job training
to serve dislocated workers and other individuals ineligible for WIA
intensive services.

- > \$208,334 to the Community Health Net, in Erie, to expand access to community health care
- ➤ \$466,400 to the Erie VA Medical Center, to correct boiler plant deficiencies
- ➤ \$1,031,500 to the city of Erie, in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant
- ➤ \$491,600 to the Township of Millcreeek, in the form of an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant
- ➤ \$953,386 to the City of Erie, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant
- ➤ \$65,721 to Millcreek Township, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant
- ➤ \$22,893 to Corry City, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$323,600 to the City of Erie, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$28,874 to Millcreek Township, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$4,648,163 to the Housing Authority of the City of Erie
- ➤ \$113,688 to the Corry Housing Authority
- ➤ \$184,217 to the Erie County Housing Authority
- ➤ \$6,000,000 for the Navy Operational Support Center in Erie, for facility modernization

Total: \$ 15,547,526

Direct Funding

- > \$87,217 to Erie County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters
- ➤ \$6,000,000 to Erie Navy Reserve
- ➤ \$1,563,720 to Erie to improve local law enforcement agencies
- ➤ \$375,367 to Erie through JAG Program funds
- ➤ \$1,933,190 to Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority (EMTA)
- ➤ \$887,014 to Community Health Net
- ➤ \$1,000,000 to The Erie Community Foundation
- ➤ \$1,458,364 to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those experiencing homelessness
- > \$25,000 to the Erie Philharmonic
- ➤ \$12,000 to Union City Lake for improvements
- > \$73,552 to the Benetwood Corporation in rental assistance payments
- ➤ \$39,034 to Better Housing Erie in rental assistance payments
- > \$80,359 to Edinboro University to provide need-based financial aid to students
- ➤ \$170,000 to the Western Pennsylvania Port Authority for the procurement of imaging Sonar and Underwater camera systems

➤ \$443,447 to the Greater Erie Community Action Committee for a
Head Start Program
> \$74,756 to Mercyhurst College to provide need-based financial aid to
students
> \$3,014 to Weber Electric Supply, Inc.
Total: \$14.226.034