LACKAWANNA COUNTY



Lackawanna County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 90,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Lackawanna County has received over \$75 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 Lackawanna County include:

- ➤ \$1,458,913 to the Abington Heights School District
- ➤ \$1,575,382 to the Carbondale Area School District
- > \$848.008 to the Dunmore School District
- > \$1,099,004 to the Lakeland School District
- ➤ \$986,527 to the Mid Valley School District
- ➤ \$1,735,436 to the North Pocono School District
- ➤ \$670,745 to the Old Forge School District
- ➤ \$1,150,633 to the Riverside School District
- > \$8.743.184 to the Scranton School District
- ➤ \$1,532,725 to the Valley View School District
- ➤ \$67.029 to the Fell Charter School

Total Education Funding: \$19,867,586

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 Lackawanna County include:

- ➤ \$5,257,533 for resurfacing on various State Routes in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties
- ➤ \$1,073,023 to Resurface SR 6011 (Greenridge Street) from Main Avenue to Blakely Street in the City of Scranton and Dunmore Borough
- ➤ \$5,103,644 to Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority for capacity upgrade
- ➤ \$100,000 for upgrade, reconstruction and improvements to the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority
- ➤ \$100,000 to Lower Lackawanna Valley Sanitation Authority for the

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- construction and installation of a new combined sewer overflow, regulating Chamber System, sewer piping, and a new 24 inch Interceptor line with manholes.
- ➤ \$100,000 to Olyphant Borough for a new storm sewer pipeline
- ➤ \$300,000 for the planting of 1,000 trees in urban (MS4) municipalities along streets and parking lots for storm water management
- > \$5,686,625 to the Scranton area for Transit Capital Assistance
- ➤ \$55,771 to the Binghamton, NY area, including Lackawana County in PA, for Transit Capital Assistance
- ➤ \$1,000,000 to the Counties of Lackawanna and Luzerne, to install guidance signs at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International (also listed in Luzerne)

Total T&I Funding: \$18,775,596

Helping Children and Families

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

- ➤ 90,235 residents of Lackawanna County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- ➤ 12,000 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- > 9,800 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 37,846 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 27,722 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Other Recovery Act funding for Lackawanna County

- > \$730,133 for a Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project. The project will help unemployed youth participate in a summer work experience and assist individuals in solving transportation problems in order to maintain employment.
- ➤ \$718,500 to the City of Scranton in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant
- ➤ \$916,485 to Scranton, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant
- ➤ \$226,676 to Abington, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant
- ➤ \$500,400 to Abington Township, in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant
- ➤ \$14,643 to Carbondale City in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

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- ➤ \$24,750 to Moosic Borough in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$208,927 to Scranton in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$20,625 to Newton Township in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$15,881 to South Abington Township in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- > \$2,523,328 to the Scranton Housing Authority
- ➤ \$638,115 to the Housing Authority of the city of Carbondale
- ➤ \$2,100,763 to the Lackawanna County Housing Authority
- ➤ \$209,138 to Scranton Primary Health Care Center, Inc, to expand community health services

Total: \$8,848,364

Direct Funding

- ➤ \$69,455 to Lackawanna County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters
- ➤ \$38,000 to Carbondale Clidco RC (Army National Guard)
- ➤ \$84,838 to Carbondale for crime analyst and intelligence project
- > \$75,000 to Scranton/Taylor NE Reg. Mnt. Center
- > \$3,342,000 to Steamtown NHS for improvements
- ➤ \$264,201 to Scranton through JAG Program funds
- ➤ \$2,576,132 to the County of Lackawannna Transit System
- ➤ \$271,894 to The Commonwealth Medical College
- ➤ \$156,937 to Marywood University
- > \$787,438 to Scranton Primary Health Care Center, Inc.
- > \$1,236,748 to Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Inc.
- ➤ \$123,654 to the University of Scranton to provide funding for advanced education nursing grants
- ➤ \$148,542 to the University of Scranton to provide need-based financial aid to students
- ➤ \$1,401,868 to Scranton to provide assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness
- > \$7,071,000 to the Lackawanna River for improvements
- ➤ \$8,000,000 to PathStone Corporation to teach workers the skills required in high growth and emerging industries
- ➤ \$788,438 to the Scranton Primary Health Care Center, Inc. To help provide care to more than 2 million additional patients and for capital improvements
- > \$1,567,978 to Scranton-Lackawanna Head Start
- ➤ \$1,236,748 to the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development

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Agency, Inc. For Head Start Expansion \$1,000,000 to the Bi-County Board of Commissioners for Airfield Lighting
Total: \$30,240,871