LAWRENCE COUNTY



Lawrence County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 42,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Lawrence County has received over \$54 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 Lawrence County include:

- ➤ \$1,953,953 to the Ellwood City Area School District
- > \$1,165,330 to the Laurel School District
- ➤ \$1,639,832 to the Mohawk Area School District
- ➤ \$617,253 to the Neshannock Township School District
- ▶ \$4,967,226 to the New Castle Area School District
- ➤ \$1,223,156 to the Shenango Area School District
- > \$846,707 to the Union Area School District
- ➤ \$1,390,323 to the Wilmington Area School District

Total Education Funding: \$13,803,780

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 Lawrence County include:

- > \$3,461,770 for Grove Street Bridge Rehab
- > \$10,149,823 for PA 60-L06
- ➤ \$542,939 for Core Area Streetscaping
- > \$8,317,845 for 422/2004 Cascad-Butler Co
- > \$2,455,353 for 422/Lapin Lane –SankeyRun
- ➤ \$1,143,524 for Volant Boro Water System Improvements Project
- ➤ \$4,650,169 to the Youngstown, OH, area, including Lawrence and Mercer Counties, in the form of Transit Capital Assistance (also included in Mercer)
- ➤ \$8,317,845 for patching and overlay of U.S. 422 from Cascade Street to the Butler County line in New Castle and Shenango and Slippery Rock townships

Information gathered from http://recovery.pa.gov and http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx. These figures are not final and are regularly updated.

➤ \$700,000 for new curbs, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping in Ellwood City on Lawrence Avenue between 9 th and 11 th Streets and at the railroad underpass of Fifth Street
Total T&I Funding: \$39,739,268

Helping Children and Families

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

- ➤ 42,549 residents of Lawrence County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- ➤ 4,700 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- ➤ 4,300 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 18,547 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 14,802 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Other Recovery Act funding for Lawrence County

- ➤ \$449,664 for the Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project
- > \$22,068 to Ellwood City Borough, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (also listed under Beaver)
- ➤ \$122,717 to New Castle City, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$1,646,678 to the Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence

Total: \$2,241,127

Direct Funding

- ➤ \$30,125 to Lawrence County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters
- > \$144,785 to New Castle through JAG Program funds
- > \$201,768 to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. for a Head Start Program
- ➤ \$46,817 to Westminster College to provide need-based financial aid for students

Total: \$423,495