


	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>
	<p>Leigh County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 161,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Leigh County has received over \$168 million in funding for education, transportation, and infrastructure and other projects.</p>

<b>Education</b>	<p>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 Lehigh County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$19,500,354 to the Allentown City School District</li> <li>➤ \$10,581,434 to the Bethlehem Area School District</li> <li>➤ \$1,003,457 to the Catasauqua Area School District</li> <li>➤ \$2,642,531 to the East Penn School District</li> <li>➤ \$1,431,623 to the Northern Lehigh School District</li> <li>➤ \$1,275,004 to the Northwestern Lehigh School District</li> <li>➤ \$3,324,502 to the Parkland School District</li> <li>➤ \$137,323 to the Roberto Clemente Charter School</li> <li>➤ \$823,439 to the Salisbury Township School District</li> <li>➤ \$1,085,425 to the Southern Lehigh School District</li> <li>➤ \$116,600 to the Vitalistic Therapeutic Charter School</li> <li>➤ \$2,807,899 to the Whitehall-Coplay School District</li> </ul> <p>Total Education Funding: \$44,729,591</p>
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<b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>	<p>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 Lehigh County include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$4,692,527 for bridge repairs on various routes in Weisenberg, South Whitehall, Whitehall, Washington Townships and City of Bethlehem</li> <li>➤ \$1,580,480 for bridge Preservation of 11 bridges in various locations in Lehigh County</li> <li>➤ \$1,748,540 for resurfacing on State Route 329 in North Whitehall and Whitehall Townships</li> <li>➤ \$2,490,577 for milling, patching, resurfacing and curb ramps on</li> </ul>
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	<p>Hanover Avenue from the Lehigh River Bridge to Irving Street in the City of Allentown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$2,068,239 for milling, patching, resurfacing and curb ramps on Broad Street from Terrace Avenue to Eaton Avenue and on Pennsylvania Avenue from Broad Street to Railroad Overpass in the City of Bethlehem</li> <li>➤ \$783,403 for milling, patching, resurfacing and curb ramps on Fairmont Avenue from MacArthur Road to Fullerton Avenue in Whitehall Township</li> <li>➤ \$500,000 to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for Country Club Gardens water system improvements</li> <li>➤ \$195,000 to Eugene H. Wolfgang Enterprises, Inc., to provide a new well, replace hydro tanks, and provide an emergency power hookup for a mobile home community in North Whitehall Township</li> <li>➤ \$40,000 to Lehigh County for their County Environmental Center</li> <li>➤ \$100,000 to the Lehigh County Authority for a three million gallon flow equalization tank at the Lehigh County Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant</li> <li>➤ \$100,000 to the Lehigh County Conservation District for the retrofit of an existing storm water basin</li> <li>➤ \$4,721,780 to the Slatington Borough Authority for sewer main maintenance/replacement</li> <li>➤ \$10,487,606 to the Allentown-Bethlehem PA-NJ area, including Lehigh County, in the form of Transit Capital Assistance (also listed for Northampton)</li> </ul>
	Total T&I Funding: \$29,508,152

<b>Helping Children and Families</b>	<p>The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Lehigh County residents are benefiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 161,681 residents of Lehigh County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act</li> <li>➤ 16,700 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation</li> <li>➤ 16,800 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance</li> <li>➤ 58,143 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance</li> <li>➤ 40,031 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)</li> </ul>
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<b>Other Recovery Act funding for Lehigh County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$375,581 to Lehigh County through HUD's Community Development Block Grant program for economic and community development initiatives.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$449,326 to the City of Bethlehem, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant (also listed for Northampton)</li> <li>➤ \$702,100 to Bethlehem in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant (also listed in Northampton)</li> <li>➤ \$737,917 directly to the City of Allentown through HUD's Community Development Block Grant program for economic and community development initiatives</li> <li>➤ \$580,171 to the City of Allentown for local law enforcement through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program</li> <li>➤ Byrne Justice Assistance Grants to other communities including: \$12,581 to Emmaus Borough, \$12,169 to Fountain Hill, \$32,174 to South Whitehall Township, and \$35,062 to Whitehall Township</li> <li>➤ \$172,216 to Bethlehem City, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (also listed for Northampton)</li> <li>➤ \$2,032,100 to Lehigh County through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions. The City of Allentown has received an additional \$1,038,800 through this program.</li> <li>➤ \$431,872 to the Lehigh County Housing Authority to carry out capital and management activities, particularly improving energy efficiency in aging structures and development of affordable housing infrastructure.</li> <li>➤ \$2,772,115 to the Allentown Housing Authority</li> <li>➤ \$3,017,292 to the Bethlehem Housing Authority (also listed in Lehigh)</li> <li>➤ \$2,032,100 to Lehigh County, in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant</li> </ul>
	Total: \$13,315,371

<b>Direct Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$900,000 to Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp for cleanup of hazardous substance contaminants and encourage redevelopment</li> <li>➤ \$900,000 to Lehigh County for a revolving loan fund</li> <li>➤ \$574,614 to Lehigh County for homelessness services</li> <li>➤ \$150,000 to Allentown RC (Army-National Guard)</li> <li>➤ \$672,157 to Allentown through JAG Program funds</li> <li>➤ \$19,054,000 to PPL Electric Utilities Corp</li> <li>➤ \$9,394,000 to Lehigh and Northampton Trans. Auth. (LANTA)</li> <li>➤ \$47,160 to Cedar Crest College</li> <li>➤ \$763,615 to Community Services for Children, Inc. for Head Start Programs</li> <li>➤ \$1,129,049 to Allentown for homelessness services</li> <li>➤ \$50,000 to Allentown Art Museum</li> <li>➤ \$153,000 to Muhlenberg College</li> <li>➤ \$32,210,196 to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.</li> <li>➤ \$354,538 to Bethlehem through JAG Program funds</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ \$10,286,443 to Lehigh University</li><li>➤ \$151,920 to St. Luke's Hospital</li><li>➤ \$687,480 to Bethlehem for homelessness services</li><li>➤ \$100,000 to Third Eye Diagnostics, Inc.</li><li>➤ \$1,028,000 to Community Services for Children, Inc.</li><li>➤ \$43,661 to Desales University to provide need-based financial aid to students</li><li>➤ \$26,018 to Desales University for a Nurse Faculty Loan Program</li><li>➤ \$4,000,000 to the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board</li><li>➤ \$51,030 to the Moravian Development Corp. for rental assistance payments</li><li>➤ \$48,027 to Mulhenberg College to provide need-based financial aid to students</li><li>➤ \$153,000 to Mulhenberg College for undergraduate research</li><li>➤ \$50,000 to Touchstone to support the preservation of jobs</li></ul>
	Total: \$82,977,908