

# **MERCER COUNTY**

Mercer County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 49,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Mercer County has received over \$41 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 Mercer County include:

- ➤ \$683,107 to the Commodore Perry School District
- ▶ \$1,481,241 to the Farrell Area School District
- > \$1,292,476 to the Greenville Area School District
- ➤ \$1,524,395 to the Grove City Area School District
- ➤ \$1,254,519 to the Hermitage School District
- > \$567,705 to the Jamestown Area School District
- > \$1,254,112 to the Lakeview School District
- ➤ \$1,126,176 to the Mercer Area School District
- > \$1,408,933 to the Reynolds School District
- ➤ \$2,692,193 to the Sharon City School District
- ➤ \$1,058,283 to the Sharpsville Area School District
- ➤ \$1,021,979 to the West Middlesex Area School District
- ➤ \$174,597 to the Keystone Education Center Charter School

Total Education Funding: \$15,539,726

# 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 Mercer County include:

- ➤ \$737,617 to replace the bridge carrying Baker Hill Road (SR 4024) over Lenango Creek in Delaware Township
- ➤ \$616,583 for widening and curb improvements, shoulder and drainage system updates to SR 3020 (Lamor Road)
- ➤ \$1,715,761 for the restoration of US Route 62 from Franklin Road to Main Street in Jackson Township
- ➤ \$2,047,226 for the resurfacing of US Route 62 and State Routes 19,

58, 1002 and 1028

- ➤ \$1,090,742 for the resurfacing of State Routes 18, 2005 and 4019
- ➤ \$343,605 for the replacement of Durable Railroad Crossing Pavement Markers on various State Routes in Mercer County
- ➤ \$1,413,151 for the resurfacing of Interstate 80 from milepost 0 to milepost 15
- ➤ \$826,250 for the restoration of State Route 3011, Keel Ridge Road in Shenango Township and the City of Hermitage
- > \$356,253 for the resurfacing US 322
- ➤ \$500,000 for the erection of a 1,000,000 gallon finished water storage tank in Greensville Borough
- ➤ \$100,000 for the installation of 2,495 residential and commercial water meters throughout the Grove City system
- ➤ \$484,156 for replacement of 36,500 linear feet of waterline in Sharpsville Borough and South Pymatuning Township
- ➤ \$4,650,169 in Transit Capital Assistance to the Youngstown, OH area, including Mercer County, PA

Total T&I Funding: \$14,881,513

### Helping Children and Families

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

- ➤ 49,809 residents of Mercer County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- > 5,700 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- ➤ 6,500 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 23,754 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 18,199 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

## Other Recovery Act funding for Mercer County

- ➤ \$ 449,664 or a Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project. The project will provide financial literacy training resulting in new savings accounts and services that will allow families to avoid eviction/foreclosure proceedings and remain in their homes through emergency rental or mortgage assistance
- ➤ \$184,525 to Sharon, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant
- ➤ \$67,236 to Sharon, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ➤ \$11,962 to Hermitage, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice

Information gathered from <a href="http://recovery.pa.gov">http://recovery.pa.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx">http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx</a>. These figures are not final and are regularly updated.

|      | Assistance Grant   |
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|      | \$15,881 to Mercer County, in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice        |
|      | Assistance Grant   |
|      | ► \$1.04 million for the Hermitage Readiness Center to install an energy |
|      | management system and replace windows                                    |
|      | \$1,703,727 to the Mercer County Housing Authority                       |
|      | \$773,866 to Primary Health Network, in Sharon, for expanded             |
|      | community health services  |
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| Direct Funding | ➤ \$165,158 to the Southwest Mercer County Regional Police   |
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|                | Department  > \$95,079 to Mercer County for Operation Nightlight and neighborhood stabilization policing |
|                | ➤ \$41,748 to Mercer County to provide funds for food banks and homeless shelters                        |
|                | ➤ \$1,511,100 to the Pine-Harrisville Authority  |
|                | ➤ \$616,815 to Sharon for three buses, equipment and facility renovations                                |
|                | > \$1,058,000 to the Shenango River Lake   |
|                | \$190,450 to the Mercer County Farm Service Agency   |
|                | ➤ \$194,901 to Sharon through grants to help law enforcement agencies                                    |
|                | > \$3,181,196 to the Primary Health Network  |
|                | ➤ \$165,158 to the City of Farrell through grants to help law enforcement agencies                       |
|                | \$224,222 to the Community Action Partnership of Mercer County,  |
|                | Inc. for a Head Start Program  |
|                | > \$139,608 to the National Church Residences of Mercer for rental                                       |
|                | assistance payments  |
|                | ➤ \$252,262 to Orange Village Associates for rental assistance payments                                  |
|                | Total: \$7,835,697   |
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