SCHUYLKILL COUNTY



Schuylkill County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 66,000 constituents of Schuylkill County received a tax cut. In addition, Schuylkill County has received over \$153 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 Schuylkill County include:

- > \$1,645,505 to the Blue Mountain School District
- ▶ \$1,368,868 to the Mahanoy Area School District
- > \$1,095,404 to the Minersville Area School District
- ➤ \$1,573,851 to the North Schuylkill School District
- ➤ \$1,191,278 to the Pine Grove Area School District
- ➤ \$2,426,322 to the Pottsville Area School District
- ➤ \$641,556 to the Saint Clair Area School District
- ➤ \$1,162,151 for the Schuylkill Haven Area School District
- ▶ \$1,284,871 for the Shenandoah Valley School District
- ➤ \$1,518,149 for the Tamagua Area School District
- > \$806,740 for the Tri-Valley School District
- ➤ \$1,204,949 for the Williams Valley School District

Total Education Funding: \$15,937,571

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 Schuylkill County include:

- ➤ \$10,217,424 for the replacement of precast bridge parapets in, Palo Alto, Tunkhannock and Pocono Townships
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- ➤ \$23,330,093 for surface improvements to I-81 including concrete base repair and sealing, milling, overlay and shoulder rehabilitation
- ➤ \$2,408,491 for the preservation of 10 bridges in various locations in Monroe and Schuylkill Counties
- > \$719,892 for the resurfacing of State Route 924

- ➤ \$3,642,854 for the resurfacing of PA 54 from the bridge over the Reading and Blue Mountain Railroad
- > \$969,011 for the construction of ADA curb ramps at various locations
- > \$100,000 to upgrade the Biosolids handling process for the Frackville AMA
- > \$2,197,072 for the replacement of the Derringer/Fern Glen Water Main
- ➤ \$12,508,600 for the replacement of water main, pump station upgrade, tank replacement, and rebuilding of 3 filters as part of the Hazleton City Authority, which services homes in parts of Schuylkill County
- ➤ \$1,500,000 for the distribution system replacement for the Lansford-Coaldale Joint Water Authority
- ➤ \$100,000 for the installation of a 36" Type C Lakeside Screw Pump for the Mahanoy Valley Sewer Authority
- ➤ \$2,270,500 for the replacement of 1500' of 18" interceptor with 24" interceptor is expected to reduce a bottleneck in the collection system of the Minersville Sewer Authority
- ➤ \$500,000 for the replacement of 5,000 linear feet of water line, replacement of residential and commercial meters, and rehabilitation of eleven wells in Pine Grove Borough

Total T&I Funding: \$70,681,361

Helping Children and Families

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

- ➤ 66,186 residents of Schuylkill County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act
- ➤ 11,000 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation
- > 7,800 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health insurance
- ➤ 26,095 low income children and adults will continue to have access to health care through Medical Assistance
- ➤ 18,896 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Other Recovery Act funding for Schuylkill County

➤ \$515,341 for a Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project. The project will provide affordable healthcare and expand English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for immigrants and refugees leading to increased employment opportunities. It will also provide financial literacy services leading to stabilized household budgets and the establishment of savings accounts. The project will also provide rental/mortgage assistance to individuals in need.

 \$22,275 to Pottsville in the form of an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant \$1,126,674 to the Schuylkill County Housing Authority \$992,895 to the Housing Authority of the City of Pottsville
Total: \$2,657,185

Direct Funding	 \$59,162,064 to Locust Ridge II for a clean energy project \$125,000 to the Pine Grove Readiness Center for renovations \$100,000 to the Tamaqua Readiness Center for renovations \$5,000,000 to the Broad Mountain Wind Energy center \$215,149 to Child Development, Inc. for the Head Start Program \$19,460 to the Mahanoy Public Library to purchase library technology and equipment \$821,000 to the Schuylkill County Housing Authority to install new energy efficient oil-fired burners and other capital improvements
	Total: \$65,442,673