## **SOMERSET COUNTY**



Somerset County has benefitted significantly from the Recovery Act. As a direct result, over 34,000 constituents received a tax cut. In addition, Somerset County has received over \$20 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 Somerset County include:

- ➤ \$840,862 to the Berlin Brothersvalley School District
- > \$1,085,151 to the Conemaugh Township Area School District
- ➤ \$1,250,908 to the Meyersdale Area School District
- > \$1,319,470 to the North Star School District
- ➤ \$624,434 to the Rockwood Area School District
- ▶ \$481,242 to the Salisbury-Elk Lick School District
- ➤ \$691,732 to the Shade-Central City School District
- ➤ \$309,784 to the Shanksville-Stonycreek School District
- ➤ \$1,791,188 to the Somerset Area School District
- > \$399,899 to the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District
- > \$1,372,633 to the Windber Area School District

Total Education Funding: \$10,167,303

## 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 Somerset County include:

- ➤ \$1,256,649 for the resurfacing of US Route 30 from Westmoreland County Line to State Route 985
- ➤ \$4,612,698 for the preservation of 20 bridges in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset Counties
- ➤ \$2,469,508 for the replacement of 3 bridges and Preservation of 2 bridges on State Route 2019 and State Route 2021
- ➤ \$448,600 for removal of the bridge over Wilber Coal Company Coal Mine Railroad bridge
- ➤ \$100,000 for Meyersdale Borough Sludge Removal and Sewer

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.

	Rehabilitation Project
	Total T&I Funding: \$8,887,455
Helping Children and	The Recovery Act is helping those hit hardest by the economic downturn. Here is how Somerset County residents are benefiting:
Families	<ul> <li>34,398 residents of Somerset County have enjoyed federal tax relief as a result of the Recovery Act</li> <li>5,700 jobless adults will receive a boost in unemployment compensation</li> </ul>
	➤ 3,800 unemployed persons qualify for more help purchasing health

health care through Medical Assistance

> 8,885 children and adults will receive more help through the

➤ 12,602 low income children and adults will continue to have access to

8,885 children and adults will receive more help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Other
<b>Recovery Act</b>
funding for
Somerset
County

- > \$449,664 for the Community Services Recovery & Reinvestment Project
- ➤ \$411,464 to the Somerset County Housing Authority

Total: \$861,128

insurance

## Direct Funding

- > \$27,665 to Somerset County for food banks and homeless shelters
- > \$200,000 to Central City Borough to clean up hazardous substance contaminants and encourage redevelopment
- > \$295,600 in loans to Garrett Borough for domestic water
- ➤ \$197,000 in loans to Somerset County Farm Service Agency
- > \$200,000 to Windber Borough for cleanup of hazardous substance contaminants and encourage redevelopment
- ➤ \$120,187 to AHI-Quemahoning, Inc. for rental assistance payments
- ➤ \$88,574 to Tableland Services, Inc. for a Head Start Program

Total: \$1,129,026