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FUNDING SOURCES / PARTNERS

The Local Government Academy (LGA) Multi-Municipal Planning Grant Program (<http://www.localgovernmentacademy.org/main.asp?ID=40>)

The Local Government Academy (LGA) offers a Multi-Municipal Planning Grant Program, which provides funding to municipalities who wish to participate in multi-municipal planning efforts such as comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance development. Municipalities who wish to apply for funding must meet with the program manager, execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement generally consistent with the LGA Sample Agreement, and representatives from each participating municipality must attend an LGA training workshop dealing with smart land use principles. The grant will provide up to \$7,500 per municipality and requires a ten percent match.

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) (<http://www.newpa.com/programFinder.aspx>)

The Pennsylvania DCED sponsored Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) provides grant funds for the preparation of community comprehensive plans and the ordinances to implement them. Eligible activities include preparing and updating of comprehensive community development plans, policies and implementing mechanisms such as zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and functional plans such as downtown revitalization, water resource plans and land development regulations. A 50 percent match is required for funding.

The Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCPL) was established to provide low-interest loans to municipalities with populations of 12,000 or less for purchase of equipment and purchase, construction, renovation or rehabilitation of municipal facilities. The program offers local governments an opportunity to secure funds at an interest rate of 2.0% per annum. Repayment must be made over a period not exceeding 10 years or the useful life of the equipment or facilities, whichever is less. The maximum value of equipment related loans is \$25,000. Loans for facilities may not exceed \$50,000 for a single facility or 50% of the total cost, whichever is less. The remainder of the project costs shall be provided as local share, which may include grants or loans from other sources.

The Local Municipal Resources and Development Program (LMRDP) provides grants to municipalities for community revitalization and improvement projects. Funds may be used for projects that promote community and/or economic development, improve the stability of the community, enhance the delivery of local government services through intermunicipal approaches to service delivery, improve existing and/or develop new civic, cultural, recreational, industrial, infrastructure and other facilities, assist in business retention, expansion, creation or attraction, promote the creation of jobs and employment opportunities, and enhance the health, welfare, and quality of life of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)

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The Shared Municipal Services Program through DCED provides grant funds to promote cooperation among municipalities along with encouraging the more efficient and effective delivery of municipal services on a cooperative basis. Eligible activities include combined police records administration, shared personnel activities, joint ownership of equipment, shared data processing operations, cooperative building code programs and COG start-up funding.

The Community Revitalization Program is offered through DCED and provides grant funds to support local initiatives that promote community stability and quality of life. Eligible activities include the construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure, building rehabilitation, acquisition and demolition of structures/land, revitalization or construction of community facilities, purchase or upgrade of machinery and equipment, planning of community assets, public safety, crime prevention, recreation, and training.

The First Industries Fund is a grant and loan program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. The First Industries Fund is part of PA Grows, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's new initiative designed to assist agricultural producers in gaining access to the capital they need to begin, continue, or expand their businesses. Visit PA Grows for more information.

Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PennWorks) is a program to ensure safe water supply and proper wastewater infrastructure. The program is designed to fund water and sewer projects not used solely for residential purposes: Land and building acquisition; Demolition; Water/sewer project construction costs; Engineering and other fees associated with project. Eligible applicants include Municipalities; Industrial Development Corporations; Municipal Authorities; Investor-owned water or wastewater enterprise.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)

PennDOT's Transportation Enhancement program provides funding for projects that enhance the aesthetic resources or beauty of a transportation project. Project examples include community "gateway" plantings, landscaping, transplants to move trees outside of clear zones and into more attractive, safe locations, retrofitting existing noise barriers with landscaping, roadside ecological viewing areas, or development of aesthetically pleasing bridge rails. Funds may not be used for routine, incidental, or maintenance activities such as grass cutting, tree pruning and removal, soil stabilization, construction of noise barriers, drainage improvements, or post construction finish work such as replanting and re-seeding.

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/pennDOT/Bureaus/CPDM/Prod/Saferoute.nsf>

PennDOT's Adopt and Beautify Program is a public/private partnership to cultivate wildflowers and/or other approved plantings along state roadways. Groups and individuals commit to planting and maintaining a section of highway for at least two years. In return, PennDOT places a sign at the location recognizing the group for its efforts. Interchange areas and traffic islands are also available for adoption under the program.

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The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) is a PennDOT program that provides low interest loans to help fund transportation projects. The interest rate on the loans is fixed at one-half the prime lending rate with terms up to 10 years. Cities, townships, boroughs, counties, transportation authorities, economic development agencies, non-profit organization and private corporations can apply for a PIB loan. Construction projects receive the highest priority for funding. Roadway improvements and bridge repairs and replacements do qualify for funding. For more information go to: www.dot.state.pa.us

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

CMAQ is a federally funded program thorough SAFETEA-LU legislation that provides funds for transportation projects or programs that will achieve or maintain the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter. Applications must be submitted to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for consideration to be included on the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

My Hometown Helper

Hamburger Helper, a General Mills brand, offers the "My Hometown Helper" grant program, a nationwide initiative that helps local groups make a difference in their own community. Eligible projects include constructing new playgrounds, extending town sidewalks, etc. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$15,000 each and requests for funding must be sponsored by a municipal or civic organization or a public school. (<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10008400/myHometownHelper>).

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Certified Local Government Grants are available to support staffing and training, and third party administration. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. Applicants are encouraged to apply for PHMC Project Grants to support Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Technical and Planning Assistance, Educational and Interpretative Programs. This program requires a 50/50 match. (<http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/grants.htm>)

Keystone Historic Preservation Grants are available for the preservation, restoration and/or rehabilitation of historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and public agencies that own or support a publicly accessible historic property listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, or that own or support a contributing historic property in a National Register Historic District may apply for grant assistance. Private individuals may not apply. This program requires a 50/50 match. (<http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/grants.htm>)

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Historic Preservation Grants are available to support Community Preservation projects. Community Preservation activities include cultural resource surveys, national register and historic district nominations, municipal planning and development assistance. This program requires a 50/50 match. (<http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/grants.htm>)

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)- Bureau of Forestry (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/>)

The Bureau of Forestry of DCNR provides a Forest Stewardship Program to help forestland owners learn how to improve and maintain the ecological health of their land. A plan is developed for the future of your land by a Bureau of Forestry service forester and a natural resource professional to help you learn about the resources on your land and how you can maintain and improve them. You can learn to manage wildlife, recreation, aesthetics, and timber production.

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Natural Resources (DCNR)

DCNR provides grant funding for recreation projects under their Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). Projects must fall into one of three categories: planning and technical assistance, acquisition, or development / small community development. Eligible activities for the planning grants include comprehensive recreation, park and open space plans, conservation plans, feasibility studies, greenways and trails plans, rails to trails plans, master site plans, and river conservation plans. A 50 percent match is required.

Growing Greener II (<http://www.newpa.com/programFinder.aspx>)

Growing Greener II provides grants to municipalities and nonprofits to help a community's downtown through community development and housing activities, downtown reinvestment, façade and anchor building activities, residential reinvestment, and business assistance. Eligible projects include capital improvement costs and those costs directly related to such physical building improvements such as acquisition and pre-development costs. There is no minimum or maximum; typical grants average between \$250,000 and \$500,000; and no match is required but matching funds should be demonstrated.

Pennsylvania Community Forests Partnership (www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pucfc/applications)

The Pennsylvania Community Forests (PCF) partnership provides several grants to assist municipalities with the purchase and installation of new trees, including the Municipal Challenge Grant, Community Improvement Grant, and Tree Improvement Grant.

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Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

<http://www.paconserve.org/50/science-and-research>

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy provides many programs to improve water quality. The Riparian Restoration & Protection Initiative is a program available that will install stream bank fencing and stabilized stream crossings to help improve water quality in streams flowing through agricultural lands.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=91

The Community Facilities Grant Program is offered through the USDA and grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities, such as to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. The grant will fund up to 75 percent of project and may be used in conjunction with other grants or funding sources. Communities with a population less than 5,000 and those with median income levels below the poverty line are of higher priority.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=145155&PM=1>

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is offering tax credits ranging from 25 percent to 75 percent of the cost, up to \$150,000, to install barnyard improvements, riparian buffers, stream fencing, and other conservation practices through the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST)

<http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/cwp/browse.asp?A=4>

Low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction of publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater treatment and collection systems.

Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)

Low-interest loan financing through Industrial Development Corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, resulting in the creation or retention of jobs. Contact: Donald F. Chappel, the Greene County Industrial Developments, Inc. Waynesburg, PA 15370 Telephone: (724) 852-2965 donchappel@gcidc.org