



# THE GOVERNOR'S RESOURCE GUIDE TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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*Office of the Governor  
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Dear Friends:

Pennsylvania is in the midst of a rebirth. Communities that were facing years of neglect and economic stagnation are being provided with the tools and resources to rebuild their facilities, jumpstart their economies and spur job growth.



The commonwealth's economic stimulus package is working to provide our cities and towns with the framework to address a wide range of needs. It also provides opportunities to leverage additional resources to make a significant impact on all Pennsylvanians.

This Resource Guide and Matrix is a part of our efforts to compile local, state, federal and private sector tools for sustainable development. All too often, many helpful programs are underutilized due to the complexity of identifying the appropriate resources. This guide makes all of these programs and resources accessible in one easy reference.

As programs adapt to evolving community needs, we will strive to provide you with current information. I encourage you to visit [www.ruralpa.state.pa.us](http://www.ruralpa.state.pa.us) and view the latest additions to the resource guide.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, thank you for your interest in partnering with us to improve the quality of life for our families, friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

*Edmund G. Rendell*

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## **American Farmland Trust**

### *American Farmland Trust*

Phone: (202) 331-7300

Web: [www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org)

Works with landowners, communities, elected officials, states and the federal government to save the best land for agriculture, plan for its future and keep the land healthy.

## **Electrotechnology Applications Center**

### *Northampton Community College*

Phone: (610) 861-5081

Web: [www.etctr.com](http://www.etctr.com)

Provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers to improve energy efficiency, achieve and maintain environmental compliance, and improve productivity and manufacturing efficiency. Helps businesses gain a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and other processes.

## **Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh**

### *Community Investment Programs*

Phone: (800) 288-3400

Web: [www.fhllb-pgh.com](http://www.fhllb-pgh.com)

Work to foster affordable housing and community development opportunities in very low-, low- and moderate-income areas through advocacy, creative financing grants and technical assistance. Programs include the Affordable Housing Program (AHP), the Banking On Business (BOB) Program, the Community Lending Program (CLP) and First Front Door (FFD).

## **Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs**

### *Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs*

Phone: (717) 772-9030

Web: [www.ruralpa.state.pa.us](http://www.ruralpa.state.pa.us)

Promotes coordinated efforts to expand economic and social opportunities for rural Pennsylvania. Council also serves as an advocate for the equitable treatment of rural communities through a collaborative partnership of

representatives from private and nonprofit sectors and local, state and federal government agencies.

## **National Endowment for the Arts**

### *Promotion of the Arts: Grants to Organizations and Individuals*

Phone: (202) 682-5400

Web: [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)

Awards grants to visual, literary, media, design and performing arts organizations in five categories: creation and presentation, planning and stabilization (services to the field), heritage and preservation, access and education. Individual fellowships available to published creative writers and literary translators of exceptional talent.

## **National Endowment for the Humanities**

### *Promotion of the Humanities: Challenge Grants*

Phone: (202) 606-8309

Web: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

Support educational and cultural institutions and organizations by helping them to increase their financial stability and sustain or improve the quality of humanities programs, services and resources.

## **National Trust for Historic Preservation**

### *Preservation Services Fund*

Phone: (617) 523-0885 or (215) 848-8033

Web: [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

Provides matching grants to nonprofit organizations, universities and public agencies to initiate preservation projects. Funds are used to support: consultants with professional expertise in architecture, law, planning, economics and graphic design; conferences that address subjects of particular importance to historic preservation; and curriculum development in preservation directed at select audiences.

## **Pennsylvania Coalition of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers**

### *Procurement Technical Assistance Centers*

Web: [www.paptacs.com](http://www.paptacs.com)

Various statewide organizations help companies do

business with federal, state and local governments. Specialists assist businesses in starting procurement or solving a problem regarding procurement.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture *Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 787-5342 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Offers eligible organizations the opportunity to apply for matching grants of up to \$10,000 and direct grants of up to \$2,500. Organizations comprised of persons 18 years of age and younger that are both organized and recognized within the Commonwealth to promote the development of agriculture, rural community leadership, vocational training or peer fellowship are considered eligible applicants.

## ***Agriculture Linked Investment Program (AgriLink)***

Phone: (717) 787-4843 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [http://panutrientmgmt.cas.psu.edu/main\\_financial\\_assist.htm](http://panutrientmgmt.cas.psu.edu/main_financial_assist.htm)

AgriLink provides low interest loans to eligible farmers to help fund the implementation of Best Management Practices that are part of an approved nutrient management plan under Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Act Program.

## ***Agriculture Product Promotion Matching Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 783-1450 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Since 1995, the department has awarded matching grants totaling \$6,677,599 to non-profit agricultural promotion and marketing organizations for exciting and innovative projects.

## ***Agritourism***

Phone: (717) 787-6041

Web: [www.visitpa.com/blueribbonpassport](http://www.visitpa.com/blueribbonpassport)

Finds ways to attract consumers to agritourism operations.

### ***Center for Farm Transitions***

Phone: (877) 475-2686

Web: [www.iplantofarm.com](http://www.iplantofarm.com)

Helps farmers with information, referrals, and consultations regarding their distinct situations when looking to transition enterprises on the farm, transition the next generation onto the farm, or transition to a new agriculture center.

### ***Farm Safety and Occupational Health Grants***

Phone: (717) 772-5206

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Grants designed to increase the awareness of farm safety, including farm rescue and emergency training as well as related curriculum and instructional development.

### ***Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)***

Phone: (800) 468-2433 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Through the FMNP, WIC recipients and senior citizens receive vouchers that are redeemable for fresh, Pennsylvania grown produce at area farm markets. The purpose of the program is to expand awareness of farm markets, nutrition, and Pennsylvania-sourced foods as well as to provide resources to those in need.

### ***Hardwoods Development Council Grants***

Phone: (717) 772-3715 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Responsible for the development, expansion and promotion of the hardwoods industry in Pennsylvania. The Council's objectives are to work with state and local governments and other entities to promote access to timber resources on both private and public land; to promote and expand the development, processing, and manufacturing of value-added forest products; to support and assist the forest products industry in developing domestic and international markets for value-added products; and to promote public knowledge of the forest products industry in Pennsylvania and an understanding of the role that forest products play in people's daily lives.

### ***Next Generation Farmer Loan Program***

Phone: (888) 724-7697 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Provides an effective means for federal-state-industry partnerships, whereby the public sector can assist beginning and first time farmers to purchase land, farm equipment, farm buildings, and breeding livestock. The program ensures that Pennsylvania's rich agriculture traditions are handed down to the next generation of farmers.

### ***Organic Cost Share Program***

Phone: (717) 705-9513

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

Reimbursement towards organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

### ***PA Preferred Program***

Phone: (717) 787-6041

Web: [www.papreferred.com](http://www.papreferred.com)

Assists Pennsylvania farmers by encouraging consumers to purchase Pennsylvania products. At the same time, consumers will know that they have found foods grown and processed under some of the world's most stringent food safety standards.

### ***PAgrows***

Phone: (888) Pagrows or (888) 724-7697

Web: [www.PAgrows.com](http://www.PAgrows.com)

Provides technical assistance to help producers, processors, and agribusinesses find the right funding program for their operation. PAgrows can help access low interest loan and grant programs related to agriculture.

### ***Plan Development Incentives Program***

Phone: (717) 787-4843 or (888) Pagrows

Web: [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us)

A result of cooperative efforts by the state Department of Agriculture, county conservation districts and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, provides cost share payments to farmers for the development of nutrient management plans as required by Nutrient Management Regulations.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**

### ***Act 47 - Municipalities Financial Recovery Act***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides loan and grant funds and technical assistance to local governments experiencing severe fiscal difficulty, to develop and implement financial recovery plans that will alleviate the distress conditions.

### ***Agile Pennsylvania Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Works with the Enterprise System Center at Lehigh University to help bring together resources from businesses and state agencies in Pennsylvania. Helps businesses to operate and thrive in an environment of continual and unpredictable change and to solve complex operating problems.

### ***Appalachian Regional Commission***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.arc.gov](http://www.arc.gov)

Provides grant funding to support the development of human and community infrastructure in the 52 Appalachian counties of Pennsylvania.

### ***Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides funding for five programs: the Benjamin Franklin Technology Partners; Venture Investment Program to attract venture investments in PA companies; Technology Development Grants for local and statewide initiatives that stimulate advanced technology and adoption in PA's businesses and communities; University Research Grants to further research and commercialization; and the Keystone Innovation Zone Program.

### ***Ben Franklin Technology Partners***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Four regional centers that provide funding to support research and development of new products or processes, and provide technical assistance services to support new and existing companies.

### ***Broadband Outreach and Aggregation Fund***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides planning grants to assist communities in aggregating demand for broadband services to accelerate deployment to under-served communities.

### ***Building PA***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides funding to develop real estate assets within the Commonwealth. Funds are loaned to private investors and foundations looking for matching funds.

### ***Business Attraction and Retention Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides a mechanism to accelerate broadband deployment for business attraction and retention. The Commonwealth can designate select locations for the deployment of broadband services to qualifying businesses for economic development purposes.

### ***Business in Our Sites***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Offers flexible loans and grants to local municipalities and their economic development partners to create opportunities for future business growth through the acquisition and preparation of key sites for development.

### ***Business Retention and Expansion Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Continuing effort to obtain direct input from businesses to pinpoint business needs and concerns. Businesses are

frequently contacted and, once areas of concern are identified, actions are taken through a partnership of private industry and state and local agencies.

### ***Citizens Job Bank***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Public/private loan partnership between Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth to provide low-cost, 5.5 percent financing to help existing and prospective Pennsylvania businesses expand operations and create jobs.

### ***Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides financial and technical assistance to help communities with their community and economic development efforts.

### ***Community Economic Development Loan Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides assistance to startup and fledgling businesses that will provide products or services to communities previously unserved or underserved.

### ***Community Revitalization Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Supports local initiatives that improve the stability of communities and enhance local economic conditions. Funds may be used to construct or rehabilitate infrastructure; rehabilitate, acquire and demolish structures; revitalize or construct community facilities; purchase or upgrade machinery and equipment; plan for community assets, public safety, crime prevention, recreation, or training; and acquire land, buildings and rights-of-way.

### ***Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides federal funds to support programs that promote

economic self-sufficiency. A limited amount of discretionary funds are available yearly to fund special or demonstration projects with Community Action Agencies or other organizations.

### ***Customized Job Training Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to businesses in need of customized training assistance for new hires and for upgrading skills of existing employees, to keep firms in Pennsylvania, attract new firms, and provide employers with a skilled workforce.

### ***Early Intervention Program (EIP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides matching funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short and long-term financial objectives.

### ***Educational Improvement Tax Credits***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides tax credits to eligible businesses that contribute to a scholarship organization, an educational improvement organization or a pre-kindergarten scholarship organization.

### ***Elm Street Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Encourages the revitalization of residential communities that are located in proximity to commercial corridors and central business districts. Funding supports residential reinvestment projects and operational expenses for Elm Street Managers in designated communities.

### ***Emergency Responders Resources and Training Program (ERRTP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides funds for emergency responder improvement

projects. Projects must demonstrate a benefit to community activities associated with police, fire, ambulance or related public safety services.

### ***Emergency Shelter Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to assist in creating or rehabilitating shelter space for the homeless.

### ***Enterprise Zone Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to financially disadvantaged communities to prepare and implement business development strategies within designated municipal enterprise zones. Focuses on the formation of public and private partnerships that will develop and sustain increased rates of business investment and job creation, emphasizing industrial, technology-related, manufacturing and export service businesses. Works with local governments to build capacity to improve the business climate and to respond effectively to local business expansion opportunities and constraints.

### ***Export Assistance Network***

Phone: (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Network of 10 regional offices provides businesses with export development services and program support, market research, export finance assistance, technical assistance, export-ready assessments, communication links, trade events, and educational and networking opportunities. Regions work with Pennsylvania's 24 international contractors located worldwide and provide a range of in-country assistance.

### ***Export Financing Loan Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Offers working capital and accounts receivable financing in amounts of up to \$350,000 for beginning or expanding small businesses. Export finance is an

activity undertaken by a small business related to the export of goods and services outside of the U.S. Term includes manufacturing, assembling and similar operations.

### ***Family Savings Account Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to community-based organizations to establish programs that provide matching funds to the personal savings of low-income persons. Savings are to be used for approved goals, including first time purchase of a home, or home repair/renovation; higher education; microenterprise capitalization; or vehicle purchase.

### ***First Industries Fund***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants, low-interest loan financing and loan guarantees to farmers and owners of tourism- and agriculture-related businesses.

### ***Floodplain Land Use Assistance Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants and technical assistance to municipalities and businesses to encourage proper use and management of floodplain lands within Pennsylvania. Also provides assistance to municipalities on compliance with federal and state floodplain management regulations.

### ***Governor's Action Team***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Comprised of high-level economic development professionals who report directly to the Governor. Serves as a single point of contact at the state level for companies considering a significant expansion or relocation in Pennsylvania. Provides access to low interest loans, tax credits, training assistance and grants for infrastructure improvements.

### ***Governor's Center for Local Government Services***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides financial and technical support to municipalities and local government officials in the areas of general government administration, finance, management, community planning, and community and economic development. Courses are designed to keep municipal officials current on new laws and legislative requirements and enhance their abilities to govern more effectively.

### ***Guaranteed Free Training Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.wednetpa.org](http://www.wednetpa.org)

Provides workforce development grants for basic skills and information technology training for eligible state businesses and their employees. The program, administered by the Workforce & Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA), is a partnership of the 14 state universities, Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges and several other educational entities.

### ***Heritage Tourism Cooperative Marketing Grants***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Offers grants to support the marketing and promotion of groups of heritage assets, which include any program, site, event or entity that embodies, presents or interprets any aspect of the state's heritage.

### ***HOME Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides local governments with financial and technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low- and very low-income Pennsylvanians.

### ***Housing and Redevelopment Assistance***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides state-funded grants to local governments and redevelopment authorities, and under certain conditions, nonprofit organizations for community revitalization and

economic development activities to attract businesses and provide affordable housing. Includes the Core Communities Housing Program, which provides grants for affordable housing activities in previously developed areas.

### ***Industrial Resource Center Network (IRCs)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Seven centers provide technical assistance to small and medium-sized manufacturers by applying advanced manufacturing management and production techniques and philosophies.

### ***Industrial Sites Reuse Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants and low-interest loan financing to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work at former industrial sites.

### ***Industrialized Housing***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Establishes the standards for industrialized housing, as well as the requirements for manufacturers and inspection agencies seeking approval for participation in this program. Upon approval, the performance of all participants is subject to continual oversight by DCED to assure compliance with all elements of the program. Over 60 industrialized housing manufacturing facilities are currently approved under this program.

### ***Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to certain issuers of debt to assist with the payment of debt service associated with financing for manufacturing facilities, hospitals, convention centers, industrial facilities and large retail centers.

### ***Infrastructure Development Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants and low-interest loan financing for

public and private infrastructure improvements necessary for business growth, expansion or new location.

### ***Innovation Partnership***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.innovationpartnership.net](http://www.innovationpartnership.net)

Collaboration of economic development agencies in the Commonwealth, designed to increase both the quantity and quality of the statewide Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposals through proposal preparation and assistance, and marketing.

### ***Job Creation Tax Credit Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides tax credits to eligible businesses that create 25 or more full-time jobs or increase employment by 20 percent within three years from their start date. A minimum of 25 percent of all tax credits awarded each fiscal year will be allocated to businesses that have 100 or fewer employees.

### ***Keystone Innovation Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Grants to Institutions of Higher Education to facilitate technology transfer, including patent filings, technology licensing, intellectual property and royalty agreements, and other designated resource needs.

### ***Keystone Innovation Zone Program (KIZ)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Keystone Innovation Zones (KIZ) are geographically designated to harness resources and foster collaborative partnerships between universities and business. Eligible KIZ companies (less than eight years of age, in the targeted industry sector and located within the KIZ) received priority review from other eligible DCED programs.

### ***Keystone Innovation Zone Tax Credit Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Tax credits are available for KIZ companies less than 8 years old that are in an industry sector that is a priority of the zone partnership and located within the boundaries of the zone.

### ***Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)***

Phone: (717) 346-8191 or (866) GO-NEWPA

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provide state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in a Keystone Opportunity Zone, a Keystone Opportunity Enhancement Zone, or a Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone.

### ***Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grant funds for the preparation of community comprehensive plans and the ordinances to implement them. Promotes cooperation between municipalities in making sound land use decisions that follow or adhere to the Governor's Executive Order on Land Use.

### ***Life Sciences Greenhouses***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Three regional centers that provide flexible, innovative mechanisms for the commercialization of biotechnology and other life science business opportunities. Focused on transferring technology from research laboratories to entrepreneurial start-up companies and enhancing collaboration between academic, entrepreneurial, corporate, financial and governmental partners to attract new companies to Pennsylvania.

### ***Local Development Districts***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.paldd.org](http://www.paldd.org)

Provide enterprise development services to businesses in the 52 Appalachian counties of Pennsylvania. Also

assist communities with planning and implementing special projects.

***Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Allows local municipalities, school districts and counties to offer tax abatements on property improvements for up to 10 years. Center for Local Government Services acts as technical assistance provider.

***Local Government Capital Projects Loan Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides low-interest loans for equipment and facility needs of small governments with populations under 12,000.

***Local Municipal Resources and Development Program (LMRDP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants that promote community and/or economic development; improve the stability of the community; enhance the delivery of local government services through inter-municipal 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 citizens.

***Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides low-interest financing to companies and farmers for acquisition and installation of new or used machinery or equipment, or to upgrade existing machinery and equipment.

### ***Main Street Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Offers grants to local governments to fund “Main Street Managers” to coordinate downtown revitalization strategies and commerce activities. Includes: Anchor Building Grants, which assist in the renovation of integral buildings that are vital to the downtown’s health; and Downtown Reinvestment Grants, which provide financial incentives to municipalities for development projects to help eliminate decline.

### ***Manufactured Housing***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Responsible for enforcing the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards and regulations for the construction of new manufactured homes produced or sold in Pennsylvania. DCED also operates the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act, which establishes the installation requirements for new manufactured homes, provides training to local code officials and certification and training to manufactured home installers. Manufactured housing accounts for over 20% of all new housing starts in the Commonwealth.

### ***Market Access Grants***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides matching grants of up to \$2,500 per event to new-to-export small and medium-sized companies. Grants are to encourage Pennsylvania businesses to work with the regional export network and to participate in Office of International Business Development-sponsored international trade events to develop export sales and compete in the global economy.

### ***Neighborhood Assistance Program***

(866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Tax credit program designed to encourage businesses to donate capital/resources that can be used to provide eligible services to low-income persons or improve impoverished neighborhoods.

***Neighborhood Assistance Program -  
Enterprise Zone Tax Credit***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides tax credits for businesses investing in or making physical improvements to properties located within designated enterprise zones.

***Neighborhood Assistance Program -  
Neighborhood Partnerships Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides tax credit program for businesses that sponsor a neighborhood organization to implement a neighborhood revitalization plan. Businesses must be willing to partner with an organization for five years, and contribute a minimum amount of funding in each year.

***New Pennsylvania Venture Capital  
Investment Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides capital to venture capital funds that agree to match the state's investments into the fund and provide capital/investments into high-growth Pennsylvania businesses.

***New Pennsylvania Venture Guarantee Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com)

Provides guarantees to venture capital firms actively investing in Pennsylvania businesses. Guarantees will stimulate increase in high-growth Pennsylvania businesses.

***Office of International Business Development***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Comprised of three centers: the Center for Trade Development, the Center for Direct Investment, and the Center for Port Development (PennPORTS), represented around the world by 35 authorized PA representatives covering over 50 countries. The Center for Direct Investment team works directly with 15 of the 35 PA

authorized international investment representatives to attract foreign-based companies and encourage business investment in Pennsylvania to create job opportunities in the Commonwealth. The represented countries include: the United Kingdom, Scandinavia (Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway), France (Belgium and French-speaking regions of Switzerland), and Germany (Austria and German-speaking regions of Switzerland), the Netherlands, Spain, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and Israel. The Center for Trade Development works with 19 authorized trade representatives to provide international market intelligence, export counseling, business contacts and trade promotion programs. CTD and its partners enhance the global reach and export capacity of the Pennsylvania business community. OIBD develops economic and employment opportunity through: the promotion of the Commonwealth as a compelling business investment location; extending the reach and the capability of the Pennsylvania exporter; and enhancing the visibility and capabilities of Pennsylvania's seaports (see PennPORTS on next page).

### ***Office of Small Business Advocate***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Represents the interests of small business consumers of utility services in cases before the Public Utility Commission, courts, or federal agencies that set rates for utility services. Office's lawyers and technical consultants act as spokespeople for the interests of small commercial and industrial customers to ensure that rate increases are reasonable and that the burden of the increased rates is fairly distributed among residential, commercial and industrial customers.

### ***Opportunity Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides flexible and effective economic development financing to preserve and expand existing industry and attract other economic development prospects to the Commonwealth.

***PennPORTS Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Promotes economic and community development, waterborne tourism, and statewide commerce by facilitating port development, improvement of intermodal transportation, incorporation of emerging technologies into the ports, and development of port competitiveness both nationally and internationally. Works with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to ensure and improve the intermodal connections for the movement of goods from the port to markets.

***Pennsylvania Base Development Committee (PBDC)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Designed to assist local defense groups to enhance the military installations, organizations, missions and civilian workforce positions in the active, reserve and National Guard components of our nation's military stationed within the Commonwealth.

***Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Small business loan guarantee program based on a portfolio concept. Designed to help borrowers that do not meet a bank's normal small business lending requirements. A program of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.

***Pennsylvania Community Development Bank (PCD Bank)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides capital to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for community lending activities relative to business growth and development.

***Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Statewide conduit issuer of taxable and tax-exempt

Revenue Bonds, both in pooled and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment and working capital, and to refinance existing debt.

### ***Pennsylvania Film Office***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.filminpa.com](http://www.filminpa.com)

Markets the Commonwealth to the entertainment industry as a production location. Maintains a library of location photos and a directory of Pennsylvania-based service providers, and acts as a liaison between production companies and all branches of state and local government. Annually publishes and updates the PA Film Guide, a directory of Pennsylvania-based service providers available to production companies.

### ***Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.ices.cmu.edu/pita](http://www.ices.cmu.edu/pita)

Provides low-interest loan financing through Industrial Development Corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, resulting in the creation or retention of jobs.

### ***Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.ices.cmu.edu/pita](http://www.ices.cmu.edu/pita)

Provides economic benefit to Pennsylvania through knowledge transfer, the discovery of new technologies, and the retention of highly educated students. Joint program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Institute for Complex Engineered Systems at Carnegie Mellon University, and Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems at Lehigh University.

### ***Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides low-interest loans to businesses that are owned and operated by minorities.

### ***Pennsylvania Section 108 (HUD) Loan Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Enables smaller communities and rural areas to access loan funds for economic and community development. Loans are guaranteed by the state and by Community Development Block Grant funds to pay off the loans in case of default.

### ***Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers***

Phone: (215) 898-4861

Web: [www.pasbdc.org](http://www.pasbdc.org)

Network of 18 university-based centers and more than 90 outreach locations operating under the guidance of the state director. Provide consulting services and educational programs to entrepreneurs looking to start or grow a small business and consult with entrepreneurs in one-on-one sessions to help test a new business proposition, shape a business plan, or investigate funding opportunities.

### ***Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.penntap.psu.edu](http://www.penntap.psu.edu)

Supports technology-based economic development by helping Pennsylvania companies improve competitiveness by providing a limited amount of free technology assistance to help resolve specific technical needs.

### ***Pennsylvania Young Professionals***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.payoungprofessionals.com](http://www.payoungprofessionals.com)

Statewide organization representing more than 30 local groups for young (and young at heart) professionals. Works to promote the young professional's role and responsibility in civic involvement, leadership development, professional networking, and community and economic development.

### ***Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (PSC)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.psc.edu](http://www.psc.edu)

Offers computer time to private Pennsylvania entities that have high-performance computing problems

requiring the use of very large supercomputer systems. Federally sponsored and operated by Carnegie Mellon University, Westinghouse and the University of Pittsburgh.

### ***Powdered Metals Program***

Phone: (800) 379-7448 or (888) GO-NEWPA

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides workforce training support and some research and development funding support to the powdered metals industry in central Pennsylvania. Training components are provided through Penn State-Dubois and several regional high schools.

### ***Regional Marketing Initiative Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

Provides matching state funds to regional tourism development efforts across Pennsylvania.

### ***Regional Police Assistance Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants for a period of up to three years for start-up of consolidated police departments. Requires completion of regional police feasibility study followed by recommendation for funding to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

### ***Second Stage Loan Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com)

Provides guarantees for bank loans to second stage manufacturers and technology companies for working capital and other financing needs. Targeted to manufacturing, advanced technology and biotechnology.

### ***Shared Municipal Services Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com)

Provides matching grants to promote cooperation between two or more municipalities to identify those municipal functions that together can be provided more efficiently and effectively.

### ***Small Business First Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides low-interest financing for land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and working capital to businesses and farmers. Provides financing to businesses that need to come into compliance with environmental regulations or that are involved in municipal commercial recycling; companies impacted by the reduction in defense-related activities; and companies involved in export-related services.

### ***Small Business Resource Center Center for Entrepreneurial Assistance***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

State government's lead office for small business development. Works to enhance the entrepreneurial vitality of the Commonwealth and to build an environment that encourages the creation, expansion, and retention of successful small businesses.

### ***TIF Guarantee Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com)

Incorporates a combination of technical assistance and guarantee assistance to encourage smaller communities to use Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Through TIF, communities borrow funds for projects that will develop blighted areas. Borrowed monies are repaid through the new tax revenues generated as a result of the development.

### ***Tourism Promotion Agency Matching Grant Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

Provides state matching funds to officially designated tourism promotion agencies within Pennsylvania.

### ***Underground Storage Tank Upgrade Loan Program (USTLP)***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides low-interest loan financing to business owners

of regulated underground storage tanks to meet federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) upgrade requirements.

### ***Urban Development Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grant funds for urban development and improvement projects. Urban development activities may include programs and projects designed to strengthen Pennsylvania's neighborhoods.

### ***Weatherization Assistance Program***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Works to minimize the adverse effects of high energy costs on low-income, elderly and disabled citizens through the installation of selected energy conservation measures, such as air sealing, insulation, and heating system repairs, to improve the thermal efficiency of their dwellings. Client education is also provided to help reduce energy use.

### ***Workforce Diversity Portal***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.diversityinpa.com](http://www.diversityinpa.com)

Provides information about Pennsylvania's diverse business climate, and information and support for employers looking to diversify their supply chain or workforce, employees looking for diversity-minded companies, and women and minority-owned businesses seeking both public and private contracting opportunities. Includes live forums monitored by experts to mentor and advise women and minority-owned businesses in starting or growing their businesses.

### ***Workforce Leadership Grants***

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides for integrated and seamless education programs cutting across secondary and post-secondary education, and expansion of community college services.

**Pennsylvania Department of Community  
and Economic Development and  
Department of Environmental Protection**  
*Small Business Pollution Prevention Assistance  
Account Loan Program*

Phone: (717) 783-8411

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Small Business Assistance

Provides low-interest loans to small businesses with 100 or fewer full-time employees undertaking projects that reduce waste, pollution or energy use. Loans will be used to fund 75 percent of the total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

**Pennsylvania Department of Community  
and Economic Development and  
Department of Public Welfare**

*Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program (PAHP)*

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides grants to local governments, redevelopment authorities, and nonprofit organizations to carry out home modification programs that will enable low- and moderate-income persons with physical disabilities of all ages to make their home more accessible.

**Pennsylvania Department of Community  
and Economic Development and  
Department of Revenue**

*Expanded Research and Development Tax Credit*

Phone: (866) GO-NEWPA or (866) 466-3972

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Allows employers qualifying for the federal research and development tax credit to receive a state tax credit for increased research activities in Pennsylvania and provides for the tradability of tax credits. Tradability component allows Pennsylvania's research-heavy, start-up companies that are developing new products to sell their unused credits for cash to qualified, profitable businesses in the state.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

### ***Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants***

Phone: (717) 787-7672 or (888) GO-NEWPA

Web: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

Provides grants for the planning, acquisition and development of parks, recreation, rivers conservation, trails and greenways, and the protection of open space, critical natural areas and established Heritage Areas. Funding is also available for technical assistance. Municipalities and appropriate non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Most grants require 50/50 match.

### ***Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants***

Phone: (717) 787-2925

Web: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry)

Supplies needed equipment and training to skilled volunteer firefighters serving rural areas and communities with populations under 10,000. Grants used for mobile or portable radios; installation of dry hydrants; wildfire prevention and mitigation; wildfire fighter training; or conversion and maintenance of federal excess vehicles received from the Bureau of Forestry and used for fire suppression.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Education**

### ***Adult Affidavit***

Phone: (717) 787-8804

Web: [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

Helps schools provide training to adults who want to learn new technical skills or improve their current ones.

### ***Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund Grant Program for Public Library Facilities***

Phone: (717) 787-3124

Web: [www.statelibrary.state.pa.us](http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us)

Offers mini-grants and major construction grants to municipalities to pay up to 50 percent of eligible public library projects. Priorities are projects that make libraries accessible to persons with disabilities, non-routine maintenance (especially where lack of maintenance is impeding service to the general public; creating a

public hazard or causing a hazard to the library collection), and new building construction, additions or renovations to existing buildings in order to demonstrably improve library service to the general public.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**

### ***Abandoned Mine Reclamation***

Phone: (717) 783-2267

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Abandoned Mine Reclamation

Responsible for resolving problems such as mine fires, mine subsidence, dangerous highwalls and other hazards, resulting from past mining practices, and for abating or treating acid mine drainage.

### ***Act 537 - Sewage Facilities Planning Assistance***

Phone: (717) 787-8184

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Supports major or significant municipal sewage facilities planning, including Act 537 update revisions and special studies. Also supports periodic long-term public health and environmental surveys that assess sewage disposal needs and methods appropriate for the planning area.

### ***Act 537 - Sewage Permitting and Enforcement Program Administration Reimbursement***

Phone: (717) 787-8184

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Assists local agencies when fulfilling their responsibilities under Act 537 by reimbursing them for their net costs. Program was developed to ensure that permitting and enforcement actions do not adversely impact local agency economics.

### ***Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 705-5400

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Alternative Fuels

Helps to improve Pennsylvania's air quality and encourage the use of alternative fuels. Grants are awarded to help businesses and organizations develop clean energy and alternative fuel projects.

### ***Brownfield Action Team***

Phone: (717) 783-1566

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Responsible for expediting the remediation, reclamation, reuse and redevelopment of former industrial sites for locally identified high priority redevelopment and reuse projects. The team manages and coordinates remediation program development activities, permitting procedures and funding efforts related to redevelopment projects.

### ***eFACTS***

Phone: (717) 772-5909

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Efacts

Online system that provides information on permits, licenses, and approvals issued by DEP and the status of pending applications. Provides accurate, up-to-date compliance information on facilities.

### ***Energy Conservation and Efficiency***

Phone: (717) 783-8411

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Energy

Finds suggestions and tips to reduce energy consumption, increase efficiency, and save money for residents, businesses and local governments facing increased energy costs.

### ***Energy Harvest Grants***

Phone: (717) 705-5400

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Energy Harvest

Funds projects that promote awareness and build markets for cleaner or renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, waste coal to energy, and distributed generation projects.

### ***Environmental Education Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 772-1828

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: EE Grant

Provides grants ranging from \$3000 to \$20,000 to help schools, county conservation districts and other non-profit organizations improve environmental education and awareness among students and the public.

### ***Host Municipality Inspector Grants***

Phone: (717) 787-9870

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Host Municipality Inspector

Provides grants for 50 percent of the approved cost of the salaries and expenses for up to two certified host municipality inspectors.

### ***Nutrient Trading Program***

Phone: (717) 772-4785

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Nutrient Trading  
Helps farmers, communities and industry meet and exceed state and federal water quality goals through a trading program. Enables entities that exceed regulatory requirements to sell credits that help others meet obligations and ensure water quality improvements.

### ***Office of Community Revitalization and Local Government Support***

Phone: (717) 783-1566

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Community Revitalization

Helps to coordinate economic development activities by creating effective partnerships with local municipalities, municipal associations, and economic and industrial development associations. Regional local government liaisons serve the Commonwealth as ombudsmen for local government officials, associations, and economic development agencies.

### ***Office of Environmental Advocate***

Phone: (717) 723-3721

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Identifies stakeholders and fosters stronger relationships between communities, industry and DEP in environmental justice areas. Provides recommendations to the department and the Environmental Justice Advisory Board, encourages public involvement, helps to engage those far removed from the decision making process.

### ***PA Small Business Ombudsman***

Phone: (717) 783-0909

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Advocate for small business issues about environmental compliance, regulation and technical assistance.

### ***Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority***

Phone: (717) 772-8959

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: PEDA

Provides grants, loan guarantees for alternate energy projects and related research referring to deployment projects, manufacturing or research involving the following types of alternative and renewable fuel sources.

### ***Recycling Performance Grants***

Phone: (717) 787-7382

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Recycling Grants

Awarded to all Pennsylvania local governments with recycling programs. The grants are based on the total tons recycled and the applicant's recycling rate.

### ***Small Business Advantage Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 783-8411

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Provides a 50-percent match of up to \$7,500 for equipment or processes that reduce energy consumption, promote pollution prevention and increase profitability. The program is open to small business owners whose business or facility is located in Pennsylvania.

### ***Stormwater Management***

Phone: (717) 787-6827

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) Keyword: Stormwater

Provides technical, administrative and financial assistance to counties preparing stormwater management plans, and pays for 75 percent of the costs counties incur in preparing plans, and enacting, administering and implementing stormwater ordinances.

### ***Voluntary Cleanup Program***

Phone: (717) 787-8184

Web: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Develops and assists in the interpretation of regulations,

standards and guidance established under Act 2 for the assessment and remediation of contaminated properties.

## **Pennsylvania Department of General Services**

### ***Bureau of Minority and Women Business Opportunities***

Phone: (717) 787-6708

Web: [www.dgs.state.pa.us](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us)

Provides resources for women and minority business owners to compete for and participate in the state contracting process. Certifies minority and women businesses based on ownership criteria, and teaches these business owners how to pursue opportunities available through state contracting. Also administers the statewide contract compliance program that ensures that suppliers and contractors are not discriminatory in hiring, firing and subcontracting arrangements.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry**

### ***Agricultural Recruitment System***

Phone: (717) 787-6521

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) Keyword: Agriculture labor

Publicly operated recruiting and referral system that helps agricultural and food processing employers to recruit qualified workers from areas outside of the area of intended employment to work on a temporary or seasonal basis. Also provides workers seeking temporary employment with opportunities for such employment. With the automated Job Match System in Pennsylvania, farm workers are matched against available job openings. All services are available to migrant and seasonal farm workers.

### ***Collective Bargaining Mediation***

Phone: (717) 787-2803

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

Provides mediation services in collective bargaining disputes. Also provides labor management cooperation and training, and services to interested parties.

### ***Employment Incentive Payment Program (EIP)***

Phone: (800) 345-2555

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

Provides employers with state business tax savings up to \$2,700 per worker for hiring job seekers who are qualified cash welfare recipients or vocational rehabilitation referrals.

### ***Independence Capital Access Network (ICAN) Fund***

Phone: (717) 787-8315

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) Keyword: ICAN

Provides grants to small businesses to support the purchase of specialized or adaptive equipment necessary to hire and retrain qualified individuals with disabilities.

### ***Pennsylvania CareerLink***

Phone: (717) 233-1375

Web: [www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)

Provides one-stop delivery of career services to job seekers, employers and others. Interested individuals have access to employment, workforce investment, and education and training resources.

### ***Self-Employment Assistance Program***

Phone: (800) 345-2555

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

Eligible Unemployment Compensation (UC) claimants may receive SEA allowances in lieu of benefits at the same rate, interval and duration while engaging in entrepreneurial training and assistance as part of their reemployment to plan to become self-employed.

### ***Work Opportunity Tax Credits***

Phone: (800) 345-2555

Web: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

Provides employers with federal tax savings credit up to \$2,400 per worker for hiring eligible job seekers from eight targeted groups: short-term welfare cash assistance recipients, ages 18-40 on food stamps, veterans on food stamps, vocational rehabilitation clients, Supplemental Security Income recipients, ex-felons, and high risk or summer youth residing in a Philadelphia Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community or Renewal Community. The tax credit increases to \$9,000 per new hire over two

years if eligible job seekers identified as long-term family assistance recipients are hired.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare**

### *Employment and Job Training for Welfare Clients*

Phone: (717) 787-8613

Web: [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)

Provides employment and training programs throughout Pennsylvania for welfare clients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such programs.

### *Supported Engagement/Supported Work Program*

Phone: (717) 787-8613

Web: [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)

Operated by community action agencies in conjunction with the Department of Public Welfare's Maximizing Participation Project to assist public assistance recipients to gradually engage in employment and training activities while remediating barriers to employment. Supported work program prepares and assists public assistance recipients to obtain unsubsidized employment.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation**

### *Capital Budget Program (Transportation Assistance Program)*

Phone: (717) 783-8025

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Provides funds for maintenance or new construction. No maximum award except within availability standards. Eligibility requires the project be included in a Capital Budget Act approved by the state legislature, either included by a legislator or from PennDOT. This application is submitted electronically.

### *Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Funds (CMAQ)*

Phone: (717) 787-2838

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Funds are available for congestion reduction and air quality improvement activities including several Class One projects and short lines. Applicants must be included

in or immediately adjacent to a non-attainment county. Maintenance counties are also eligible for CMAQ. An air quality study must be performed to determine how air quality will be improved or maintained.

### ***Hometown Streets Program***

Phone: (717) 787-2962

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf)

Repair, redesign and reconstruct main streets, commercial corridors and major boulevards in older communities to support local revitalization plans. Eligible projects include sidewalk improvements, planters, benches, street lighting, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, bicycle amenities, transit bus shelters, kiosks, signage and other visual elements. Program is not intended to cover costs of street paving, storm water management and traffic signals.

### ***PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)***

Phone: (717) 787-1964 or (800) FOR-LTAP

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Provides training to nearly 6,000 municipal employees per year in effective and efficient maintenance procedures, essential safety practices, and infrastructure management processes. Training is supplemented with on-site technical assistance and the dissemination of information highlighting practical technological advances.

### ***Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank***

Phone: (717) 772-1772

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Loans for maintenance, construction and other projects. Loans are administered by PennDOT and have four accounts—highway/bridges, transit, aviation, and rail freight. The term is 10 years.

### ***Rail Freight Assistance***

Phone: (717) 783-8567

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Grants to build or repair rails, lines, ties, turnouts, and other materials or for new construction. Assistance is available to railroad companies, transportation organiza-

tions, municipalities, municipal authorities, and users of rail freight infrastructure. Funding cannot exceed 70 percent of eligible expenses; grantee provides the remaining 30 percent. All applications must be filed electronically.

### ***Safe Routes to School Program***

Phone: (717) 787-8065

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Repair, redesign and reconstruct main streets, commercial corridors and major boulevards in older communities to support local revitalization plans. Eligible projects include sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes or trails, traffic diversion improvements, curb extensions, traffic circles, raised median islands, and walking paths.

### ***Transportation Enhancements Program***

Phone: (717) 787-2962

Web: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)

Provides the opportunity to create or embellish facilities, uses and activities that enhance the quality of life across the Commonwealth. Plays a key part in the community building process.

## **Pennsylvania Downtown Center**

### ***Downtown Revitalization Assistance***

Phone: (717) 780-3912

Web: [www.padowntown.org](http://www.padowntown.org)

Promotes and supports the vitality of Pennsylvania's downtowns and traditional neighborhood business districts by providing local groups with the techniques and strategies needed to recapture or sustain their downtowns as vibrant civic, social and economic centers of activity.

## **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency**

### ***Home Ownership Program***

Phone: (800) 822-1174

Web: [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

Offers various home loan services and products with low interest rates and fees that carry a fixed interest rate for 30 years. Eligible buyers with low to moderate income may also qualify for down payment and/or closing cost

assistance. A network of participating lenders that have been approved and trained by PHFA handles the loan application, processing, and closing. PHFA then buys the loan from the lender immediately following closing and services it for the rest of the loan.

### ***Homeownership Choice Program***

Phone: (717) 780-3912

Web: [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

Finances new, single-family home construction in blighted urban areas of the Commonwealth. Creates more opportunities for families to own their own home, ultimately transforming neglected neighborhoods into better places to live and work.

### ***Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program***

Phone: (717) 780-3948

Web: [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

Provides owners of and investors in low-income rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability. Credit may be taken for up to 10 years.

### ***PennHOMES***

Phone: (717) 780-3876

Web: [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

Offers interest-free, deferred-payment loans to support development of affordable rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. Loan may be structured as a primary or secondary mortgage loan.

### ***Taxable and Tax-Exempt Bond Financing***

Phone: (717) 780-3876

Web: [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org)

Provides sponsors of affordable housing with below market-rate permanent financing for building or rehabilitating rental units through the sale of PHFA bonds.

## **Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)**

### ***Brownfields Remediation***

Phone: (877) 787-8137

Web: [www.pennvest.state.pa.us](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us)

Low-interest loans for the remediation of sites that have been contaminated by past industrial or commercial activity and pose a threat to local groundwater or surface water sources.

### ***Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Loans***

Phone: (877) 787-8137

Web: [www.pennvest.state.pa.us](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us)

Low-interest loans for design and construction of system improvements for private or municipality owned water and/or sewer facilities or publicly owned storm water systems.

### ***On-lot Sewage Disposal Funds***

Phone: (877) 787-8137

Web: [www.pennvest.state.pa.us](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us)

Provides low-interest loans to homeowners for the rehabilitation, improvement, repair or replacement of an existing system located on a single family, owner-occupied property, which is the primary residence of the owner.

## **Pennsylvania Office of Administration**

### ***PA Open for Business***

Web: [www.paopen4business.state.pa.us](http://www.paopen4business.state.pa.us)

Website offers entrepreneurs “one door” access to business information. Entrepreneurs can explore financial options, download important forms necessary to start and expand a business, and electronically register a business with the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry, Revenue, and State.

## **Pennsylvania Office of the Budget**

### ***Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program***

Phone: (717) 787-7342

Web: [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com)

Provides for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic and historical improvement

projects. Preference is given to projects that display significant potential for improving economic growth and the creation of jobs and new opportunities to a diverse group of communities throughout Pennsylvania.

## **Pennsylvania State University**

### *Penn State Cooperative Extension*

Phone: (814) 865-5410

Web: [www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)

Educational network that gives Pennsylvanians access to Penn State's resources and expertise. Courses, workshops and other programming are made available to individuals and communities requesting assistance, and are tailored for local needs.

### *Plastics Technology Center*

Phone: (814) 452-0094

Web: <http://plastics411.org>

Provides product design and development services for business start-ups and existing small manufacturers.

## **Rural Community Assistance Program**

### *Rural Community Assistance Program*

Phone: (814) 333-2706

Web: [www.rcap.org](http://www.rcap.org)

Resource for community leaders and others who need technical assistance services and training related to rural drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, solid waste programs, housing, economic development, comprehensive community assessment and planning, and compliance with environmental regulations. Staff is fluent in a number of languages and dialects.

## **Team Pennsylvania Foundation**

### *Business Resource Network*

Phone: (717) 233-1375

Web: [www.teampa.com](http://www.teampa.com)

Interactive tool that offers comprehensive access to state, local and regional information critical in making decisions about location, expansion and workforce development. Available online, users can view data on

population, income, education, infrastructure, the environment and more. Information can be displayed in lists and charts or graphically on various user-selected GIS maps. Also includes PA Site Search.

### ***PA Site Search***

Phone: (717) 233-1375

Web: [www.pasitesearch.com](http://www.pasitesearch.com)

Online statewide commercial real estate directory for businesses and site selectors considering relocation or expansion projects within Pennsylvania. Database is searchable by location, size, best use, and access to rail service, and included properties with low-to-no tax Keystone Opportunity Zones. The site is free and registered users may post available Pennsylvania properties to the site. No registration is required to perform searches or view data.

### ***PA SourceNet***

Phone: (717) 233-1375

Web: [www.pasourcenet.com](http://www.pasourcenet.com)

Online directory for companies searching for Pennsylvania suppliers and sales leads. Database is searchable by company name, location, industry or product and ownership (veteran, woman, or minority owned) and includes company contact information, product description and service radius, number of employees, annual sales and more. Registered Pennsylvania businesses also can view information about companies seeking their product or service and international trade leads.

### ***Team Pennsylvania Foundation***

Phone: (717) 233-1375

Web: [www.teampa.com](http://www.teampa.com)

Public/private partnership that initiates and supports innovative programs to improve Pennsylvania's competitiveness and economic prosperity. This unique partnership allows for private sector leaders to partner with the public sector to make a positive impact on the economic challenges facing Pennsylvania and to promote the Commonwealth as a prime location for global commercial enterprise, business expansion, retention and creation projects as well as workforce development initiatives.

## **The Technology Collaborative**

### *The Technology Collaborative*

Phone: (412) 201-3423

Web: [www.techcollaborative.org](http://www.techcollaborative.org)

Strategic economic development initiative established to increase Pennsylvania's technology-based economy by developing collaborating industry clusters that leverage the state's world-class assets in advanced electronics, cyber-security and robotics.

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

### **Farm Service Agency**

#### *Beginning Farmer Down Payment Farm Ownership Program*

Phone: (717) 237-2157

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Loans to purchase a farm or ranch.

#### *Direct Emergency Program*

Phone: (717) 237-2129

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Emergency loans to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, pay essential family living expenses, reorganize the farming operation and refinance indebtedness with certain limitations.

#### *Direct Farm Ownership Program*

Phone: (717) 237-2157

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Loans to purchase land, construct buildings or make other improvements and undertake soil and water conservation.

#### *Direct Operating Program*

Phone: (717) 237-2157

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Loans to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals, and supplies; to undertake soil and water conservation; and to refinance indebtedness with certain limitations.

### ***Guaranteed Farm Ownership Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2157

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Loans to purchase land, construct buildings or make other improvements, and undertake soil and water conservation. Loan may be used to refinance debts.

### ***Guaranteed Operating Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2157

Web: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Loans to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals, and supplies, and to undertake soil and water conservation. Loans may be used to refinance debts.

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service**

### ***Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)***

Phone: (717) 237-2100

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Assists landowners, communities, state and local governments, and other federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. Purpose of a conservation system is to reduce erosion, improve soil and water quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture conditions, and improve woodland.

### ***Environmental Quality Incentive Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2201

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Offers financial and technical help to assist eligible farmers install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

### ***Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)***

Phone: (814) 796-6760

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Voluntary program that provides matching funds to units of government and private non-profit organizations to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural use.

### ***Farmland Protection Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2216

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Voluntary program that helps farmers keep their land in agriculture. Provides funding to state, local or tribal entities with existing farmland protection programs to purchase conservation easements.

### ***Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI)***

Phone: (717) 237-2247

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Works to maintain and improve the management, productivity, and health of the nation's privately owned grazing land. Developed to provide a coordinated effort to identify priority issues, find solutions, and affect change on private grazing land. Initiative complements and enhances existing conservation programs.

### ***Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)***

Phone: (717) 237-2201

Web: [www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov)

Voluntary conservation program provides landowners with both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development**

### ***Business and Industry Loan Guarantees***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Help to create or save jobs and to stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses.

### ***Community Facilities Grants and Loans***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Grants and loans to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, telecommunications, public safety, and public services in rural areas and towns. Available to municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, nonprofit organizations and Native American tribes.

### ***Cooperative Services Technical Assistance***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Helps agricultural producers and other rural citizens form and successfully operate cooperatives.

### ***Direct Rural Housing Loans***

Phone: (717) 237-2186

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Direct loans are available to very low- and low-income families to purchase homes in rural areas. Payments are based on income and the applicant must not be able to qualify for conventional lending.

### ***Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Help to develop advanced telecommunication services throughout rural America's educational and health care institutions.

### ***Electric and Telecommunication Loans***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loans and loan guarantees to non-profit and cooperative associations, public bodies and other utilities for generation and bulk transmission facilities, distribution of electric power, enhancing 911 emergency service, digital switching equipment, and fiber optic cable.

### ***Farm Labor Housing***

Phone: (717) 237-2282

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Provides capital financing for the development of housing for domestic farm laborers. Loans are made to farmers, farmer associations, family farm corporations, Indian tribes, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and farmworker associations. Grants are made to farmworker associations, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and public agencies.

### ***Guaranteed Rental Housing***

Phone: (717) 237-2282

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loan guarantee permits approved lender to finance rental housing. Up to 40-year loan term, fixed rate, with interest rate buy down. Compatible with 9 percent tax credits.

### ***Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans***

Phone: (717) 237-2186

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loan guarantees permit approved lenders to provide mortgage loans to moderate-or low-income applicants with no down payment. No private mortgage insurance is required.

### ***Home Repair Loans and Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2186

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Available to very low-income rural homeowners to remove health and safety hazards and to make homes accessible for people with disabilities. Grants are available to homeowners 62 years of age or older who are unable to repay a loan.

### ***Housing Preservation Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2282

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Grants to repair and rehabilitate housing owned or occupied by low-income rural residents.

### ***Intermediary Relending Program Loans***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loans to private nonprofit organizations, public entities and others (intermediary) to finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas of 25,000 population or less.

### ***Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Makes direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants to

agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the nation's critical energy needs.

### ***Rural Business Enterprise Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Grants to private nonprofit organizations and public entities to finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises.

### ***Rural Business Opportunity Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Help businesses finance technical assistance for business development planning in rural areas. Also promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.

### ***Rural Cooperative Development Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg.html/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg.html/)

Help to establish and operate centers for rural cooperative development to improve economic conditions in rural areas.

### ***Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loans and grants to electric or telephone cooperatives to finance economic development and job creation projects in rural areas.

### ***Rural Rental Housing for Families and the Elderly***

Phone: (717) 237-2282

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Helps organizations build safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for rural Americans.

### ***Solid Waste Management Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Grants to nonprofit organizations and public bodies to provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream. For rural areas with up to 10,000 population.

### ***Value-Added Producer Grant Program***

Phone: (717) 237-2299

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm)

Assists independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups entering into value-added activities. Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

### ***Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Loan guarantees to construct, repair, modify, expand and improve water supply and distribution systems, and waste collection and treatment systems. Available to rural areas with up to 10,000 population. Eligible lenders obtain guarantee for loans made and serviced by them.

### ***Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants***

Phone: (717) 237-2188

Web: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

Direct loans and grants to public entities and non-profit corporations to build, repair, and improve public water systems and waste collection and treatment systems. Available to rural areas with up to 10,000 population.

## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

### ***Economic Development Administration's Local Technical Assistance Program***

Phone: (215) 597-4603

Web: [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

Provides grants to help distressed areas solve specific economic development problems.

### ***Grants for Public Works and Economic Development***

Phone: (215) 597-4603

Web: [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

Promote long-term economic development and assist in the construction of public works and development facilities needed to initiate and support the creation or retention of permanent jobs in the private sector in areas experiencing substantial distress.

### ***Trade Information Center***

Phone: (800) 872-8723

Web: [www.export.gov/tic](http://www.export.gov/tic)

Offers information to those seeking export assistance from the federal government. Specialists advise exporters on how to locate and use government programs; guide businesses through the export process; direct businesses to market research and trade leads; provide information on domestic and overseas trade events and activities; explain sources of public and private export financing; help exporters locate reports and statistics on trade; and refer businesses to state and local trade organizations that can provide additional assistance.

### ***University Centers Program***

Phone: (215) 597-4603

Web: [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

Provides grants and cooperative agreements to help colleges and universities use their own and outside resources to address economic development problems and opportunities in their area.

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

### ***Grants.gov***

Phone: (800) 518-4726

Web: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

Website for all customers of federal grants to electronically find, apply for, and manage grants. Site encompasses more than 1,000 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

### ***Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)***

Phone: (202) 708-1112

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idle and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination. Grants spur return of brownfields to productive economic use through financial assistance to public entities in the redevelopment of brownfields, and enhance the security or improve the viability of a project financed with Section 108-guaranteed loan authority. Grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108-guaranteed loan commitment. New Section 108 loan guarantee must accompany each grant application. BEDI and Section 108 funds must be used in conjunction with the same economic development project.

### ***Economic Development Initiative***

Phone: (202) 708-1112

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Grants to local governments to enhance both the security of loans guaranteed through the Section 108 Loan Program and the feasibility of the economic development and revitalization projects they finance.

### ***HOME Investment Partnership Program***

Phone: (215) 656-0500

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Largest federal block grant to state and local governments. Creates affordable housing for low-income households. Funds are for home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; building or rehabilitating housing for rent or ownership; or other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing.

### ***HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program***

Phone: (202) 708-1112

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant program. Allows local governments to

transform a small portion of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects that can renew entire neighborhoods.

### ***Neighborhood Networks***

Phone: (215) 656-0500

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Helps residents of assisted housing developments learn about computers and improve their job skills and their children's performance in school. Helps improve computer access, advance literacy, prepare residents to take advantage of employment opportunities, and provide access to healthcare information and other social services. Information Center: 888-312-2743.

### ***Rural Housing and Economic Development***

Phone: (800) 787-1526

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Supports innovative housing and economic development in rural areas. Applicants are local rural non-profits, community development corporations, state housing finance agencies, state community and/or economic development agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Phone: 887-RURAL-26

### ***Self-help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)***

Phone: (800) 998-9999

Web: [www.comcon.org](http://www.comcon.org)

Provides funds for eligible non-profit organizations to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed to set the stage for sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families.

### ***State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***

Phone: (215) 656-0500

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Provides grants to states to plan and administer community development activities and programs. Primary objective is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities,

principally for persons of low and moderate income. Not less than 70 percent of grant funds received by each grantee must be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

### ***SuperNOFA***

Phone: (800) 483-8929

Web: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Website includes listing of competitive grant programs. Grant topics include housing, homeless assistance, community and economic development, education and training, and health and human services.

## **U.S. Department of Labor**

### ***Working for Freedom, Opportunity and Real Choice Through Community Employment Action Initiative (WorkFORCE)***

Phone: (866) 633-7365

Web: [www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep)

Supports employment opportunities that allow individuals with disabilities to move from nursing homes or other institutions and residential facilities into the community; continue living in the community; achieve economic self-sufficiency; and attain full access to and participation in their communities.

## **U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Small Business Administration**

### ***Project GATE***

Phone: (866) 677-4283

Web: [www.projectgate.com](http://www.projectgate.com)

Pilot project offered in Pennsylvania. Helps people start and expand small businesses. Project participants are given access to special training and assistance in applying for small business loans.

## **U.S. Department of the Treasury**

### ***Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund***

Phone: (202) 622-8691

Web: [www.cdfifund.gov](http://www.cdfifund.gov)

Created to expand the availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services in distressed urban and

rural communities. Provides relatively small infusions of capital to institutions that serve distressed communities and low-income individuals. Activities leverage private-sector investments from banks, foundations, and other funding sources. CDFIs provide a range of financial products and services, including mortgage financing for first-time home buyers, financing for needed community facilities, commercial loans and investments to start or expand small businesses, loans to rehabilitate rental housing, and financial services needed by low-income households and local businesses. CDFIs include community development banks, credit unions, loan funds, venture capital funds, and microenterprise loan funds.

## **U.S. Small Business Administration**

### ***504 Loan Program***

Phone: (215) 580-2722 (Philadelphia) or  
(412) 395-6560 (Pittsburgh)

Web: [www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/cdc504.html](http://www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/cdc504.html)

Assists existing and new businesses looking to acquire or construct a building or purchase equipment.

Generally finances 40 percent of project with fixed interest. Maturities are 20 years for real estate, 10 years for machinery and equipment. Lower down payment is required than conventional financing and may be as low as 10 percent. Operated through Certified Development Companies.

### ***Government Contracting Assistance***

Phone: (215) 580-2722 (Philadelphia) or  
(412) 395-6560 (Pittsburgh)

Web: [www.sba.gov/pa/phil](http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil) or [www.sba.gov/pa/pitt](http://www.sba.gov/pa/pitt)

Provides assistance to small businesses seeking to do business with the government. Business development assistance provided in procurement, marketing, financial, management and surety bonding.

### ***Microloan Program***

Phone: (202) 205-6497

Web: [www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/microloans.html](http://www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/microloans.html)

Assists women, veterans, low-income, and minority entrepreneurs, business owners, and other individuals operating successful businesses and also helps small

businesses in areas suffering from economic downturns. Makes loans to community based non-profit organizations (intermediary lenders) which, in turn, use the funds to provide short-term, fixed-rate microloans of up to \$35,000 to start-up, newly established, and growing small business concerns. Also provides grants to nonprofit organizations and intermediary lenders to provide marketing, management, and technical assistance to low-income individuals seeking private sector financing for their businesses.

### ***Small Business Investment Companies Programs***

Phone: (202) 205-6510

Web: [www.sba.gov/inv](http://www.sba.gov/inv)

Small businesses that qualify for assistance may receive equity capital, long-term loans, and expert management assistance. Venture capitalists can supplement their own private investment capital with funds borrowed at favorable rates through the federal government. Congress created the program in 1958 to fill the gap between the availability of venture capital and the needs of small businesses in start-up and growth situations.

### ***Small Business Loans***

Phone: (215) 580-2722

Web: [www.sba.gov/pa/phil](http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil) or [www.sba.gov/pitt](http://www.sba.gov/pitt)

Guaranteed loans to small businesses that cannot obtain financing in the private credit marketplace, but can demonstrate an ability to repay loans. Guaranteed loans are provided to eligible, for-profit small businesses. Phone: 215-580-2722 (Philadelphia) or 412-395-6560 (Pittsburgh)

## **University City Science Center**

### ***Port of Technology***

Phone: (215) 966-6000

Web: [www.sciencecenter.org](http://www.sciencecenter.org)

Meets the needs of fast-growth technology businesses. Provides a plug-and-play environment and a full range of services, such as mentoring, funding and access to intellectual resources, to help entrepreneurs execute their business plans successfully. In partnership with the Commonwealth, port provides foreign firms a soft

landing to locate in the North American market and provides a vehicle for regional entrepreneurs seeking opportunities abroad.

## **White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

*White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*

Phone: (202) 456-6708

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Website lists more than 100 programs representing more than \$65 billion in federal grant opportunities from multiple federal agencies. Includes programs offered by agencies of interest to small, faith-based and community groups. Goal is to make sure that grassroots leaders can compete on equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers.

## Community and Economic Development Resource Matrix

This matrix provides a quick reference to state, federal and private sector programs that offer a variety of community and economic development funding and services.

The programs in the matrix are listed alphabetically and are identified according to their general purpose and by the type of assistance or service offered.

A more complete description of each program, including contact information, is provided in the resource guide.

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