

Appendix D

Funding



Potential Funding Sources

Act 13 Greenways Fund

Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocated funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects using the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program. Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, colleges and universities, watershed organizations, and for-profit businesses are eligible for these funds.

<http://dced.pa.gov/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/>

Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Bureau of Recreation and Conservation’s administers this grant program in support of local recreation and conservation initiatives. A range of funding and technical assistance programs are offered including land acquisition and development, planning, and trail projects. <http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/>

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The CDBG program is an entitlement funding program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of promoting community revitalization. Funds are used for a wide range of community development activities including planning activities, historical restoration, public works projects, infrastructure improvements, and economic development.

<http://www.montcopa.org/1212/CDBG-Program>

Growing Greener II

This program through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development offers grants to municipalities and non-profits to help advance the community’s efforts at “Main Street and downtown redevelopment related to smart growth.” Examples of projects include community development and housing activities, downtown reinvestment, façade and anchor building activities, residential reinvestment, and business assistance.

<http://www.newpa.com/green>

Keystone Communities Program

This program assists Pennsylvania communities in their revitalization efforts, including downtowns. The sub-programs include Keystone Main Streets, which provides funding and technical assistance for a community's downtown revitalization; and Keystone Elm Streets, which provides funding and technical assistance for residential and mixed use areas in proximity to the central business district. Both sub-programs require that a five-year strategy be prepared for the community.

<http://www.padowntown.org/programs-services/>

Local Share Assessment (LSA) Gaming Funds

Local Share Assessment (LSA) gaming funds are available in Montgomery County because the Valley Forge Casino Resort is located in Montgomery County. Eligible projects relate to the redevelopment, reuse, or revitalization of previously developed land; the development of undeveloped land; or projects which construct, expand, or improve water and wastewater infrastructure related to business development. The maximum grant amount is \$200,000 which cannot exceed 75% of the total project cost. <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-montgomery-county/>

Montco2040 Implementation Grant Program

This program was established in 2016 to help municipalities in Montgomery County participate in the implementation of Montgomery County's comprehensive plan, Montco2040: A Shared Vision, at the local level. Only physical improvements or acquisitions are eligible for implementation grant funding. Projects must address at least one specific goal listed in the County comprehensive plan.

<http://www.montcopa.org/2453/Montco-2040-Implementation-Grant-Program>

Multi-modal Transportation Fund

Grant funding available to encourage economic development and ensure the safety and reliability of the transportation system for Pennsylvania residents. Eligible projects improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization (e.g., streetscape enhancements, bicycle facilities, pedestrian safety improvements). A 30% local match is required.

- *DCEd Program:* <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/>
- *PennDOT Program:* <http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

PECO Green Region Program

The mission of PECO's Green Region program is "to improve the quality of our environment by promoting environmental education and conservation; preserving open spaces; protecting endangered species; and encouraging individual and organizational energy efficient efforts."

<http://www.natlands.org/services/for-municipalities/peco-green-region-program/>

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

DEP offers several grant and technical assistance programs:

- Environmental Education Grants – Municipalities can receive up to \$3,000 (mini-grant, no match required) or \$50,000 (with a 20% match) for environmental education projects. Examples of projects include climate change, environmental justice, water management demonstration projects, etc. http://www.dep.pa.gov/EE_Grants
- Recycling Technical Assistance – Municipalities that want to increase their recycling rates can receive up to \$7,500 worth of free technical assistance. <http://dep.pa.gov>

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

PHMC administers several grant programs that are available to local governments and non-profit organizations. Eligible grant activities for local governments include planning, design guidelines assistance, National Register nominations, and public education. In addition, tax credits are available to owners of certified historic buildings in income-producing use.

<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant Program

Grant funding available for projects (total cost between \$30,000 and \$500,000) which involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of a water supply or sanitary sewer system which is owned and maintained by the municipality. A 15% local match is required.

<http://dced.pa.gov/programs/pa-small-water-sewer/>

Project Learning Tree Green Works Grants (PLT)

Project Learning Tree offers up to \$1,000 for service learning projects that improve the environment or restore habitat. A 50% match (which can be in-kind) is required.

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/education/projectlearningtree>

Renewable Energy Program (REP)

Funding in the form of grants and loans available to promote the use of alternative energy: wind energy and geothermal technologies. Individuals, municipalities, and businesses are eligible to apply. A matching investment is required in the amount of \$1 for every \$1 of program funds awarded. <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/renewable-energy-program-rep-geothermal-wind-projects/>

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

This program, managed through DVRPC, provides funding for physical improvements that enhance the downtown area for pedestrians, transit users, and bicyclists, and encourage the reinvestment and redevelopment of downtown areas. Selection preference is given to projects that are construction-ready or located within areas with approved funding through the Main Street or Elm Street programs. <http://www.dvrpc.org/SafeRoutes/>

Solar Energy Program (SEP)

Loan funds are available to promote the generation and use of solar energy and the manufacture and assembly of solar equipment in Pennsylvania. Businesses and municipalities are eligible to apply. A matching investment is required in the amount of \$1 for every \$3 of program funds awarded. <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/solar-energy-program-sep/>

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Authorized under MAP-21, the TAP provides funding for “non-traditional” projects that help to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the inter-modal transportation system. Projects that address a documented safety need and incorporate appropriate measures to address the need will be given preference. Examples of eligible projects include on-and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects, etc.

<http://www.dvrpc.org/TAP/>

Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

This program is aimed at supporting local municipalities that are undertaking planning, analysis, or design initiatives that implement their long-range plan. In particular, all TCDI projects must improve the regional transportation network and improve the climate for redevelopment. Completed TCDI projects can receive priority consideration for construction funding grants.

<http://www.dvrpc.org/TCDI/>

TreeVitalize

The TreeVitalize program is primarily intended to increase tree cover along streets and in established parks within population-dense areas. There are grant programs for street tree inventories, tree planting, and tree pruning. Projects must be on public property, including public rights-of-way. Proposed plantings along state highways will require coordination with the Roadside Specialist from PennDOT District 6-0. <http://www.treevitalize.net/>

Potential Project Partners

Montgomery County Conservation District (MCCD)

The Conservation District works in partnership with federal and state agencies to implement resource protection programs. The Conservation District is a technical resource for watershed stewardship and stormwater management best practices.

<http://www.montgomeryconservation.org>

Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF)

The majority of Jenkintown Borough is located in the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed. The Borough currently partners with TTF on programs such as a discounted rain barrel program for residents. TTF also conducts projects related to stormwater runoff, riparian buffer protection, and stream and park clean-up. <http://ttfwatershed.org/>