

Local Business Resource Newsletter



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May 10, 2025

Greetings Neighbor,

My office continues to be invested in your success by ensuring your access to viable, well-vetted state, local, and federal funding sources.

This month's categories include *Community Development & Public Interest, Education & Workforce Development*, and a robust offering of *Health & Human Services* grant opportunities. We have also included important information about FREE administrative and operational support for community-based organizations (CBOs)!

Opportunities are organized by due date, per category. We have highlighted opportunities with upcoming deadlines! If you see any resources that you intend to apply for, or if you have any related questions, please contact my office by calling (215) 242-7300 or by emailing C. Jemille Edwards at cedwards@pahouse.net. My office may be able to provide you with additional supports to strengthen your application.

In Service,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST

Department of Community and Economic Development: Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Municipalities, Economic Development Organizations, Redevelopment Authorities, Municipal Authorities, Industrial Development Authorities, For-Profit organizations.

<u>Use:</u> Projects must focus on the development and deployment of workforce training programs for individuals with barriers to employment, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of manufacturing career opportunities, and advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers that cannot be met through existing programs such as WEDnet and Industry Partnerships.

<u>Funds</u>: Funds are available on an annual basis and vary based on recommendations and constraints set in the annual budget.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

More information: DCED Website

Department of Community and Economic Development: PA SITES

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Municipalities, economic development organizations, redevelopment authorities, municipal authorities, industrial development agencies, and for-profit organizations.

Use: To develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within Pennsylvania.

Funds: \$400 million in funding is available.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and approved on a quarterly basis

More information: DCED Website

Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant

Who May Apply: Farmers, prospective farmers, and others may apply.

<u>Use:</u> Strategic business planning to expand or diversify farms or support transition of ownership.

Funds: \$500,000 in funding is available. Grants shall not exceed \$7,500.

Application Deadline: Applications will be received until funds are exhausted.

More information: Pennsylvania Bulletin

Department of Environmental Protection: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania residents whose total household income is below 400 percent of the Federal Income Poverty Level.

Use: This program provides a rebate to Pennsylvanians who purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles.

Funds: Rebates vary depending on type of vehicle purchased.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be accepted and evaluated on a first come, first served basis as long as funds remain available. Please note applications must be received within six months of the date of the vehicle purchase.

More information: DEP Website

Department of Environmental Protection: Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program

Who May Apply: Qualified well pluggers

Use: Funds are to be used to plug orphaned gas wells.

Funds: Grants of \$40,000 are available for plugging wells 3,000 feet deep or less. Grants of up to \$70,000 are

available for plugging wells deeper than 3,000 feet.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted.

More information: DEP website

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

<u>Use:</u> Planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$250,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025
More information: CFA Website

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Baseline Water Quality Data Program

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

<u>Use:</u> Eligible projects are those that will use accepted scientific principles and practices for water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$250,000.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 31, 2025 <u>More information:</u> <u>CFA Website</u>

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Flood Mitigation Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher

Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses. **Use:** Eligible projects are to assist with flood mitigation.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$500,000.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 31, 2025 <u>More information: CFA Website</u>

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

<u>Use:</u> Cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 31, 2025 <u>More information:</u> <u>CFA Website</u>

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Sewage Facilities Program

Who May Apply: Municipalities, Councils of Governments, Authorized Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Watershed Organizations, for profit businesses.

Use: Costs associated with the planning work required under the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Funds: Grant requests shall not exceed \$100,000.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025 More information: CFA Website

Department of Transportation: Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant Program (ARLE Program)

Who May Apply: Local governments, planning organizations, or Commonwealth agencies.

Use: Eligible uses include, but are not limited to, roadway safety, mobility, and capacity upgrades, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, local technical assistance program projects, and traffic signal improvements.

Funds: PennDOT anticipates \$32 million available with the intent of funding worthwhile projects that can be completed at a relatively low cost.

Application Deadline: A pre-application scoping form is required to be submitted by April 30, 2025. Feedback will be provided by May 31, 2025. The application period will be open from June 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

More information: PennDOT Website

Department of Community and Economic Development: COVID-19 ARPA Digital Connectivity **Technology Program**

Who May Apply: Public-facing institutions, to include but not limited to, libraries, schools, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and other community anchor institutions located in areas where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use.

Use: The acquisition of digital connectivity technology that facilitates broadband internet access and promotes digital literacy and skills training. These devices will be available to be loaned to individuals for use in their home, or for use in public spaces.

Funds: Funding is provided via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The minimum grant amount for any grant is 20 devices. The maximum grant amount for any grant is 200 devices.

Application Deadline: May 30, 2025 More information: DCED Website

Commonwealth Financing Authority: Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

Who May Apply: Municipalities, councils of government, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agency, ports (rail/freight)

Use: The MTF provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure a safe and reliable system of transportation exists in Pennsylvania. The program is intended to provide financial assistance in order to improve public transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization.

Funds: Requests must have a total eligible cost of \$100,000 or more and no request shall exceed \$3,000,000 for any project.

Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 More information: DCED Website

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Local law enforcement agencies, campus or university police, railroad or street railway police, airport authority police, and county park police.

<u>Use:</u> Funding is explicitly to support Act 120 training and recruitment activities for law enforcement officers that will take place between Oct. 19, 2023 and June 30, 2025.

<u>Funds:</u> \$14 million in federal COVID Relief (ARPA) is available. PCCD anticipates this funding being able to support approximately 2,000 new fulltime officers statewide.

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding is committed, at which point the application period will close.

More information: PCCD Website

Department of Community and Economic Development: Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

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<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

More information: DCED Website

Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Funding Source: Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)

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<u>Funds:</u> Funds are available on an annual basis and vary based on recommendations and constraints set in the annual budget.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available. <u>More Information:</u> https://dced.pa.gov/programs/manufacturing-pa-training-career-grant-program/

Department of Environmental Protection: WIIN 2107: Voluntary School and Childcare Lead testing and Reduction Grant

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Childcare facilities and schools located in Pennsylvania with lead in drinking water sample results within 36 months of the application date showing water fixtures exceeding the remediation trigger level of 5 ppb (parts per billion).

<u>Use:</u> Reduction activities may include purchasing and installing hydration stations, point-of-use devices designed to remove lead or replacement of faucets. The primary goal of this grant program is to reduce

children's exposure to lead in drinking water.

<u>Funds:</u> Funding under this grant has been appropriated under 1464(d) of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Funding provided will be up to \$3,000 per hydration station per 100 students in one building. Up to \$30,000 may be awarded per building/childcare facility or \$100,000 per school district.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss their lead reduction plans to ensure they meet applicable program criteria. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing RA-EPWIINLEAD@pa.gov.

More information: DEP Website

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Council on the Arts: Statewide Creative Catalyst Grants

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Organizations must be non-profit, tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government; college or university; school district or non-arts non-profit providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania.

<u>Use:</u> To support new initiatives and opportunities that advance strategies for strengthening the cultural, educational, or economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts.

Funds: Typical grants amounts are between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and a 1:1 cash match is required.

Application Deadline: August 31, 2025

More information: Council on the Arts Website

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Transportation: Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant Program (ARLE Program)

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More information: PennDOT Website

Department of Environmental Protection: Growing Greener Plus Grant

Who May Apply: Counties

Use: To update a county's Act 167 plan.

Funds: Funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 state budget and grants will range from \$40,000 to

\$60,000 depending on the county's population.

<u>Application Deadline:</u> June 20, 2025 <u>More information:</u> <u>DEP Website</u>

Department of Environmental Protection: Watershed Planning and Restoration Grant

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Incorporated watershed associations, counties or municipalities, county conservation districts, council of governments or other authorized organizations including nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and municipal authorities.

<u>Use:</u> Examples of eligible projects include existing WIP revision or updates and design and construction of BMPs, including riparian forest buffers, streambank fencing, agricultural erosion and sediment control and nutrient and manure management practices; animal waste storage systems, animal concentration area/animal heavy use area protection and barnyard runoff controls; design and construction of stormwater control measures; AMD treatment systems and other projects that will reduce nonpoint source pollution in watersheds where streams are impaired.

<u>Funds:</u> Funds are provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and authorized through Section 319(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

<u>Application Deadline:</u> June 20, 2025 <u>More information:</u> <u>DEP Website</u>

OTHER RESOURCES

FREE Administrative Support for Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits

The <u>Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub</u> is a partnership with the national <u>Catchafire</u> volunteer network that pairs community-based and nonprofit organizations with industry professionals that possess the right skills for your unique organizational needs. The *Key Skills Hub* volunteers can augment your existing marketing, development, operational, and strategic needs, and so much more! We strongly encourage organizations who are going after grant opportunities or interested in growing or strengthening their service deliver partner with *The Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub*.

More Information: https://philafound.catchafire.org/

Community Development Financial Institutions that Serve Philadelphia County

What is a CDFI? Community Development Financial Institutions are federally contracted financial institutions that provide credit and financial services to underserved communities and markets. There are 10 CDFI's that serve Philadelphia Counties. They are listed below:

Community First Fund

1301 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (267) 236-7000

Focus Areas

Local Business Loans

Affinity Group Lending

Commercial Real Estate

Housing Project Loans

Nonprofit Financial Support

First-Time Homeownership

New Market Tax Credits

Lender Support.

Reinvestment Fund

1700 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 574-5800

Focus Areas

Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending

Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814

Small Scale Real Estate Development

Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882

New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)

Reema Fakih, Sr. Director of NMTC Reema.fakih@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883

Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors)

Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer *Contact our office for support with this resource

Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports

Food Systems Grants and Supports

Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)

1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102 (215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com

Focus Areas

Business Support Services

Business Loans

Commercial Real Estate Development

Tax Exempt Bonding

Grants Administration

New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)

Impact Loan Fund

1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org

Focus Areas

Business Lending

Landlord Working Capital

Rental Improvement Fund

19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY

Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)

Beech Capital

1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; info@beechinterplex.com

Focus Areas

Business Lending Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending info@bcvc.com

Revitalization Project Funding Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation inforabf@beechinterplex.com

Enterprise Center Capital

45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (215) 895-4000; info@theenterprisecenter.com

Focus Areas

Local Business Loans

Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)

Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)

Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses

Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and **Consumer Packaged Goods.**

Entrepreneur Works

400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org

Focus Areas

Local Business Loans Women-Owned Local Business Loans

Group/Individual Coaching

VestedIn

(Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution)

3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; info@vestedin.org

Focus Areas

Business Grants

Local Business Loans

Entrepreneur Programs

Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program

Local Business Technical Support

Neighborhood Progress Fund

Liberty Square, West Tower 1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 232-0516; contact@npfp.org

Focus Areas

Microloans

Local Business Loans

Commercial Real Estate Loans

Flexible Financing

Local Business & Entrepreneur Support

Women's Opportunities Resources Center

2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 564-5500, info@worc-pa.com

Focus Areas

Credit Builder Loans Direct Loans

Local Business Loans

Credit Lines

Expansion Loans Near Equity Loans Commercial Real Estate Loans Advising & Technical Support



