# **Local Business Resource Newsletter**

JULY/AUGUST 2025

July 8, 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.

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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.

**Funds**: 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.

<u>Use</u>: To develop competitive sites for businesses to relocate or expand within Pennsylvania.

**<u>Funds</u>**: \$400 million in funding is available.

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and approved on a quarterly basis <u>More information</u>: <u>DCED Website</u>

#### **Department of Agriculture: Farm Vitality Planning Grant**

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Farmers, prospective farmers, and others may apply.
<u>Use:</u> Strategic business planning to expand or diversify farms or support transition of ownership.
<u>Funds:</u> \$500,000 in funding is available. Grants shall not exceed \$7,500.
<u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be received until funds are exhausted.
<u>More information:</u> Pennsylvania Bulletin

#### Department of Environmental Protection: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

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

<u>Use</u>: This program provides a rebate to Pennsylvanians who purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles. <u>Funds</u>: 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

<u>Use:</u> Funds are to be used to plug orphaned gas wells. <u>Funds:</u> 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. <u>Application Deadline:</u> Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted. <u>More information: DEP website</u>

#### **Commonwealth Financing Authority: Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)**

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

<u>Use:</u> 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. <u>Funds:</u> 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: State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative

<u>Who May Apply</u>: Units of local government, nonprofit organizations (including community-based and statewide organizations), institutions of higher education, and state government agencies.

**<u>Use</u>**: To support programming that focuses on firearm-related suicide prevention.

**Funds:** A total of \$1 million in federal 2024 Byrne SCIP funds in available. PCCD expects to fund 4 to 6 grants over a 21-month period.

Application Deadline: September 9, 2025 More information: PCCD Website

#### Historical & Museum Commission: Historical and Archival Records Care Grant

<u>Who May Apply:</u> Non-profit organizations that have been incorporated for at least two years. <u>Use:</u> To enhance the preservation and accessibility of valuable historical records across the Commonwealth

Funds: Grants will be awarded up to \$5,000.

Application Deadline: August 1, 2025

More information: PHMC Website

#### Commission on Crime and Delinquency: Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement

Who May Apply: 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.

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

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding is committed, at which point the application period will close. <u>More information</u>: <u>PCCD Website</u>

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# 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.

**Funds:** 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. **Application Deadline:** 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 <u>RA-EPWIINLEAD@pa.gov</u>. **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**

#### **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	Reinvestment Fund
1301 North 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122	1700 Market Street, 19 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103
(267) 236-7000	(215) 574-5800
Focus Areas	Focus Areas
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Local Business Loans	Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending
	Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy
Affinity Group Lending	Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814
	Stevelening@renivestment.com, (215) 574 5014
Commercial Real Estate	Small Scale Real Estate Development
<u>commercial Real Estate</u>	Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast
Housing Project Loans	robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882
	100011.00X@10111031110111.0011, (210) 074-0002
Nonprofit Financial Support	New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)
	Reema Fakih, Sr. Director of NMTC
First-Time Homeownership	Reema.fakih@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883
<u>Filst-fille Holleownership</u>	Reemanakin@renvestment.com, (215) 574-5885
New Market Tax Credits	Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors)
New Market Tax creates	Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer
Lender Support.	*Contact our office for support with this resource
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	Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports
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	Food Systems Grants and Supports
Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation	Impact Loan Fund
(PIDC)	1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134
1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102	(215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org
(215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com	(210) / 00 1000, <u>moempaciser (cestorg</u>
(213) 430-8020, <u>mo@pidcpinia.com</u>	Focus Areas
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Commercial Real Estate Development	

Tax Exempt Bonding	19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY
Grants Administration	
New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)	
Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)	
Beech Capital	VestedIn
1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; <u>info@beechinterplex.com</u>	(Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution)
Focus Areas	3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; <u>info@vestedin.org</u>
<u>Business Lending</u> Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending	Focus Areas
info@bcvc.com	Business Grants
<u>Revitalization Project Funding</u> Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation	Local Business Loans
inforabf@beechinterplex.com	Entrepreneur Programs
	<b>Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program</b>
	Local Business Technical Support
Enterprise Center Capital	Neighborhood Progress Fund
45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139	Liberty Square, West Tower
(215) 895-4000; <u>info@theenterprisecenter.com</u>	1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132
<b>F</b>	(215) 232-0516; <u>contact@npfp.org</u>
Focus Areas	Focus Areas
Local Business Loans	<u>rocus Arcas</u>
	<u>Microloans</u>
Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business	
Enterprises (MBEs)	Local Business Loans
Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)	Commercial Real Estate Loans
Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses	Flexible Financing
Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and	Local Business & Entrepreneur Support
Consumer Packaged Goods.	
Entrepreneur Works	Women's Opportunities Resources Center
400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106	2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org	(215) 564-5500, <u>info@worc-pa.com</u>
Focus Areas	Focus Areas

Local Business Loans	Credit Builder Loans
Women-Owned Local Business Loans	Direct Loans
Group/Individual Coaching	Local Business Loans
	<u>Credit Lines</u>
	Expansion Loans
	Near Equity Loans
	Commercial Real Estate Loans
	Advising & Technical Support





(215) 242-7300 7216 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19119

