

POPULAR FUNDING SOURCES

There are hundreds of funding sources available from federal government, state government, private organizations, and foundations, for a variety of activities. The following list was developed to summarize the most commonly used funding

sources, including grants and loans, that can help municipalities in: community development, economic development, recreation, housing, water and sewer, and stormwater management, among other areas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Federal)	Provides grants to municipalities for various types of community services including: community facilities, public utilities, housing rehabilitation, parks and recreation, street and sidewalk improvements, and building facades improvements. Grant money may only be used in areas proven by survey or census to be 51% low to moderate income.	<u>May</u> - County Entitlements <u>June</u> - Counties on behalf of municipalities <u>July</u> - Competitive
Community Facility Loans (Federal)	Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is authorized to make loans to develop community facilities for public use in rural areas and towns of not more than 20,000 people. FmHA loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety and public services.	Ongoing
Community Facilities Program	Provides Grant-in-aid assistance for needed public facilities to strengthen the income-producing capability, improve the health and safety, and alleviate financial hardship of community.	<u>Letter of Intent</u> - January to April <u>Application</u> - March to May
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (PA DCA)	Provides a full range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in the community.	April
Housing and Community Development Program (PA DCA)	Develops housing for persons of limited income and creates suitable living environments within their communities.	July

Intermunicipal Projects Grants	Promotes cooperation between neighboring municipalities so as to foster increased efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of municipal services at the local level.	July
Local Government Capitol Projects Loan Program (PA DCA)	Provides low interest loans to municipalities with populations of 12,000 or less for the purchase of equipment and the purchase, construction, renovation or rehabilitation of municipal facilities.	January
Neighborhood Assistance Program Employment and Community Conservation	Provides for the following services: community services, crime prevention, education, job training, neighborhood assistance and help solve the critical problems of unemployment and underemployment; elimination of social and economic conditions that result in individual dependency upon the aid and support of welfare agencies and reduction of community and neighborhood deterioration.	February through March
Pennfree Community Based Drug Prevention Program (PA)	Assists organizations in eradicating drug problems or preventing them from entering their neighborhoods.	June
Small Communities Planning Assistance Program	Assist eligible municipalities to prepare strategies for community conservation and economic development.	August
State Planning Assistance Grant Program (SPAG)	Assists local governments to prepare some of the following plans, strategies or ordinances: Comprehensive Plan, Environmental/Physical Strategy, Specialized study, Municipal Ordinance, regulating zoning, land development or environmental protection.	April
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
Business Infrastructure Development Program (BID) (PA)	Grants or loans for local sponsors in order to install specific infrastructure improvements necessary to complement industrial development by private company which increase PA's share of domestic and international commerce and create net, new jobs.	Ongoing

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<p>Community Economic Recovery Program (CERP)</p>	<p>Assists economically distressed communities to identify and respond to opportunities for business growth.</p>	<p>August</p>
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<p>Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program</p>	<p>Encourages private companies to invest in enterprise zones that have been designated by the Department.</p>	
<p>Incubators</p>	<p>Facilities in which a number of new businesses operate under one roof with affordable rents, sharing services and equipment and having equal access to a wide range of professional, technical, and financial programs.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Industrial Community Action Program (PA)</p>	<p>Stimulates local government in conjunction with real estate investor/ developer to reuse dormant manufacturing and industry facilities in order to create new jobs in PA (loans and grants).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Neighborhood Assistance Program Employment and Community Conservation</p>	<p>Provides for the following services: community services, crime prevention, education, job training, neighborhood assistance and help to solve the critical problems of unemployment and underemployment; elimination of social and economic conditions that result in individual dependency upon the aid and support of welfare agencies and reduction of community and neighborhood deterioration.</p>	<p>February through March</p>
<p>Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program</p>	<p>Authorizes tax credits to private companies to encourage investment and promote job growth and economic revitalization in these targeted areas.</p>	<p>Upon submittal of proposals</p>

Pennsylvania Community Development and Finance Corporation (PCD & FC) Small Business Financing (PA)	Through the Grow PA Fund, PCD & FC can make loans available, guaranteed by the Federal Small Business Administration, for working capital, equipment and real estate to businesses across the state employing less than 500 people.	Information received 9/93
Site Development Program (PA)	Sponsors the development of competitive industrial sites for Pennsylvania businesses by providing matching grants.	January through July
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Taxable Bond Program (PA)	Qualifications include: borrow at least \$200,000, produce one permanent employee in three years for every \$50,000 borrowed, be approved by the industrial development authority before being forwarded to the state.	
Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR)	Stimulates economically hard pressed local government to revitalize their recreation and parks system and make a commitment to long term maintenance.	
Venture Capitol Corporation	An incorporated company which provides funds for business start-ups in return for an equity position in the new enterprise.	
RECREATION PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
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Heritage Parks Program (PA)	Creates a system of state Heritage Park preserve and interpret the significant contribution that certain areas made on industrial heritage of the state and nation. Funds will be used for four types of projects: Feasibility studies, Management Action Plan, Special purpose study projects, and Implementation projects.	January
Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants-in-aid	Survey and planning grants for historical preservation	November
The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) (Federal)	Authorizes highway and mass transit programs that provide states with increased flexibility to develop and coordinate an efficient ground transportation network. PennDOT developed a grant under this act for the following projects: facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic or historic sites and highways, landscaping, historic preservation, rehabilitation of historic facilities, preservation of rail corridors, control of outdoor advertising, archeological research, and mitigation of highway pollution.	PennDOT applications due in mid-January
Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Funds (Key 93)	Provides bonds to fund the planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and improvement of parks and recreation facilities, natural areas, historic sites, zoos and libraries.	
Land and Water Conservation Fund (PA) (LWCF)	Matching grant program for community to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate outdoor recreation and park areas and facilities.	Selected through RIRA applicants
National Recreational Trails Funding (Symms NRTA) (DER)	Funds used for trail and trail-related improvements. The program is administered using an 80/20 matching funds ratio. Funding is contingent upon a Federal appropriation of funds for the program.	December
Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act (RIRA)	Matching grant program for community to acquire, rehabilitate, plan, and study local park and recreation facilities.	October
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HOUSING PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
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Fair Housing Initiatives Program	Strengthens and furthers the Fair Housing Act - the funded organizations undertake testing and other enforcement programs to prevent or eliminate housing discrimination.	July
HOME (PA DCA)	To improve affordable housing for low-income through government supervision. Notification of Funds Available (NOFA) is published according to area and time frame.	Notify intent to participate 30 days after NOFA
Housing and Community Development Program (PA DCA)	Develops housing for persons of limited income and creates suitable living environments within their communities.	July
HUD - Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Plan (CHAP) (Federal)	Provides funding for the following: Emergency shelter grants, transitional housing, permanent housing for the handicapped, supplemental assistance to assist the homeless and Section 8 mod rehab funds.	Approval based on completed CHAP
Pennsylvania Community Development and Finance Corporation (PCD & FC) Affordable Housing Financing (PA)	Accepts residential mortgage applications from non-profit organizations and individual owners who wish to build, purchase or rehabilitate a one to four unit property. The mortgages are available at very competitive rates and terms and at zero points. Down payment costs are typically five percent or less.	Information received 9/93
Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	Provides grants to help support the rehabilitation of privately owned property to be used primarily for residential rental purposes.	
Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC)	Provides home ownership and rental housing opportunities to moderate-income, low-income, and very low-income families and individuals through its affordable housing disposition program.	Ongoing

Valley Housing Development Corporation (Lehigh Valley)	Creating additional rental housing at costs affordable by low-mod income families in Lehigh Valley program makes loans available at preferential rates and terms for sponsors and developers of affordable housing.	
WATER AND SEWER PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
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Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) (Federal)	Grants and loans for water and waste disposal in communities with 10,000 people or less.	
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority - PennVest (PA)	Offers loans and grants to public or private owners or operators of drinking water, sewer, or storm water projects.	4 times a year
State Grants for Operation of Sewage Treatment Plants (PA)	Provides for payments to municipalities which have expended money to acquire and construct sewage treatment plants in accordance with the Clean Streams Program.	December
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES/ NOTES
Environmental Education Grants Program (PA)	Grants to public and private schools, conservation and education organizations and institutions and county conservation districts to further environmental education.	December
Solid Waste and Recycling Grants	Grants may be used to identify markets, develop recycling and public education programs, and purchase collection, processing and storage equipment for recycling.	2 times throughout the year