

Community and Economic Development

Agency	Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Link
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Keystone Communities Program (KCP)	To encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort.	Units of local government; Redevelopment or housing authorities; Nonprofits; Community development corporations; Business improvement districts	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/keystone-communities-program-kcp/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Engage!	Provide grants for purposes of a systematic BRE program to assist in the identification of PA companies to target, the engagement of those companies through various outreach methods, assessment of the needs of those targeted companies, and assisting those targeted companies through referrals and direct technical assistance.	Nonprofits; Local governments; Municipal authorities; Industrial development agencies; Community organizations	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/engage/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)	Provides funding to assist local governments to plan for and efficiently implement a variety of services and improvements, and soundly manage development with an emphasis on intergovernmental approaches. Funding is available for three groups of activities: shared services, community planning and floodplain management.	Counties; Municipalities	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/municipal-assistance-program-map/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)	Grants to communities to address the housing foreclosure crisis created by subprime and other problematic mortgage lending.	Existing eligible NSP grantees, that are units of local government, which have successfully implemented their original grant contract and have met their original projected goals.	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/neighborhood-stabilization-program-nsp/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Pennsylvania First Program (PA First)	Pennsylvania First (PA First) is a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation within the commonwealth. Uses: machinery/equipment; job training; infrastructure; land and building improvements; environmental assessment/remediation; acquisition of land, buildings, right-of-ways; working capital; site preparation, demolition, clearance.	Businesses, Municipalities; Municipal Authorities; Redevelopment Authorities; Industrial Development Authorities or Corporations; Local Development Districts	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/pennsylvania-first-program-pa-first/

Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grants for Public Libraries	The competitive grant application process is used to award matching grants to municipalities that sponsor state-aided public libraries. These grants can be used for planning, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation. To be eligible, the sponsoring municipality and the board of the state-aided library must jointly submit an application developed cooperatively by both entities and signed by their governing bodies.	Municipalities that sponsor state-aided public libraries	http://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Libraries/Subsidies-and-Grants/Pages/Keystone-Recreation-Park-and-Conservation-Funds.aspx
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Business in our Sites	Empowers communities to attract growing and expanding businesses by helping them build an inventory of ready sites.	Municipalities; Municipal authorities; Redevelopment authorities; Industrial development agencies; Private developers	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/business-in-our-sites-grants-and-loans-bos/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP)	Provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short- and long-term financial objectives. Development and implementation of multi-year financial management programs and strategies.	Pennsylvania local government	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/early-intervention-program-eip/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Act 47	Provides loan and grant funds to financially distressed local governments as well as technical assistance to formulate financial recovery plans.	Financially distressed local governments	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/act-47/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Technical Assistance	To complete fundamental and short term projects, GCLGS has the ability to contract with qualified professionals (Peer Consultants) who have extensive knowledge and experience in local government. These contracts will help municipalities build their capacity and increase efficiencies. Technical assistance offerings include, but are not limited to: police and fire studies, administrative logistics, financial management, and land use planning.	Local government	https://dced.pa.gov/local-government/technical-assistance/
Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)	Section 108 Program	Section 108 enables states and local governments participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to obtain federally guaranteed loans to fund large economic development projects and undertake revitalization activities. Under Pennsylvania's initiative to use Section 108 the loans are guaranteed by the Commonwealth, committing the use of future CDBG funds to pay off the loan in case of default.	Local governments that are not designated by HUD as urban counties or entitlement municipalities	https://dced.pa.gov/programs/section-108-program/

US Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.	Public bodies; Community-based non-profit corporations; Federally-recognized Tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
US Department of Agriculture	Farmers Market Promotion Program	Funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products by developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales or other direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) market opportunities.	Agricultural businesses and cooperatives; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations; Food Councils; Economic development corporations; Local governments; Nonprofit and public benefit corporations; Producer networks or associations; Regional farmers' market authorities; Tribal governments	https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp
National Endowment for the Arts	Our Town	These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes.	Applicants require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity	https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town#:~:text=Our%20Town%20is%20the%20National,%2C%20and%20For%20social%20outcomes.
National Endowment for the Arts	Challenge America	Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved.	Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3); U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes	https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description