

Community and Economic Development Funding Opportunities -- April 8, 2008

Act 47

Provides loan and grant funds to financially distressed local governments as well as technical assistance to formulate financial recovery plans.

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

The OAD is the conduit for resources provided by the federal government's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). ARC is a unique partnership composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a presidential appointee representing the federal government. Grassroots participation is provided through Local Development Districts (LDDs) – multi-county organizations with boards made up of elected officials, businesspeople, and other local leaders.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Grants and technical assistance for federal designated municipalities for any type of community development.

Community Revitalization Program (CRP)

Provides grant funds to support local initiatives that promote community stability and quality of life.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Federal grant funds to support programs that promote economic self-sufficiency of low-income individuals.

Core Communities Housing Program

Provides state-funded grants for affordable housing activities in core communities. The initiative funds housing activities eligible under the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Program for new or rehabilitated housing developments, but only on previously developed sites.

Early Intervention Program

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.

Economic Stimulus Package Technical Assistance

Technical assistance for local governments as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)

Tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization.

Elm Street

Grant funds for planning, technical assistance and physical improvements to residential and mixed use areas in proximity to central business districts.

Emergency Responders Resources & Training Program (ERR)

ERRTP funds may be used for emergency responder improvement projects. These projects must demonstrate a benefit to community activities associated with police, fire,

ambulance or related public safety services.

[Emergency Shelter Grant \(ESG\)](#)

Federal grants funding to assist in creating or rehabilitating shelter space for the homeless.

[Employment and Community Conservation \(ECC\)](#)

Grants for employment and training opportunities for the poverty and extreme low-income population.

[Employment and Community Conservation-Supported Work Program \(ECC-SWP\)](#)

Grants to prepare and assist public assistance recipients to obtain unsubsidized employment and work opportunities

[Enterprise Zone Program](#)

Grants to financially disadvantaged communities for preparing and implementing business development strategies within municipal Enterprise Zones.

[Family Savings Account \(FSA\)](#)

Grants to designated not-for-profit community service and economic opportunity agencies to establish programs that provide matching funds to a low-income persons own savings. Click [here](#) to download the RFP for the Family Savings Account.

[Floodplain Land Use Assistance Program](#)

Provides grants and technical assistance to encourage the proper use of land and the management of floodplain lands within Pennsylvania.

[Growing Greener II](#)

Growing Greener II - Main Street and Downtown Redevelopment Grants to municipalities and nonprofits to help a community's downtown redevelopment effort, focusing on the improvement of downtown sites and buildings. The eligible projects may include approaches that assist in business development and/or public improvements in core communities.

[HOME](#)

Federally funded program that provides municipalities with grant and loan assistance as well as technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low- and very low-income Pennsylvanians.

[Home Ownership Choice Program \(HCP\)](#)

An initiative of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to finance new, single-family home construction in blighted areas of the Commonwealth.

[Housing & Redevelopment Assistance](#)

Provides state-funded grants for community revitalization and economic development activities at the local level. The program assists the community in becoming competitive for business retention, expansion and attraction.

[Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund](#)

State grants to improve the physical facilities of public libraries.

[Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program \(LUPTAP\)](#)

Provides grant funds for the preparation of community comprehensive plans and the ordinances to implement them.

[Local Government Capital Project Loan Program \(LGCPL\)](#)

Low-interest loans to local government for equipment and facility needs.

[Local Municipal Resources and Development Program \(LMRDP\)](#)

Grants to municipalities for improving quality of life within the community

Main Street Program

Grants to municipalities to help a community's downtown economic development effort through the establishment of a local organization dedicated to downtown revitalization and the management of downtown revitalization efforts by hiring a full-time professional downtown coordinator

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)

Tax credit program to encourage businesses to donate capital that can be used to provide eligible services to low-income persons or distressed neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Assistance, Neighborhood Partnership Program (NAP/NPP)

Corporate tax liability credit for businesses that sponsor a neighborhood organization to develop and implement a neighborhood revitalization plan by contributing a substantial amount of cash per year over an extended period of time

Neighborhood Assistance, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (NAP-EZP)

An incentive program that provides tax credits to businesses investing in or making physical improvements to properties located within designated enterprise zones.

Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program (PAHP)

Provides grants to local entities to carry out home modification programs that will enable low-and moderate-income persons with physical disabilities of all ages to make their home more accessible.

Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program (PCD Bank)

Debt financing for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

Regional Police Assistance Grant Program

Grants for two or more municipalities that regionalize police operations

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.

Shared Municipal Services Program (SMSP)

Provides grant funds that promote cooperation among municipalities. Also encourages more efficient and effective delivery of municipal services on a cooperative basis.

Urban Development Program (UDP)

Provides grants for urban development and improvement projects