

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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<p>system that will ensure each year increasingly large percentages of students are prepared for college and career success upon graduation. Schools will provide all students with a college preparatory sequence of courses as defined in Project 720.</p>	
<p>New Choices/New Options Program – Provides career development services for single parents, displaced homemakers, single pregnant women and individuals interested in nontraditional career-technical education; Offers services to assist individuals in finding nontraditional jobs or occupational training program that will enable individuals to support themselves and their families; supports high skill/high wage/demand/priority occupations; Offers career counseling and support services to help participants prepare for the job market. All services are offered free of charge.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – 30 Days from Announcement of Funding Eligible expenditures are defined in the guidelines. Program Guidelines are distributed to eligible entities. They are also available on the PDE website. Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education at: (717) 772-4851.</p>
<p>Professional Personnel Development Centers – Provides an alternative education preparation system for vocational-technical teachers: teacher pre-service; teacher in- service; continuous teacher professional development services; support research in career and technical education.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – May 25 Restrictions apply only as to the eligibility of the institution and the list of eligible expenditures. Contact – Bureau of Career and Technical Education/Department of Education at: (717) 783-6592.</p>
<p>Vocational-Technical Equipment Updates – Program to assist area vocational – technical schools and school districts offering approved vocational – technical programs to purchase equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of providing training to students.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – May 25 Grants will be awarded on a matching basis, one state dollar (\$1) for every local dollar (\$1). The local match can be supported by either local school funds or contributions from business and industry. Federal funds may not be used as a match. Contact – Bureau of Vocational-Technical Education at: (717) 772-4853.</p>

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DEP GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS

DEP has dozens of grants and loans to assist individuals, groups and businesses with a host of environmental issues. Below, you'll find a list of available grants and loans, a description of each program, links to applications and eligibility information. DEP's Grants Center is available to assist you with general questions. Contact (717) 705-5400 for more information or go to <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/grantscenter/GrantAndLoanPrograms.asp>.

Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant – Energy Program – To help improve PA's air quality and reduce the use of imported oils through the use of alternative fuels.

Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Residents, Corporations, Businesses in PA

Application Availability – April 20

Application Deadline – June 20

Average Grant Amount – \$500,000

Contact – (717) 783-9242

E-mail – epafiginfo@state.pa.us

Coastal Zone Management – Water Program – To implement studies, plans, designs, programs, land acquisition, research and minor construction projects within the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zones.

Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, State Agencies

Application Availability – August 25

Application Deadline – October 20

Average Grant Amount – \$50,000

Contact – (717) 772-5619

E-mail – jdewey@state.pa.us

Composting Infrastructure Development Grant – Land Program – Reimburses for-profit business entities and non-profit organizations located and operating in Pennsylvania that use organic materials limited to yard waste and food waste feedstock collected in Pennsylvania. The grant aims to increase the volume of organic materials being diverted and composted and assist businesses to increase their use of organic materials.

Eligibility – Non-Profit, For-profit Business Entities

Application Availability – May 10

Application Deadline – July 18

Average Grant Amount – \$100,000

Contact – (717) 787-7382

E-mail – cscheidler@state.pa.us

Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance – Land Program – To reduce non point source pollution from the maintenance of dirt and gravel roads.

Eligibility – Conservation District

Application Deadline – County Determines

Contact – (717) 787-2103

E-mail – mklimkos@state.pa.us

Enactment & Implementation of Stormwater Ordinances – Water Program – Reimbursement to enact stormwater management ordinances.

Eligibility – municipalities enacting ordinances to implement a county prepared and DEP approved stormwater management plan pursuant to 1978 Act 167.

Application Deadline – March 31 of each year

Average Grant Amount – \$1,400

Contact – (717) 772-5661

E-mail – sstanwood@state.pa.us

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<p>Environmental Education Grants Program – Combination Program – The conservation of Commonwealth resources depends on the effectiveness of the environmental literacy of its citizens. The focus of this EE Grant Program is to support environmental education through schools, county conservation districts and other nonprofit conservation or educational organizations, including colleges and universities.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Non-Profit Conservation or Education Organizations</p>	<p>Application Availability – October 1 Application Deadline – Pre-applications due in December Average Grant Amount – \$10,000 Contact – (717) 705-3767 E-mail – jfarster@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Flood Protection Grant Program – Water Program – Provides funds to government entities responsible for the operation and maintenance of flood protection projects for non-routine maintenance, project improvements and specialized equipment.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority</p>	<p>Application Availability – January Application Deadline – April Average Grant Amount – \$25,000 Contact – (717) 787-7433 E-mail – rzomok@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grants – Water Program – Restore watersheds and streams, reclaim mined lands, remediate acid mine drainage</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, Council of Government, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Watershed Associations</p>	<p>Application Availability – January Application Deadline – April Average Grant Amount – \$95,000 Contact – (717) 772-5807 E-mail – GrowingGreener@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Host Municipality Certified Inspectors (Hazardous) – Land Program – Reimbursement to municipalities for certified inspectors of commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment or disposal facilities.</p> <p>Eligibility – Host municipalities for permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities that pay certified host municipality inspectors to perform inspections.</p>	<p>Application Availability – January 1 Application Deadline – March 31 Average Grant Amount – \$1,340 Contact – (717) 783-6006 E-mail – mtexter@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Host Municipality Certified Inspectors (Municipal) – Land Program – Reimbursement to municipalities for employment of certified inspectors at landfills or resource recovery facilities.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Availability – January 1 Application Deadline – March 31 Average Grant Amount – \$10,981 Contact – (717) 783-6006 E-mail – mtexter@state.pa.us</p>

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<p>Host Municipality Review of Permit Applications – Land Program – Grants for municipalities for independent review of permit applications for new municipal waste landfills or resource recovery facility, or expansion of existing facility.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$10,000 Contact – (717) 787-7381 E-mail – twoy@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Host Municipality Siting Incentive – Land Program – Provides one-time payments to municipalities which host new or expanded hazardous waste capacity for PA.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Contact – (717) 783-3390 E-mail – dshipman@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program – Land Program – Reimbursement of 50 percent of eligible expenses for household hazardous waste programs not to exceed \$100,000 per county.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Non-Profits and other organizations</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$26,782 Contact – (717) 787-8686 E-mail – thyatt@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Independent Review of Permit Application/Siting Plan Review – Land Program – Reimbursement for independent review of commercial hazardous waste disposal facility applications.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$10,000 Contact – (717) 783-3390 E-mail – dshipman@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Municipal Recycling Program Grant (902) – Land Program – Reimbursement of 90 percent of approved costs of county and municipal recycling programs.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, councils of governments, consortiums</p>	<p>Application Availability – March Application Deadline – June Average Grant Amount – \$500,000 Contact – (717) 772-5719 E-mail – mvottero@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Non-point Source Pollution Prevention Education Mini-grant Program (319) – Water Program – DEP provides funding to the PA Assoc. of Conservation Districts to administer this grant program. This program provides mini-grants for the purpose of providing education on non-point source water pollution.</p> <p>Eligibility – Conservation District</p>	<p>Application Availability – Ongoing Average Grant Amount – \$2,500 Contact – (717) 238-7223 E-mail – kathleen-banski@pacd.org</p>

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<p>Nonpoint Source Implementation Program (Section 319) – Water Program – Provide funding to assist Pennsylvania to implement PA’s Nonpoint Source Management Program. This includes funding for abandoned mine drainage, agricultural and urban run-off, and natural channel design / streambank stabilization projects, and for development of watershed-based restoration plans.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Watershed Groups</p>	<p>Application Availability – January Application Deadline – April 13 Average Grant Amount – \$110,000 Contact – (717) 772-5807 E-mail – ruwagner@state.pa.us</p>
<p>PEDA (PA Energy Development Authority) Grants – Combination Program – PEDA solicitations are varied and diverse. In general, PEDA provides grants and loan guarantees for alternative energy projects and related research referring to deployment projects, manufacturing or research involving the following types of fuels, technologies or measures: solar energy; wind; low-impact hydropower; geothermal; biologically derived methane gas, including landfill gas; biomass; fuel cells; coal-mine methane; waste coal; integrated gasification combined cycle, and; demand management measures, including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency and load management.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Corps, partnerships, assoc. and legal business entities.</p>	<p>Application Availability – April 15 Application Deadline – June 20 Average Grant Amount – \$350,000 Contact – (717) 783-8411 E-mail – jdwoertzky@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Energy Harvest Grant – Combination Program – To deploy cleaner energy sources that protect water or air quality, and have a positive economic benefit. Provides funding for renewable energy deployment; biomass energy projects; coal-mine methane, waste coal reclamation for energy; implementation of innovative energy efficiency technologies; or clean distributed generation infrastructure improvements. Energy Harvest is not a research initiative. It is about new and innovative technologies in the marketplace.</p> <p>Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, School District, Non-Profit, Conservation District, Businesses registered with the Department of State</p>	<p>Application Availability – April 14 Application Deadline – June 20 Average Grant Amount – \$190,000 Contact – (717) 783-8411 E-mail – kcampbell@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Pollution Prevention Reimbursement (Pump & Plug UST) – Land Program – Reimburse for costs of pumping and plugging storage tanks.</p> <p>Eligibility – Owners of six or less storage tanks</p>	<p>Application Availability – Open Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$2,500 Contact – (717) 772-5831 E-mail – rcarmen@state.pa.us</p>

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<p>Recycling Coordinators – Land Program – Reimbursement of 50 percent of county recycling coordinator salaries and expenses. Eligibility – County</p>	<p>Application Availability – December Application Deadline – April 30 Average Grant Amount – \$14,915 Contact – (717) 787-0120 E-mail – edelia@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Recycling Markets Infrastructure Development Grant – Land Program – Provides reimbursement for equipment costs associated with increasing the use of recycled content in products by for-profit business entities and non-profit organizations located and operating in Pennsylvania. Eligibility – Non-Profit, For-Profit Business Entities</p>	<p>Application Availability – August – September Average Grant Amount – \$500,000 Contact – (717) 787-7382 E-mail – cscheidler@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Recycling Performance – Land Program – Grant program rewards municipalities for materials recycled. Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority, councils of governments, consortiums</p>	<p>Application Availability – Spring Application Deadline – September 30 Average Grant Amount – \$26,000 Contact – (717) 772-5719 E-mail – mvottero@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Resource Recovery Demonstration (Act 198) – Land Program – Grants for municipalities and municipal authorities to establish new and innovative resource recovery projects. Eligibility – County, Municipality, Authority</p>	<p>Application Availability – January Application Deadline – March Average Grant Amount – \$100,000 Contact – (717) 772-5720 E-mail – jlundsted@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Sewage Facilities Enforcement – Water Program – Reimburses 50 percent to 85 percent of costs of on-lot system permitting programs. Eligibility – County, Municipality, Groups of Municipalities</p>	<p>Application Availability – December 15 each year Application Deadline – March 1 each following year Average Grant Amount – \$6,600 Contact – (717) 787-5017 E-mail – jennbrandt@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Small Business Advantage Grant Program – Combination Program – Provides assistance to small business to incorporate energy efficient and pollution preventative equipment or processes to increase business competitiveness while simultaneously improving the environment of PA residents. Eligibility – PA business with fewer than 100 full-time or full-time equivalent employees</p>	<p>Application Availability – Summer 2009 Average Grant Amount – \$5,500 Contact – (717) 772-5160 E-mail – epadvantagegrant@state.pa.us</p>

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<p>Small Business Pollution Prevention Assistance Account (PPAA) Loan Program – Combination Program – Provides low interest loans to small PA businesses undertaking projects in the Commonwealth that reduce waste, pollution or energy use. Loans will be used to fund 75 percent of the total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Eligibility – PA business with fewer than 100 full-time employees</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Average Loan Amount – \$54,000 Contact – (717) 772-8951 E-mail – gdelvecchi@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Small System Operator Expense Reimbursement Program – Water Program – Reimburses small system operators (those serving less than 3,300 customers) for the cost of obtaining and maintaining their certification. Eligibility – Operators of small water systems</p>	<p>Application Availability – Online – one-page form Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$275 Contact – (717) 772-4465 E-mail – mpollard@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Stormwater Management Planning and Implementation – Water Program – Grants to counties to cover 75 percent of the cost of preparing watershed based stormwater management plans covering the entire county pursuant to the PA Stormwater Management Act (1978 Act 167). Eligibility – County</p>	<p>Application Availability – Ongoing Average Grant Amount – \$200,000 Contact – (717) 705-6346 E-mail – banewman@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Technical Evaluation of HSCA Remedial Response – Land Program – Independent technical evaluation of proposed remedial response at a HSCA site. Eligibility – County, Municipality</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$40,000 Contact – (717) 783-9284 E-mail – colewiler@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Underground Storage Tank Heating Oil Clean Up Program – Land Program – Assists tank owners with the corrective action costs due to releases from underground heating oil tanks with a 3,000 gal. capacity or less. Eligibility – Owners of UST heating oil tanks 3,000 gal or less</p>	<p>Application Availability – Open Application Deadline – Open Average Grant Amount – \$3,500 Contact – (717) 783-9284 E-mail – colewiler@state.pa.us</p>
<p>Waterline Grant – Land Program – Cleanup of contaminated water sources at a HSCA site. Eligibility – Municipality, Authority</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Open Contact – (717) 783-9284 E-mail – colewiler@state.pa.us</p>

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

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It is the mission of DGS to provide high quality services at a good price to support the operation of state government. DGS is the state’s purchaser of commodities and services, the manager of capital expenditures for buildings, and the entity that maintains and protects our facilities. In addition, the department aims to make government friendlier for its users, expand opportunity for minority and women-owned businesses, and reduce operating costs for the agencies of state government.

COSTARS – This program permits local public procurement units registered with the program and state-affiliated entities to purchase goods and services from Department of General Services contracts.

A complete list of the currently registered communities and organizations that can use the state contracts, as well as more information about the COSTARS program itself, is available at: www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars or by calling (866) 768-7827.

Please note that the Software Licensing Program no longer exists. It has been replaced by access, through the COSTARS program, in the software contracts.

The **Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations** offers municipalities a number of programs to help stretch limited budget dollars.

The **1033 Excess Property Program** provides your law enforcement agency an excellent opportunity to acquire excess Department of Defense equipment and supplies to use in the line of duty. Body armor, photographic equipment, computers, night vision goggles, vehicles, and many other valuable protective items can be acquired to protect the men and women who protect your community. The property itself is a donation from the Federal Government. However, you do incur a service charge to cover the state’s cost of administering this program.

Contact – Bureau of Supplies & Office Surplus, Law Enforcement Property Program at: (717) 787-6159, ext. 3212

The **1122 New Property Program** enables your law enforcement agency to purchase new equipment and supplies suitable for counterdrug activities using Federal contracts. Because of its volume purchasing power, the Federal Government receives tremendous discounts on many of the items commonly used by local law enforcement agencies.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3205

Our agency will research the federal contracts and provide quotes to you. You do incur a service charge of \$500 or 4 percent of the sale price, whichever is less, to cover the state’s cost of administering this program.

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The **Federal Surplus Property Program** offers a virtually limitless variety of property to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations within Pennsylvania. From paper clips to battle ships, from computers to concrete block, we can meet your property needs through this program.

Check out our complete inventory on-line at: www.dgs.state.pa.us under Government Surplus. The property itself is donated to your municipality from the Federal Government. You do incur a service charge, however, to cover the state's cost of administering the program.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3814

The **Fixed Price Vehicles Program** enables our Bureau to offer General Services Administration fleet vehicles to your municipality before these vehicles go to public auction. Cars, trucks, vans, alternative fuel vehicles, pick-up trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks are all available through this program.

You may submit your requests for vehicles to our office. As your vehicles become available, GSA will contact our agency with the price and condition of each vehicle. If the price and condition match the needs of your organization, you may acquire the vehicle by submitting your payment by organization check prior to the delivery of the vehicle.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3215

The **State Surplus Property Program** offers Commonwealth-owned office equipment and supplies through our warehouse at 2221 Forster St. in Harrisburg, and offers a variety of items on-line through eBay (www.ebay.com seller id pastatesurplus). Sales are open to the general public. Store hours are 9 AM to 2:45 PM, Monday through Friday.

To register for the municipal sales, please visit our on-line auctioneer, Asset Auctions, at: www.asset-auctions.com/padgs to register your municipality and to receive notices of up-coming auctions.

Phone – (717) 787-6159, ext. 3222

Surplus Auctions are sometimes held across the Commonwealth. Additionally, we offer off-road equipment, bridge equipment, dump trucks, and other maintenance equipment to municipalities before these items are offered for sale to the general public.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

http://www.health.state.pa.us Phone: 1 (877) PA-HEALTH / 1 (877) 724-3258

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health is involved in numerous health and well being assistance opportunities. Eligible participants in our programs range from individuals to health care practitioners and or facilities.

Web visitors can quickly and conveniently access current health statistics, request a copy of a birth certificate, browse through the department’s catalog of publications, locate the nearest local health department and learn the latest information on public health issues at their finger tips.

The Department of Health has published a comprehensive guide entitled the Health & Human Services Resource Guide. The guide is a 36-page booklet designed to inform individuals about human resources that may be readily available in their area. This information is also available at the department’s Web site <http://www.health.state.pa.us>. Once at the Web site, go to the top right hand corner of the homepage and conduct a site search using the keyword “Resource Guide.”

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has also compiled an “Access to Healthcare Guide” to serve as a one-stop manual for individuals who are either uninsured or underinsured in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify potential points of health-care service. The following highlights each program. This information is also available at the department’s web site at <https://www.health.state.pa.us>. Once at the Web site, go to the top right hand corner of the homepage and conduct a site search using the keyword “Access to HealthCare Guide.”

PRIMARY CARE SITES

Department of Veterans Affairs Facility Directory – This site is a storehouse of facility information within 1,128 VA facilities, maintained on a regular basis by editors and administrators nationwide throughout the VA network.

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

Free PA Senior Medical Clinics – Free Medical Clinics is a collaborative effort of concerned citizens and health care professionals who recognize the importance of affordable health care to the growth and development of a community.

http://www.paseniorcenters.org/information/free_clinics.htm

Health Resources and Services Administration – HRSA can help you find a health center in your community. These health centers serve all who walk through their doors, regardless of ability to pay.

<http://ask.hrsa.gov/pc/>

Medical Student Run Clinics – The goal of the MSCA is to have EVERY medical/osteopathic school associated with a student-run clinic as a means for students to serve the community and to use as a learning environment. Here you will find links to all of the student-run clinics around the country.

<http://www.student-clinics.org/cliniclist.html>

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<p>National Nursing Centers Consortium – Nurse-Managed Health Centers make health care in America work. All across the country, there is a growing movement of committed nursing professionals who are bringing excellent health care to vulnerable communities.</p>	<p>http://nationalnursingcenters.com/membership/penn.html</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Association for Community Health Centers (PACHC) – The PACHC (previously known as the PA Forum) was established in 1981 as a private non-profit organization. These community-owned and operated rural and urban centers provide quality health care that is both affordable and accessible.</p>	<p>http://www.pachc.com/</p>
<p>Volunteers in Health Care Links Page – Volunteers in Health Care staff have prepared the following list of links useful to those serving the uninsured.</p>	<p>http://www.volunteersinhealthcare.org/links.htm</p>
<p>Volunteers in Medicine Institute – VMI promotes and guides the development of a national network of free clinics emphasizing the use of retired medical and lay volunteers to care for the “working uninsured” within a culture of caring so that everyone in a community has access to health care.</p>	<p>http://www.vimi.org/alliances.shtml#pa</p>
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<p>Pennsylvania Dental Association Dental Clinic Directory – The PDA is frequently contacted by members, the public and elected officials for information on the availability of low-cost dental care.</p>	<p>http://www.padental.org/</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care Program – The Senior Dental Care Program offers reduced-cost dental care to eligible Pennsylvania senior citizens by dentists who are members of the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA).</p>	<p>http://www.padental.org/</p>
<p>ToothWoman.Net – ToothWoman Network, a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, works to improve health through oral health education. With special emphasis on women, children, seniors and people with disabilities, we strive to educate all people about the importance of improving oral health, preventing disease and trauma to the mouth, and understanding the relationship of the mouth to the rest of the body.</p>	<p>http://www.toothwoman.net/er/index.html</p>

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PA INSURANCE & WELFARE PROGRAMS

adultBasic – Recognizing the need to provide quality healthcare coverage that is accessible and affordable to the Commonwealth’s uninsured adult population, adultBasic was launched in 2002 to cover the basic healthcare needs of Pennsylvanians age 19-64 who have no health insurance and who meet certain eligibility requirements. (Administered by the PA Department of Insurance.)

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – CHIP is Pennsylvania’s program to provide quality health insurance for children of working families who otherwise could not afford it. (Administered by the PA Department of Insurance.)

Mental Health Services – Do you have questions about how to get Mental Health or Substance Abuse services in Pennsylvania? Read all about it in the new manual which is an easy to use guide to Mental Health Services in Pennsylvania. The guide gives answers to questions often asked about finding and getting Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in the state. It also gives information on the services that are available, how to find those services, using medical assistance to get services and people and groups that can help you if you have trouble getting services. (Administered by the PA Department of Public Welfare.)

Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) – A wide variety of healthcare programs for Pennsylvanian’s eligible to receive medical assistance. (Administered by the PA Department of Public Welfare.)

PA HEALTH PROGRAMS

Breast and Cervical Cancer Section – HealthyWoman Program (HWP) – This program provides screening and diagnostic services for the detection of cancer and pre-cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix for eligible women.

Contact – Telephone toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615; www.PAHealthyWoman.com.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – This program provides comprehensive services to families with children under the age of six that includes lead screening, testing, follow-up and case management.

Contact – Joseph Foner, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.

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<p>Child Orthopedics Program – This program provides services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, inpatient surgery, orthopedic/prosthetic appliances, and durable medical equipment to eligible children with orthopedic conditions.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP) – This Program provides life-saving care and treatment for children and adults with end-stage renal disease. The program provides dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, home dialysis supplies and equipment, medications, and limited patient transportation.</p>	<p>Contact – LuAnn Cartwright, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>
<p>Cleft Palate Program – This program supports the direct payment for services against a fee schedule for diagnostic tests, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and inpatient surgery and care to eligible children with cleft conditions.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Cooley’s Anemia Program – This program provides comprehensive multi-disciplinary medical services to patients of all ages with Cooley’s Anemia.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Cystic Fibrosis Program – This program supports medical centers that provide comprehensive services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Family Planning Program – Clinical services are provided at local clinics and include physical exams, routine gynecological care, contraceptives, cancer screening and examinations, general health screening, sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis, treatment, education and counseling, and HIV/ AIDS education and screening.</p>	<p>Contact – Kelly Holland, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>
<p>Genetic Services Program – This program provides genetic screening, pre-conceptual health assessment, genetic counseling and referral services. The program targets low income individuals who are at-risk for transmitting, affected with, or concerned about a genetic disorder. It enables individuals to make informed health decisions and ensures them access to comprehensive genetic services.</p>	<p>Contact – David Marchetto, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143 or contact the Special Kids Network for the phone number of the nearest provider in your area: 1 (800) 986-4550; TTY 1 (877) 232-7640.</p>

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<p>Head Injury Program – This program provides rehabilitation services to adult residents of Pennsylvania who experienced a traumatic brain injury after July 2, 1985.</p>	<p>Contact – Nicole Adams, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762. Toll Free Number – 1 (866) 412-4755.</p>
<p>Hearing and Speech Program – This program provides diagnosis, treatment, habilitation prostheses, and other services including remediation of speech, language and hearing problems.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Hemophilia Program – This program provides comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and blood products for children and adults with hemophilia.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Home Ventilator Program – This program provides services for children under 21 years of age with chronic respiratory failure who require ventilator assistance and live at home rather than in institutional or long term care facilities.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>HOPWA – Federally-funded program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Services include, but are not limited to, housing information and referral, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, and supportive services (e.g., security deposits, case management, drug and alcohol abuse treatment).</p>	<p>Contact – Joanne Valentino, PHP Administrator, Division of HIV/AIDS, (717) 783-0572.</p>
<p>Immunization Program For Children, Adolescents And Adults – All recommended childhood immunizations are made available to children and adolescents who have no medical homes or resources for payment through a network of public clinic sites. Tetanus/diphtheria, influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are made available to adults who have no resources for or access to these immunizations</p>	<p>Contact – Heather Stafford, RN, BSN, Director, Division of Immunizations, (717) 787-5681.</p>
<p>Lead Hazard Control Program – This program creates lead safe homes for low-income families with children under age six. This includes conducting inspections, risk assessments and lead hazard control.</p>	<p>Contact – Cynthia Dundas of Faith Blough, Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2762.</p>

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<p>Love'em with a Checkup Program – This program consists of two informational and referral help lines. Healthy Baby 1 (800) 986-2229 provides pregnant women with information about where to get early and regular prenatal care. Healthy Kids 1 (800) 986-5437 provides parents with information about where to obtain primary health care for their children and information about infant care and breast feeding.</p>	<p>Contact – Rodney Shomper, Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2763</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Cancer Education Network – This program provides free public education about prostate, skin, ovarian and colorectal cancers.</p>	<p>Contact – Telephone toll-free: 1 (877) PA-Health / TTY: 1 (800) 332-8615.; www.PACancerEducationNetwork.com.</p>
<p>Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program – Provides free and confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as Chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and syphilis. Also provides treatment, education, surveillance, and epidemiology resources to prevent and intervene in the transmission of STDs.</p>	<p>Contact – James Besong, STD Program Manager, Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, (717) 787-3981.</p>
<p>Sickle Cell Disease Program – This program provides comprehensive medical treatment and psychosocial services, care coordination, and education to children and adults with sickle cell disease.</p>	<p>Contact – Ellen Bierbower, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Special Kids Network – This is a statewide information and referral helpline service that connects individuals and families of children with special health care needs in obtaining needed services. The helpline number is 1 (800) 986-4550; TTY 1 (877) 232-7640.</p>	<p>Contact – Rodney Shomper, Division of Community Systems Development and Outreach, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 772-2763.</p>
<p>Spina Bifida Program – This program provides complete comprehensive services including diagnosis, treatment, therapy, outpatient follow-up, and inpatient surgery and care to children and adults with Spina Bifida.</p>	<p>Contact – Susan Duff, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-8143.</p>
<p>Tobacco Prevention and Control – This program provides financial aid to uninsured pregnant women and youth under the age of 18 for participation in department-approved tobacco cessation programs. In addition, free one-on-one cessation counseling is available to tobacco users, with customized protocols for pregnant women and youth (age 14-17 years) through the PA Free Quitline – 1 (800) QUIT NOW (1 (800) 784-8669). This quitline, along with a companion Web site, www.determinedtoquit.com provides additional tools and resources for quitting tobacco use.</p>	<p>Contact – Judy Ochs, Director, Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, (717) 783-6600.</p>

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Tuberculosis (TB) Program – The TB Program has overall responsibility for statewide TB control efforts, including surveillance, case investigation, morbidity reporting, and diagnostic treatment and prevention services. Free and confidential TB services are available at State Health Centers and at all County and Municipal Health Departments.

Contact – Jody Harclerode, RN, MS, TB Program Manager, Division of TB/STD, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, (717) 787-6267.

Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) – This is a health and nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children under age five. WIC provides nutrition counseling and a nutritional food package for women and children to supplement their dietary intake during critical stages of growth and development in order to prevent health and nutrition problems.

Contact – Bonnie Mellot or your local WIC agency, Division of Women, Infants and Children, Bureau of Family Health, (717) 783-1289 or 1 (800) WIC-WINS.

The following is a list of Department of Health programs where grant opportunities may be available. Information is readily available at the department’s Web site at www.health.state.pa.us. Since program guidelines and eligibility are constantly evolving, the department recommends that interested entities review the Web site or contact the appropriate person listed with each program.

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Survey and Follow-up – STD	Janice Kopelman
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Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.....	Martin Raniowski
J-1 Visa Waiver Program.....	Martin Raniowski
Primary Care Community Challenge Grant Program.....	Martin Raniowski
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HIV Care	Janice Kopelman
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS.....	Janice Kopelman
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Adolescent Health.....	Carolyn Cass
Breastfeeding Mini-Grants	Michelle Connors
Child Health	Carolyn Cass
Genetic Counseling.....	David Marchetto
MCH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Abatement	Carolyn Cass
MCHSBG – Program Services.....	Melita Jordan
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Family Health Special Projects	Carolyn Cass
Screening Newborns	David Marchetto
Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention	David Marchetto
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SABG – Drug and Alcohol Services.....	Robin Rothermel
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Tuberculosis Control Program	Janice Kopelman
Renal Dialysis	Carolyn Cass
Services for Children with Special Needs.....	Michelle Connors
Adult Cystic Fibrosis	David Marchetto
Cooley’s Anemia	David Marchetto
Arthritis Outreach and Education.....	Leslie Best
Hemophilia	David Marchetto
Lupus	Leslie Best
Sickle Cell	David Marchetto
Newborn Hearing Screening	David Marchetto
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adultBasic Health Insurance – adultBasic provides health insurance for adults meeting certain income and other eligibility requirements and who do not have health-care coverage. The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department through contracts with four insurance companies throughout the state. adultBasic offers basic benefits, including preventative care, physician services, diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, in-patient hospitalization, out-patient hospital services, emergency accident and medical care.

Individuals enrolled in the program have a monthly premium payment of \$33.50.

Additional information, including eligibility criteria is available on the department’s Web site at: www.ins.state.pa.us.

Interested individuals may apply on-line at: www.compass.state.pa.us, by phone at 1 (800) GO-BASIC to receive a paper application, which will be mailed.

****There is currently a waiting list for enrollment. However, individuals determined to be eligible for adultBasic and are placed on the waiting list, have the option to purchase the adultBasic coverage at the Insurance Department’s cost and will receive the same benefits as those offered through the program.

Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (AUTO CAT FUND) – The Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund (Auto CAT Fund) continues benefits for medical treatment and rehabilitative services, previously provided by the Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund, for injuries arising out of the maintenance or use of a motor vehicle between October 1, 1984 and December 31, 1989.

In addition to other eligibility criteria and before being eligible for benefits, the claimant must incur \$100,000 in medically necessary and reasonable medical and/or rehabilitative expenses. Benefits are capped at \$50,000 per year with a \$1,000,000 lifetime maximum.

Except for workers’ compensation the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor for eligible claimants and coordinates benefits with health and other insurance carriers. Insurers may confirm whether the Auto CAT Fund is the primary payor on a particular claim by contacting the current third party administrator.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department’s Web site at: www.ins.state.pa.us or calling the Auto CAT Fund at (717) 787-4919.

CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) – This program provides free or low-cost comprehensive health care to children under the age of 19 whose families make too much money to qualify for Medicaid and are not otherwise covered by health insurance. CHIP has expanded to cover all kids and that means that now, no family makes too much to be eligible. The cost of coverage is based on family income.

Quality comprehensive health-care benefits provided by CHIP include, immunizations, routine check-ups, diagnostic\

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Additional information is available on the department’s Web site at: www.chipcoverspakids.com.

Currently, there is no waiting list for the CHIP Program.

Families may apply on-line at: www.compass.state.pa.us, by phone at 1 (800) 986-KIDS to receive a paper application, which will be mailed.

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testing, prescription drugs, dental, vision and hearing services, emergency care, maternity care, mental health benefits, up to 90 days of hospitalization in any year, durable medical equipment, substance abuse treatment, partial hospitalization for mental health services, rehabilitation therapies and home health care.

Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund –

The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, Act 32 of 1989 created the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) to assist owners and operators in meeting the insurance requirement.

The USTIF makes claim payments, presently up to \$1,500,000 per tank per occurrence, to eligible underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators for damages caused by a release from their UST.

To be eligible, the release must have occurred on or after February 1, 1994 and meet other eligibility requirements set forth in the Act. The USTIF also indemnifies tank owners for third party liability that may occur when the release from a UST has injured another person or that person's property.

Additional information on filing a claim, benefits and eligibility requirements are available on the department's Web site at: www.ins.state.pa.us or by calling the USTIF at 1 (800) 595-9887 (PA) or (717) 787-0763.

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Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) – The Trade Act establishes ATAA as an alternative assistance program for older workers certified eligible to apply for TAA. This program is effective for petitioners who request that workers be certified for the ATAA program, and do so at the time the petition is filed. ATAA is designed to allow TAA eligible workers for whom retraining may not be appropriate and who find reemployment, to receive a wage subsidy to help bridge the salary gap between their old and new employment. To receive the ATAA benefits, workers must be TAA and ATAA certified and must file the application for ATAA within two years of the first day of qualifying reemployment.

An individual must meet the following requirements to for participation in the ATAA program:

- Be at least 50 years old at the time of reemployment.
- Be reemployed by the last day of the 26th week after the worker’s qualifying separation from the TAA/ATAA certified employment.
- Not be expected to earn more than \$50,000 annually from the reemployment.
- Be reemployed full-time.
- Not return to work from which the worker was separated.

The ATAA supplement shall cease:

- If the individual’s annualized reemployment wage is projected to exceed \$50,000.
- If the individual has received \$10,000 in ATAA benefits.
- If the worker has reached the end of the two-year eligibility period.

Workers who begin receiving payments under the ATAA program cannot receive other TAA benefits and services except for relocation allowances and the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC).

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a Pennsylvania CareerLink and requesting the pamphlet, UCP-11 or UCP-11 (A), Assistance for Workers Under the Trade Act of 1974. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to apply for these benefits, please contact the UC Service Center or visit a Pennsylvania CareerLink.

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AmeriCorps – The Governor’s Office of Citizen Service provides grants to community-based, faith-based and educational institutions to operate AmeriCorps programs designed to address unmet needs at the community level.

Grants are awarded annually. There is a 24 percent initial match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations.

PennSERVE anticipates awarding several AmeriCorps grants for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Grant applications will likely be due in January 2009.

Employment Incentive Payment (EIP) – The EIP tax credit offers a three-year graduated tax credit to private-for-profit employers that hire Pennsylvania residents who are recipients of cash assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, or who are recent customers of a State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation or the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Additional information, forms and instructions, can be downloaded from www.dli.state.pa.us. Click on “Businesses and Organizations”; click on “Financial Incentives/Resources”; click on “Employment Tax Credits”; click on “Employment Incentive Payment Program” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink Office, Pennsylvania County Assistance Office, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the Tax Credit Coordination Services at 1 (800) 345-2555.

The first-year credit is 30 percent of the first \$9,000 paid to the employee; the second year is 20 percent of the first \$9,000 and the third year is 10 percent of the first \$9,000 plus additional amounts if the employer provides or reimburses for child care or transportation to work.

To receive the full credit the employee must remain on the payroll for the full year. If the employee voluntarily quits, becomes disabled or is terminated for a just cause, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue will pro-rate the tax credit.

Health Coverage Tax Credit – The Health Coverage Tax Credit is a federal tax credit that pays 65 percent of the health plan premium for eligible individuals enrolled in qualified health plans. The benefit can be received as a tax credit or an advanced payment. This benefit is available to TAA eligible individuals, ATAA eligible individuals (those getting wage subsidy), recipients of Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC) benefits age 55 or older, and qualified family members. The TAA eligible individual must be eligible to receive Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) under the Trade Program; be collecting Unemployment Insurance (UI) or TRA and while collecting UI or TRA; must be enrolled in TAA approved training or have completed TAA approved training, or have a waiver from training.

In addition to the criteria that qualify an individual to apply for HCTC, there are also criteria that define a qualified health plan. The insurance must meet one of the four following criteria:

1. COBRA continuation coverage
2. Individual coverage in which the worker is enrolled at least 30 days prior to separation from the job that qualified him/her for TAA
3. State qualified plan

Coverage under the TAA eligible worker’s spouse’s health plan where the spouse’s employer pays less than 50 percent of the health plan coverage.

To apply for benefits, contact the HCTC Customer Contact Center toll free at 1 (866) 628-HCTC.

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Independence Capital Access Network (ICAN) – The ICAN Fund provides grants to small employers (with 100 employees or less) for reimbursement of costs associated with necessary accommodations to hire, retain and promote workers with disabilities. Such accommodations include: site or building modifications, specialized or adapted machinery, transportation modifications, or specialized training. The maximum annual grant is \$50,000.

Contact – Ray Walker, ICAN Program, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at (717) 787-5735.

Approved grant applications require an executed agreement between the recipient and the ICAN Program. The business may proceed with the accommodation(s) after ICAN contractual procedures are completed. The business must submit invoices or receipts to the ICAN Program for reimbursement.

Individual Training Account (ITA) – An ITA is a mechanism authorized by the Workforce Investment Act, which is intended to finance occupational skills training for participants to become gainfully employed or re-employed. Customers approved for training may use their ITAs to purchase occupational skills training slots in any program on the statewide list.

The specific parameters for ITAs are established by each Local Workforce Investment Area, which may include a maximum duration of training, cost of training, or other requirements.

Industry Partnership – Grant Program to support the development of new and emerging Industry Partnerships. An Industry Partnership is a multi-employer collaborative that brings together management and employees to improve competitiveness of the companies. Effective Partnerships facilitate companies to come together to aggregate training and educational needs. Partnerships can help companies identify and work together to address common organizational and human resource challenges-recruiting new workers, retaining incumbent workers, implementing high-performance work organizations, adopting new technologies, and fostering experiential on-the-job learning.

Guidelines are available on –
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Contact – Dan Kuba, (717) 772-1854

Industry Partnership Worker Training Program – Grants will be made available to assist emerging and existing Industry Partnerships to help identify the training needs of the companies by developing effective and responsive training solutions that will enhance participating companies competitive position. Incumbent Worker Grants will help support the development and training implementation strategy by supporting training to generate cutting edge skills needed by employers while promoting opportunities and advancement of workers and job seekers.

Guidelines are available on –
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Job Training Fund Equipment Grant – Pennsylvania’s human capital strategy has focused on education for our citizens that stress both academic rigor and industry relevance. The focus of the Equipment Grant is to ensure that students are training on equipment that is found or will be found in the competitive industries of today and the future. In addition, the legislation specifically requires that funds be earmarked for 6th, 7th, and 8th class counties and that eligible entities are non-profit training providers and public educational institutions. This year the funds will be limited to equipment purchases in high priority occupations and targeted industry clusters.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is making the funds available to eligible entities based on a competitive application process; a maximum grant award will be \$200,000 and it requires a 1:1 funding match.

Guidelines are available on – www.paworkforce.state.pa.us.

Contact – Dan Kuba at (717) 705 8821

Learn and Serve – The Learn and Serve grants are provided to community-based organizations and grantees are required to develop and implement programs that link community service and education. There is a match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations.

PennSERVE currently has no Learn and Serve grants available.

Nursing Shortage Initiative Grants – Provides a new source of financial support for non-profit, tax-exempt schools of nursing. The intent of this program is to enable schools to quickly increase their nursing enrollment by funding additional faculty, providing assistance for current faculty to complete degrees, or allowing faculty members to hire graduate assistants to teach nursing students.

Guidelines are available on – www.paworkforce.state.pa.us/about/lib/about/pdf/skilled_workforce/nursing_shortage_continuation_guidelines-final.pdf

Contact – Dan Kuba at (717) 705-8821

Pell Grants – Pell grants, as well as most federal student aid, are awarded on the basis of financial need. The amount that an individual receives is based on a formula that includes the cost of attendance minus the Expected Family Contribution. The student must be enrolled in a program of organized instruction or study that leads to an academic, professional, or vocational degree or certificate, or other recognized educational credential.

CareerLink Staff and the training providers with which Local Areas work can provide guidance on how participants can apply for Pell grants and other student aid. There also are various Web sites that provide instructions on the application process.

Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers – The Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board and serves as a catalyst to develop action-oriented strategies to respond to Pennsylvania’s short and long-term health care workforce challenges. The initiatives of the Center for Health Careers focus on four distinct issues currently affecting health care: increasing the capacity of Pennsylvania’s nursing

Contact – David Ranck at (717) 525-5596

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education system; retaining health care workers in healthcare professions; responding to the demand for critical allied health professionals; and addressing the needs of direct care workers.

Pennsylvania’s health care workforce is projected to grow by more than 6,000 positions each year through 2014. In order to sustain this growth and meet Pennsylvania’s health care needs in the near future, an estimated 15,000 health care job openings will need to be filled each year in addition to addressing critical labor shortages already in existence in such fields as nursing, pharmacy, medical technology, and direct care. The demand for health care services and a strong, dependable workforce will also intensify as the leading edge of the baby boom generation turns 65 in 2011 and the current health care workforce retires at increasing rates. The center’s objective is to address these critical issues affecting the health care setting and respond with innovative solutions in an effort to ensure the growth and stability of the future health care workforce.

Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) Project Grant Program – Grants to carry out projects related to recreation, conservation and historical preservation (non-profit agencies in cities of the first class may also apply, but only for projects involving the removal of graffiti and the repair of institutional vandalism.)

Grant recipients receive the services of a PCC crew (all wages paid) for one year. May also receive the funds to pay for the materials and contracted services needed (municipalities and school districts must supply a 25 percent cash match).

Applications for this grant are taken annually in the Fall.

Contact – Pennsylvania Conservation Corps at 1 (888) 577-4722 or e-mail: pcc@dli.state.pa.us.

Planning/Capacity-Building Grants – The Planning/Capacity-Building grants for community-based, faith-based and educational institutions to develop the infrastructure necessary to operate an AmeriCorps grant, and to build capacity.

There is a match requirement. These are federal funds and subject to federal as well as state regulations.

PennSERVE currently has no Planning/Capacity-Building grants available.

PennSERVE special grants – Awarded on rare occasions. The terms of these special grants are dictated by the funding source and PennSERVE acts primarily as a pass-thru and oversight agency.

For additional information on grant opportunities, and on the types of programs currently funded, visit: www.pennserve.state.pa.us.

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Regional Career Education Partnerships for Youth (RCEPs) – The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established Regional Career Education Partnerships for Youth (RCEPs) to help students (and their parents) make informed choices about the education and training they need to pursue careers in high growth industries so that they can acquire jobs that are in demand and earn higher wages. These RCEPs work to give students better opportunities to gain the knowledge and skills critical for success in college and careers.

Over the past two years, almost 235,000 students have connected to more than 9,000 businesses that provide them with career awareness and work based learning opportunities like job shadowing, mentoring, paid and unpaid internships, and apprenticeships. It is proven that when these kinds of experiences are combined with rigorous academics and career related skills development; students are more successful in high school and through post secondary education, and ultimately on the job.

Employers visit classrooms and talk to students about the knowledge, skills, and education levels that they will need to get the good paying jobs of the future. Employers also work with teachers to help develop lesson plans and even open their doors to provide teachers and counselors educator in the workplace opportunities, many times offering Act 48 credits.

Contact – Toni Strong at (717) 705 8819

Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania – Scholars in Service to PA is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only program. This means that participating students enroll as AmeriCorps members on a part-time basis and receive a partial Education Award at the end of their term. Students who complete 450 hours of service in 1 year earn an award of \$1,250. The award can be used to pay for any legitimate educational expenses at their current undergraduate institution or to pay for future educational expenses.

Second round of applications due on November 30, 2008.

Visit www.state.pa.us, keyword PennSERVE for more information.

TAA Job Search and Relocation Allowances – In addition to training-related benefits, the TAA Program also can assist workers’ expenses incurred in seeking employment outside a certified worker’s normal commuting area if a suitable job is not available in the area.

Job search allowances reimburse 90 percent of the total costs of allowable travel and subsistence, up to \$1,250. If workers have to relocate to accept employment out of the commuting area, TAA can reimburse them 90 percent of the cost to move them and their families and includes a lump sum payment equal to three times the worker’s average weekly wage (but no more than \$1,250) to help them get settled.

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Trade Adjustment Assistance – The Trade Act’s Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program helps trade-affected workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in production out of the United States. TAA can provide funding for tuition, books and supplies for classroom training, and basic or remedial education, which may include training in literacy or English as a second language.

Occupational Training is targeted to a specific occupation and provided to help certified workers secure employment at a skill level similar to, or higher than, their layoff employment, and sustain that employment at the best wage available.

Based on the individual’s existing skills and labor market conditions, training will be of the shortest duration necessary to return the individual to employment, with a maximum duration of 104 weeks. TAA can also pay 50 percent of the salary for on-the-job training and customized training designed to meet the needs of a specific employer or group of employers.

More information on TAA benefits is available by calling the UC Service Center or visiting a Pennsylvania CareerLink and requesting the pamphlet, UCP-11 or UCP-11 (A), *Assistance for Workers Under the Trade Act of 1974*. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to apply for these benefits, please contact the UC Service Center or visit a Pennsylvania CareerLink.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) – The WOTC provides a private-for-profit employer with tax savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. WOTC targets short- and long-term TANF recipients; Food Stamp recipients; Veterans on Food Stamps; disabled Veterans; recent vocational rehabilitation customers who received services through a state plan for vocational Rehabilitation or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); Supplemental Security Income recipients; ex-felons; designated community residents and summer youth living in a Renewal Community, Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, or Rural Renewal Community.

For most target groups mentioned above the WOTC is 40 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages, for a maximum credit of \$2,400 (exceptions to these amounts apply to some target groups). A new hire must be employed at least 180 days or 400 hours. A partial credit of 25 percent is permitted for employees working between 120 and 399 hours.

Additional information, forms and instructions, can be downloaded from www.dli.state.pa.us. Click on “Businesses and Organizations”; click on “Financial Incentives/Resources”; click on “Employment Tax Credits”; click on “Work Opportunity Tax Credit” or contact a representative at a PA CareerLink Office, Pennsylvania County Assistance Office, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the Tax Credit Coordination Services at: 1 (800) 345-2555.

The Commonwealth’s Workforce Development Agencies are working together to keep Pennsylvania competitive and create opportunity for our citizens. For more information about any of these programs, or other workforce development initiatives, contact the Workforce Development Office at (717) 705-5866.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us>

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Education Assistance Program (Act 11 of 2000) – This public service grant provides funds to help cover the cost of tuition for eligible Pennsylvania National Guard members who attend approved institutions of higher learning located in Pennsylvania.

Grants are available to eligible PA National Guard members for 100 percent of the tuition cost for full-time students (12 or more credits) at a State System of Higher Education (SSHE) school. Those members attending a non-SSHE school would be eligible to receive the equivalent amount, \$2,588, or their actual tuition cost, whichever is less per semester. PA National Guard members that do not possess a bachelor’s degree and are enrolled as a part-time student (3 to 11 credits) can receive 100 percent of their tuition or \$1,725 per semester, whichever amount is less; those members possessing a bachelor’s degree would be eligible to receive 50 percent of their tuition or \$862 per semester, whichever amount is less.

Members that were deployed to a combat zone will have their eligibility for EAP extended for a period of one year or for one additional month for each month of service, whichever is longer. Eligible EAP members who were ordered to active Federal service or active State duty will have benefits extended for one additional month for each month of service.

Eligible members discharged after 11 September 2001 because of a line of duty injury will have extended EAP benefits for 6 years from the date of the “Medical” discharge.

Contact – PA Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs, Education Center at:
1 (866) 920-7902.

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA)

<http://www.pema.state.pa.us>

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Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the U.S. Funds are used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

Must obtain a DUNS number.
For additional information go to the U.S. Fire Administration Web site:
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants – The purpose of this grant program is to increase effectiveness in safely handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014

All 67 counties are eligible to apply. These grants require a 20 percent county match; the match may be accomplished with county or state Hazardous Materials Response Fund grants, or as a “soft-match”, such as the value of in-kind contributions. Counties may receive grants in both planning and training programs. Grants under this program are on a reimbursable basis – expenditures are reimbursed after completion of activities or contractual obligations.

Hazardous Materials Response Fund – The fund is designed to provide supplemental emergency preparedness funding for chemical emergency plans by Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and industry, acquisition of hazardous materials response team equipment, public Right-to-Know education, chemical industry awareness and compliance, and training and exercises. All 67 counties are eligible.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014

Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System (IFLOWS) – PEMA, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the National Weather Service (NWS), operates and maintains a flash flood warning system in flood sensitive areas encompassing some 30 counties across the Commonwealth. This system, known as IFLOWS, relies on radio reporting rain and stream gauges which provide rainfall and stream level data via radio and satellite to counties, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), PEMA Area Offices and the National Weather Service offices serving Pennsylvania. The IFLOWS system also provides an alarm feature for local and state/NWS use.

No new county sites are being funded by NWS for this program due to funding constraints at the federal level.
Contact – Wendall West at: (717) 651-2013; wwest@state.pa.us.

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Radiological Emergency Response Fund (RERF) – Provides funding for the development of a detailed fixed nuclear emergency response plan for areas surrounding each nuclear electrical facility, nuclear fabrication and away-from-reactor storage facility located in the Commonwealth; the training and equipping of state and local emergency response personnel; the periodic exercise of accident scenarios and the procurement of specialized supplies and equipment.

Contact – PEMA Grant Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014 for further information.

Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Fund (RTERF) – The fund provides grants to the 47 counties that have an approved Nuclear Regulatory Commission/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania route for the shipment of spent nuclear fuel within 5 miles of their jurisdictional borders. Financial assistance is provided to respond to accidents involving the shipment of spent nuclear fuel. Counties may apply one time during a fiscal year for a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.

Contact – PEMA Grants Coordinator at: (717) 651-2014 for further information.
 Note – Grants are not currently available under this program due to insufficient funds in the dedicated account. These funds are generated by user fees.
 PEMA is the point of contact for required forms when a state and federal disaster has been declared. Individuals can readily obtain the following forms: Individual Assistance Forms, Public Assistance Forms, Federal Public Assistance References and Forms, Hazard Mitigation Forms, Hazardous Material Forms and 911. The following Web page is a direct link to these forms:
<http://www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/cwp/browse.asp?a=585&bc=0&c=45241&pemaNav=#911>.

Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program – Grants range from \$2,500 to no more than \$15,000 per volunteer fire company applicant, or more than \$10,000 per volunteer ambulance service, unless the applicant is comprised of two groups that had previously merged.

Applications deadlines for each fiscal year vary.
 For more information on the grant process or to apply online, visit the Office of the State Fire Commissioner Web site at: www.osfc.state.pa.us. Anyone needing assistance with the application may contact the OSFC at: ra-vfcvasgp@state.pa.us.

Volunteer Loan Assistance Program – The Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) provides loans at a fixed 2 percent interest rate to volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies for the acquisition, rehabilitation or improvement of apparatus, facilities and equipment.

For more information contact Cheryl Ritter, VLAP Coordinator, (717) 651-2205, critter@state.pa.us or the VLAP staff at 1 (800) 670-3473 or (717) 651-2200 or via e-mail using fire@state.pa.us.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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The grants listed are from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Any grant that an entity applies for in the state of Pennsylvania is administered through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

Contact – Roland R. Metz, Director
 Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security
 2605 Interstate Drive
 Harrisburg, PA 17110
 (717) 651-2715

The following information is from <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=18>.

The Department of Homeland Security enhances the ability of states, local and tribal jurisdictions, and other regional authorities in the preparation, prevention, and response to terrorist attacks and other disasters, by distributing grant funds. Localities can use grants for planning, equipment, training and exercise needs. These grants include, but are not limited to areas of

- Port Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Regional and Local Mass Transit Systems
- Equipment and Training for First Responders
- Homeland Security Grants

The Office of Grants and Training, a component of the Preparedness Directorate, as part of its mission, oversees the distribution of these grants. For more information on these and other grants contact the Office of Grants and Training.

Contact – The Office of Grants & Training
 810 Seventh St., N.W.
 Washington, DC 20531

G&T Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID), 1 (800) 368-6498, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday, Fax: (202) 786-9920

Questions or Comments – askcsid@dhs.gov

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Educational Assistance Program for Pa. National Guard
 – Provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a service commitment with Pa. National Guard, typically for a period of six years. The maximum award for a full-time student is equivalent to the institution tuition or the PASSHE tuition (100 percent) charged to a Pennsylvania resident, whichever is less.

Contact – 1 (800) GO GUARD or visit:
<http://www.paguard.com>.

Horace Mann Bond-Leslie Pinckney Hill Scholarship Program – Scholarship to graduates of Lincoln University and Cheyney University who enter law, medicine or dentistry at Temple University, Penn State University or the University of Pittsburgh.

Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Students should apply for a Pennsylvania State Grant & Federal Pell Grant by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year.

Pennsylvania State Grant Program – Grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial aid to attend an approved postsecondary school as an undergraduate student.

Full Time: Up to \$4,700 per year for full-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$600 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$800 at an out-of-state school).

Part Time: Up to \$2,350 per year for part-time students at a Pennsylvania school or up to \$300 at an out-of-state school (veterans eligible for up to \$400 at an out-of-state school).

Veterans: Qualified veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces are eligible for special consideration for a Pennsylvania State Grant while enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate student.

Application Deadline – May 1 – immediately preceding academic year.

File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.

Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

PHEAA Academic Excellence Scholarship Award – available to Pennsylvania State Grant recipients who meet the eligibility requirements of the federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, but do not receive funding through the Byrd program.

Application Deadline – must be received by May 1.

Must attend a Pennsylvania institution. Qualified Byrd applicants will automatically be considered. No additional application process required.

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<p>Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program – Grant program assists children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue and ambulance squad members, correction employees, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and National Guard members who died in the line of duty, by providing a waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board charges at Pennsylvania state-owned, state-related and community colleges.</p>	<p>Available for a maximum of five academic years to students whose parents have died in the line of duty since January 1, 1976. Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.</p>
<p>POW-MIA Program – Provides special state grants to children of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who served on active duty after January 31, 1955 and who has been a prisoner of war or reported missing in action and was a Pennsylvania resident for 12 months prior to active duty service.</p>	<p>Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392</p>
<p>Private Scholarships – Funds provided by civic clubs, professional organizations, labor unions and private businesses.</p>	<p>Review the financial aid section of the college catalog for more information. Check out http://www.EducationPlanner.org.</p>
<p>Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program – Federal program that provides funds to offer merit scholarships to high school seniors.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – May 1 Must be in the top 5 percent of high school class, have a 3.5 GPA or higher, and have a combined SAT score of 1150 or an ACT score of 25 or above. Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392 or (717) 720-2800</p>
<p>Workforce Advancement Grant for Education (WAGE) – Block grants to institutions, including vocational and technical education programs, to provide funds for Pennsylvania adult students who don't qualify for awards from the Pennsylvania State Grant Program. WAGE is only for Pennsylvania residents who have been classified as independent students in accordance with federal requirements.</p>	<p>Contact the financial aid office of the institution you attend to see if they participate and for eligibility requirements.</p>
<p>LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS</p>	
<p>Agricultural Education Loan Forgiveness – State program helps agriculture and veterinary medicine graduates repay their student loans (up to \$2,000 per year for each year of qualifying employment – \$10,000 lifetime maximum limit). Eligibility now includes borrowers in their first year of full-time employment teaching an agriculture curriculum.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – November 15, 2008. Applicants must hold a degree in a field related to the production of agricultural products or veterinary medicine; or a current teacher certification in agriculture from a Pa. institution. Contact – PHEAA, Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Program at: 1 (800) 233-0557.</p>

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Armed Forces Loan Forgiveness – up to \$2,500 in a one-time payment for eligible federal loan borrowers who served in the Armed Forces in an active duty status between September 11, 2001 and December 31, 2007.

Application Deadline – June 30, 2009.
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit www.pheaa.org.

Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program – Provides up to \$5,000 in loan forgiveness for eligible full-time elementary and secondary school teachers (up to \$17,500 for highly qualified mathematics, science and special education teachers of children with disabilities).

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Loan Forgiveness Program for State Veterans Home Nurses – An incentive for nurses graduating in 2007 to accept employment in a Pennsylvania state veterans home. Forgives up to 50 percent, to a maximum of \$10,000, of student loan debt over three years of employment.

Application Deadline – December 31, 2008.
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit www.pheaa.org.

Nursing Loan Forgiveness for Healthier Futures – An incentive for new graduates to enter the field of nursing in direct patient care or as a nurse educator. Forgives up to 25 percent of student loan debt (to a maximum of \$12,500) over three years of qualifying employment at a participating, licensed Pennsylvania facility.

Application Deadline – December 31, 2008 for all applicants who graduate in 2007.
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit www.pheaa.org

Quality Early Education Loan Forgiveness – for qualified professionals who make a maximum gross annual income of no more than \$30,000 from full-time employment in an approved Pa. child-care center, family day care home, Head Start program facility or group day care home. Forgives up to \$3,300 per year for three years.

Must be a Pennsylvania resident and have a current, outstanding balance on a federally insured Stafford loan that is guaranteed and serviced by AES/PHEAA
 Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 233-0557 or visit www.pheaa.org.

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NEW ECONOMY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS (NETS)

Students must complete a FAFSA each year in order to be considered for NETS aid.

SciTech Scholarship Program – Provides up to \$3,000 (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board and a \$700 allowance for books) per year for a maximum of three years to students who are enrolled full time in certain majors to educate and retain a workforce of highly trained technology experts

Application Deadline – December 31 of current academic year.
 Must be enrolled full time as at least a sophomore, and have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher at the time of application. Must maintain 3.0 grade point average and must agree to work full-time in Pennsylvania after graduation, one year for each year a scholarship is received.
Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Technology Scholarship Program – Provides up to \$1,000 (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board and a \$700 allowance for books) per year to persons who do not seek a four-year education but want to succeed in a technology-based economy. The Technology Scholarship is available to full and part-time students.

Application Deadline – December 31
 Must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Must agree to work full-time in Pennsylvania after graduation, one year for each year a scholarship is received.
Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

KEYSTONE FAMILY OF LOAN PROGRAMS

KeystoneBEST Loan Program – Low-cost Stafford loan program. The estimated savings to borrowers (using a \$10,000 loan balance) over the life of the loan is \$2,300.

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

KeystoneEXTRA Loan Program – Provides a private supplemental loan to give students the opportunity to borrow up to \$7,500 per year for undergraduates and \$15,000 per year for graduate students. Exhaust all Stafford Loan options first.

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 343-1809.

KeystonePLUS Loan Program – Helps parents of dependent undergraduate students pay the difference between the actual cost of higher education and the amount covered by financial aid.

There is no family income limit.
Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Keystone Stafford Loans – Funds available to help Pa. students and residents who have family incomes of less than \$21,000.

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

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FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Federal Pell Grant – Federal (non-repayable) grant funds available, depending upon financial need. Provides between \$400 and \$4,310 annually.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Federal Perkins Loan – Loans of up to \$4,000 annually for undergraduate students at 5 percent interest rate with up to a 10-year repayment option. Graduate students may borrow up to \$6,000 annually.

Note – Perkins loans were not funded by the federal government for the 2006-07 academic year. Check with the financial aid officer of the college you attend to see if funds are available for 2008-09.

Federal PLUS Loan – Long-term loans that provide funds to cover the difference between educational costs and other financial aid for dependent undergraduates.

Contact – PHEAA Student Loan Department at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Federal Stafford Loan – Long-term, low-cost education loans to students from private lending institutions for their program of study.

Must apply using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
Contact – PHEAA Student Loan Department at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) – Grants ranging from \$100 to \$4,050 annually for undergraduate students. Priority given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants.

Contact – PHEAA State Grant & Special Programs Division at: 1 (800) 692-7392.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

VA Dependents Educational Assistance Program – Provides funds to students who are the children of a parent who has a permanent disability or who died as a result of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Contact – Local Veterans Administration Office.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program – Provides financial aid and support services to students with hearing, sight and other disabilities.

Contact – Local Vocational Rehabilitation Office.

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Gate Student Loan Program – Private loan that offers low interest rates, no payments during enrollment and a 13-year graduated repayment schedule. Available to 78 schools nationwide, including Lycoming College, Williamsport.

Contact – AES West Coast at: 1 (800) 645-0750.

Institutional Assistance Grants Program – Payments are based on the number of full-time equivalent state grant recipients certified as enrolled at IAG-eligible institutions during the academic year. Eligible institutions must be independent, operated not for profit and approved for purposes of the Pennsylvania State Grant Program and must not be a state-owned college or university, a state-related university or a community college. For the last several years, the appropriation legislation has excluded any institution that is the recipient of a direct state appropriation.

PrepGate Private School Loan Program – Provides assistance for virtually every type of private K-12 educational program. There is no charge to apply for the loan. Debt to income ratio not to exceed 50 percent.

A credit bureau report will be obtained for each applicant.

Contact – PHEAA at: 1 (800) 343-1809.

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SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Access Home Modification Program – Provides non-interest bearing second mortgage loans (from \$1,000 to \$10,000) to assist persons with disabilities or who have a family member(s) living in the household with disabilities who are purchasing homes and need to make accessibility modifications. This program provides a deferred payment loan, with no interest, and no repayment, as long as the buyer occupies the home as a primary residence.

Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.

Closing Cost Assistance Program – Deferred payment non-interest bearing closing cost assistance loan of up to \$2,000. It’s a no-interest second mortgage that does not require repayment until the first mortgage is paid in full or the home is sold, refinanced, transferred (except transfers by inheritance or between spouses), or is no longer occupied as the borrower’s primary residence.

Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.

Future Home Buyer Program – Program designed to help teach high school students the importance of budgeting, the use of credit and the ramifications of abuse of credit and inform them of some of the everyday legal concerns they may soon face.

Contact – Yolanda Garcia at: (717) 780-4033

HERO – Homeowners’ Equity Recovery Opportunity – Designed to improve the financial situation of Pennsylvanians who are not able to afford their current mortgage payments. The HERO program is an option for those homeowners not eligible for the REAL Program due to credit issues or owing more than their home is worth.

Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.

HOMEstead Second Mortgage Program – Provides non-interest bearing second mortgage loans for down payments and closing costs. Loans range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. No repayment is required until payoff of the first mortgage or sale, transfer or non-owner occupancy of the property and are forgiven on an annual basis over five years. Not available in all areas of the Commonwealth.

First time home buying families with at least one child or persons with disabilities. Limited to borrowers with incomes at or below 80 percent of their county’s median income.

Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.

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<p>Keystone Home Loan PLUS Program – Offers PHFA’s lowest rate financing, below-market origination fees and closing cost assistance for families with children or persons with disabilities buyers having incomes at or below approximately 80 percent of their county’s median income for the county in which they plan to purchase their first home.</p> <p>Applicants who meet additional eligibility requirements may also be eligible for closing cost assistance of up to \$2,000. No origination fees are charged for these loans. Available with conventional, FHA, VA and RDHS loans types.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.</p>
<p>Keystone Home Loan Program – Provides 30-year, fixed-rate home mortgage loans with lower-than-market interest rates to qualifying home buyers.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.</p>
<p>PENNVEST – Individual On-Lot Sewage System Loans – Program provides up to \$25,000 for 20-year, very low interest rate loans to homeowners for the repair or upgrade of malfunctioning on-lot sewage systems in rural areas. These loans are insured under the FHA Title I Home Improvement Loan Program. Family income may not exceed 150 percent of the statewide median household income, adjusted annually for inflation.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.</p>
<p>PHFA/RHS Joint Financing Program – Provides 100 percent financing to low-income families in rural Pennsylvania who are first-time homebuyers. Funding is provided through a partnership between PHFA and the Rural Housing Service (RHS) of the United States Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p>Contact – State Rural Housing Service office at: (717) 237-2186, which will direct them to the nearest local office or PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.</p>
<p>Purchase-Improvement Program – Program allows borrowers to make up to \$15,000 in home improvements in conjunction with the purchase of a home with an agency first mortgage loan. This can include repairs, alterations or modifications to improve the basic livability, accessibility, energy efficiency or safety of the property.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.</p>
<p>REAL – Refinance to an Affordable Loan Program – Provides a refinancing option to homeowners with an unaffordable mortgage. It offers an attractive 30-year fixed rate, flexible credit underwriting, and 100 percent financing.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174.</p>
<p>Renovate & Repair Program – Homeowners may borrow up to \$35,000 for as long as 20 years to make repairs and improvements to their homes. Provides attractive financing as well as assistance with construction management.</p>	<p>Contact – PHFA’s Homeownership Programs Division at: 1 (800) 822-1174 or www.phfa.org.</p>

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MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Construction Loan Program – Program makes below market-rate construction loans available to sponsors of rental housing projects who have permanent take-out financing from other lenders. At least 20 percent of the residents of the development must have incomes that do not exceed 80 percent of the area’s median income.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program – Provides owners of and investors in affordable rental housing developments with tax credits that offer a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their tax liability (the credit may be taken for up to ten years). Provides federal tax incentives for the development and preservation of affordable multifamily housing for families of lower income, senior citizens, handicapped individuals and homeless persons.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876 or Tax Credit Program Department at: (717) 780-3948.

PennHOMES Program – Program, offers interest-free, deferred payment loans to support the development of rental housing for residents who meet income guidelines. The loans can be structured as primary or secondary mortgage loans. The source of the funds for the program include Agency reserves and federal HOME dollars provided as a subrecipient to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

Taxable and Tax Exempt Bond Financing – Program provides financing at competitive rates to developers building, rehabilitating, or preserving rental housing developments. The rates are made competitive through the sale of Agency tax exempt and taxable bonds. Mortgage provided through Agency bond proceeds must be secured by a first lien position on the property.

Contact – PHFA’s Development Division at: (717) 780-3876.

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First Time Homeownership Counseling – Provides funds for Homebuyer Workshops and Pre-purchase Counseling with the goal of expanding homeownership opportunities, educating consumers about the home buying experience, predatory lending and creating a network of counselors covering all phases of the homeownership experience.

Contact – Yolanda Garcia, (717) 780-4033.

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Homeownership Choice Programs – The Homeownership Construction Initiative and Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative offer funding to development proposals which provide ownership opportunities through new construction or renovation of vacant homes, turning blighted, urban areas into attractive neighborhoods. Proposals are submitted as joint applications of non-profit organizations, for-profit builders and municipalities. HCP is intended to be part of a municipality’s comprehensive approach to increasing housing investment.

PHFA periodically issues Requests for Proposals on the Web site, www.phfa.org.

Contact – Robert Bobincheck,
(717) 780-1801 or Jennifer Gerace,
(717) 780-3910.

Mixed Use Facility Funding Initiative – Provides funds for small-scale, mixed-use neighborhood revitalization efforts situated in commercial corridors around the state. Goals of this effort are to help stabilize and revitalize commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Proposals must be for one to 20 family residential structures and include one or more storefront commercial components. Proposals must be financially viable and made by an entity with development experience in the community with the capability to complete the project.

Contact – Robert Bobincheck,
(717) 780-1801 or Jennifer Gerace,
(717) 780-3910.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us

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<p>Child Welfare Systems of Care Program – \$500,000 federal grant awarded as a demonstration project to enable child welfare to build an infrastructure that supports cross systems collaboration in planning for children and families served by multiple agencies.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 772-7016.</p>
<p>Children’s Trust Fund – Grants that provide funding to community-base organizations to develop new and innovative prevention-focused programs to improve overall family functioning and prevent child abuse and neglect. The board issues annual requests for proposals for grant applications.</p>	<p>Contact – The Children’s Trust Fund at: 1 (800) 833-5196.</p>
<p>Developmental Disabilities Council – Provides funding to demonstrate new ways to go about providing services and supports; to break down barriers; to design new systems and to bring about community regeneration.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: 1 (877) 685-4452.</p>
<p>Employment and Job Training for Welfare Clients – Provides employment and training programs through-out Pennsylvania for welfare clients through contracts with organizations qualified to offer such programs.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 787-4048.</p>
<p>Human Services Development Fund – Provides counties with a flexible source of funding to be used within the seven human services programs for which the counties are responsible: Adult Services, Aging, Children & Youth, Drug and Alcohol, Homeless Assistance and the Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation programs.</p>	<p>Contact – DPW at: (717) 772-2521.</p>
<p>Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) – Assistance to help individuals and families pay for winter heating bills. Two types of statewide grants are offered: cash and crisis. Cash grants are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and heating regions. Crisis grants are awarded to families with heating emergencies, such as mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages. Neither grant must be repaid. No lien is placed on the property of families obtaining the grants.</p>	<p>The program opens in November and closes in March or whenever funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>Contact – The Office of Income Maintenance at: (717) 783-3063 or local county assistance office or 1 (866) 857-7095.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Access Grant Program – DPW and DCED Program that provides low- and moderate-income persons with permanent disabilities increased accessibility in their current home by undertaking modifications to the home.</p>	<p>Contact – (717) 214-5341 Web site – www.newPA.com</p>

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Supported Work Program – DPW and DCED Program that prepares and assists public assistance recipients to obtain unsubsidized employment and provides work opportunities for post-24 month cash assistance recipients. Through Community Action Agencies, basic support services, such as transportation and child care reimbursement, are provided.

Contact – (717) 787-1984

Web site: www.newPA.com.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

http://www.revenue.state.pa.us

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Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program – The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program was dramatically expanded in 2006 to increase rebate amounts and give rebates to more older and disabled Pennsylvanians. The expansion increased the income limit from \$15,000 to \$35,000 for homeowners and boosted the maximum rebate for both homeowners and renters from \$500 to \$650. Since the program’s expansion, the number of eligible applicants has more than doubled, and about 600,000 residents are expected to benefit from rebates this year.

Applicants can exclude one-half (1/2) of their Social Security income, so people who make substantially more than \$35,000 may still qualify for a rebate.

Homeowners can receive:

Income	Standard Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250

Renters can receive:

Income	Standard Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

Now that slots gaming has generated enough revenue to provide general property tax relief for all Pennsylvania homeowners, additional benefits are available through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program to senior homeowners who need it the most – those with high property tax burdens and those living in cities of high tax burden. In fact, an estimated 68,000 senior homeowners will have property taxes completely eliminated as supplemental property tax rebates through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program combine with general property tax relief.

These supplemental rebates, equal to 50 percent of each qualifying taxpayer’s standard rebate, are automatically calculated and awarded to homeowners in Pittsburgh, Scranton and Philadelphia with eligibility incomes of \$30,000 or less, as well as homeowners in the rest of the state who meet the same income-eligibility requirement and pay more than 15 percent of their household incomes on property tax bills. About 187,000 claimants are eligible for supplemental rebates totaling an estimated \$48.5 million in additional property tax relief.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate information and applications are available by calling 1 (888) 222-9190 or visiting www.papropertytaxrelief.com. The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2007 has been extended until December 31, 2008.

Research and Development Tax Credit – Allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to the buyer(s). Businesses qualifying for the federal Research and Development tax credit and making research and development investments in Pennsylvania are eligible. It is used for applied research and development expenditures. 10 percent tax credit of company’s increased research and development expenses over a base period (prorated to not exceed \$15 million annual cap for all businesses); Up to 20 percent of total pool set aside for small businesses Applicable to CNI, CSFT and PIT tax liability; Unused credits may be carried over for up to 15 succeeding taxable years.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, (717) 787-8201.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

<http://www.dos.pa.us>

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HAVA County Grant – The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) includes substantial funding to assist states and their potential subdivisions to accomplish many of HAVA’s mandates. The Department of State received Pennsylvania’s share of these funds. The department has established guidelines for the disbursement of these federal subsidies.

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Only counties may apply. Funding can be used for the procurement and replacement of voting systems and for polling place accessibility.

Under the Commonwealth’s State Plan, each county must complete a County Plan before it can receive a grant from the Commonwealth’s share of requirements payments under Title II of HAVA, which by far represents the largest pool of Federal funding under HAVA.

Contact – Director, Bureau of Finance and Operations, Room 308 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Phone: (717) 783-9195.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT)

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us>

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BUREAU OF AVIATION

Aviation Development Program – State funded program that provides funds for airport development. This program is funded out of the Aviation Restricted Account which is comprised of a state tax on jet fuel sold in Pennsylvania. Eligible projects are funded up to 75 percent state, 25 percent local funds. Available only to public use airports.

Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,
e-mail: elocke@state.pa.us.

Capital Budget /Aviation Transportation Assistance Program – State funded program that provides funds for improvement projects to airports with public sponsors. Federally eligible projects can be funded up to 75 percent and non-federally eligible for 50 percent. The remaining share is paid by the local sponsor/owner. Letters are sent to eligible sponsors prior to release. Available only to airports with public sponsors. Projects must be in an active Capital Budget bill.

Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,
e-mail: elocke@state.pa.us.

Federal Airport Improvement Program – Federally funded program administered by the Bureau of Aviation as a block grant state. Provides funds for airport development. Eligible projects are funded with 95 percent federal, 2.5 percent state and 2.5 percent local funds. Available to general aviation and non-primary commercial airports that are either publicly owned or designated relievers.

Qualifying airports must be listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,
e-mail: elocke@state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank-Aviation (PIB) – Revolving loan fund administered by PennDot for eligible airport development at public-use airports. Interest rate is one-half the prime lending rate. Maximum loan term of 10 years.

Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,
e-mail: elocke@state.pa.us.

Real Estate Aviation Tax Rebates – Program funded through tax on aviation gas (for propeller-driven piston aircraft) and limited to taxes collected in the previous year. Provides reimbursement equal to the amount of local real estate taxes paid for aviation-related areas (non-revenue producing). Eligible grant requests exceeding funds available are prorated.

Application Deadline – February 1 for taxes paid the preceding year.
Contact – Eric Locke, (717) 705-1230,
e-mail: elocke@state.pa.us.

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BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Highway Safety Grant Program – Federally funded program that provides funds for highway safety initiatives. Eligible grant recipients must be governmental units. Local matching funds may be required based on the section of funding per NHTSA.

Grants are awarded to support Pennsylvania's Comprehensive Strategic Highway Safety Improvement Plan (CSHSIP). Funds are granted to perform data driven and result oriented specific activities to implement strategies identified in the CSHSIP.

September 30 – Grant proposals must be submitted in writing to be considered by the Safety Advisory Committee (SAC).

Grantees are required to adhere to all pre-approval criteria to include; concise problem identification, agency qualifications, and a detailed action plan. Additionally, all grantees must comply with all reporting requirements as well as participation in intermittent and final performance assessments.

Contact – Lou Rader, (717) 783-1901, e-mail: lrader@state.pa.us.

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor Vehicle Titling and Registration for Totally Disabled Veterans – Vehicles of totally disabled veterans whose disability has been certified as service-connected will not be charged a fee for the titling and registration of their vehicle. Documentation certifying disability from the service unit of the armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration as being service connected needs to be attached to the MV-1 (for initially titled vehicles) or to the registration renewal form issued by the Department.

Contact – PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17104; phone: 1 (800) 932-4600. www.dmv.state.pa.us.

Reduced Motor Vehicle Registration – Retired persons can register their automobiles for a \$10 fee instead of \$36 fee.

Those eligible must be a retired Pa resident receiving Social Security or pension/annuities that do not exceed \$19,200 annually. A completed MV-371 is required.

Contact – local county Area Agency on Aging or PennDOT Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Riverfront Office Center, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104; phone: 1 (800) 932-4600.

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BUREAU OF RAIL FREIGHT, PORTS AND WATERWAYS

Capital Budget Rail Freight Assistance – State funded program that provides financial assistance to railroads and users of the rail freight transportation system for rail freight maintenance and construction projects.

An annual grant program with a current funding allocation of \$30 million. Only entities that have an authorization in a current Capital Budget Act are eligible to apply.

Eligible types of project include rail maintenance and construction. Maximum state funding for both types of projects is 70 percent of the total project cost, but shall not exceed the line item amount authorized by the specific capital budget bill containing the budget authorization.

Applications typically accepted mid summer through early fall of each year. Applications deadlines can be found on PennDOT’s Web site at: www.dot.state.pa.us.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application, go to: www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants.

Contact – Lugene Bastian, (717) 783-8763, e-mail: lbastian@state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for Rail Freight Projects – This is a PennDOT operated revolving loan fund that offers flexible financing opportunities for eligible transportation improvement projects throughout the Commonwealth.

Rail Infrastructure Construction and Rehabilitation projects are the types of projects financed. The interest rate on PIB loans is fixed at one-half the prime lending rate with terms up to 10 years.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis. The PIB Handbook, which contains additional information and the PIB loan application are available at: www.dot.state.pa.us.

Contact – James Smedley, (717) 772-1772, e-mail: jsmedley@state.pa.us.

Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) – Provides state funded financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve rail freight service and stimulate economic development through the generation of new or expanded rail freight service.

RFAP is an annual grant program with a current funding allocation of \$11 million. The maximum state funding for any project is \$700,000, or no greater than 70 percent of the actual total project cost, whichever is less. The funding for the construction portion of any project can not exceed \$250,000. The final grant award will be based upon actual bid costs or agreed upon prices if work is to be performed by your own labor forces.

Types of projects eligible for funding:

- Maintenance – includes replacement of ties, rail, plates, turnouts & other track materials. See PennDOT’s Web site (www.dot.state.pa.us) for more details.
- Construction – consists of the cost to purchase ties, rail, ballast & other track material to construct a railroad line (where none exists) or rail associated facility.

Applications typically accepted late summer through fall of each year. Applications deadlines can be found on PennDOT’s Web site at: www.dot.state.pa.us.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the PennDOT Grant Management System. To access the application, go to: www.dot34.state.pa.us/egrants.

Applications compete for funding and all projects are scored and ranked and receive funding based on the total score received. (We typically receive double the amount of funding requests for the available funding.)

Contact – Lugene Bastian, (717) 783-8763, e-mail: lbastian@state.pa.us.

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BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation Operating Assistance – State funding is provided to help cover the operating costs of the 53 transit systems offering fixed route public transportation in the Commonwealth. Routine maintenance of facilities and vehicles is also eligible under this program. Funding is distributed based on a legislative formula. Local matching funds must be provided in order to receive funding.

Application Deadline – June 30.
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or lacollins@state.pa.us.

TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

State funding is provided to local operators of public transportation systems to cover the costs of capital improvements which include purchase/overhaul of public transportation facilities and vehicles (including buses, rail passenger vehicles, administrative and maintenance facilities, shop tools, equipment, two way communication systems, transfer centers, bus shelters, etc.). All capital projects must be included in the state capital program to be eligible for funds. Funds are distributed based on need in the following programs.

Asset Improvement Program – Funds distributed based on needs as determined by the Department. This program will require a local match.

Legislation enacted July 2007
 Application Deadline – To be determined
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or lacollins@state.pa.us.

Capital Improvements Program – Funding distributed by formula to transit agencies based on ridership. This program requires no local match.

Legislation enacted July 2007
 Application Deadline – To be determined
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or lacollins@state.pa.us.

Community Transportation Capital Equipment – State and federal funds are available annually for the purposes of replacing and/or upgrading equipment used to provide community transportation/shared ride services. Funds may also be used to purchase, construct and/or renovate shared-ride office and maintenance facilities.

Application Deadline – January 31
 Eligibility – All counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.
 Contact – John Levitsky, (717)787-1206 or jlevitsky@state.pa.us.

Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens: Senior citizens may ride free on local fixed route bus, trolley, subway elevated and commuter rail services during all hours of service. Senior citizens will pay \$1 per trip for commuter rail service.

Application Deadline – No deadline
 Eligibility – A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for free transportation on a participating transit system. All providers of fixed route transportation services are eligible to participate.
 Contact – John Swindler, (717)346-9983 or jswindler@state.pa.us.

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Intercity Bus Assistance Program – PennDOT contracts with municipalities and private intercity bus companies to provide scheduled, fixed route service along routes which are considered essential links in the regional/statewide network of intercity bus services, but which cannot be financially supported solely from user fares. Intermodal terminals that are publicly owned may receive capital funding under this program. This program provides both state and federal funds and requires a match equivalent to state funding for operating assistance.

Application Deadline – No deadline
 Contact – Robert Sharp, (717) 783-9461 or rosharp@state.pa.us.

Intercity Rail Passenger Program – PennDOT contracts with AMTRAK for rail passenger service in the Philadelphia-to-Harrisburg corridor to complement services provided within the Commonwealth by AMTRAK as part of their national rail passenger service network. Capital improvements and operating costs may be supported under this program.

Application Deadline – No deadline
 Contact – Robert Sharp, (717) 783-9461 or rosharp@state.pa.us.

New Initiatives – Funds may be available for capital funding for new or expanded fixed guideway systems that use and occupy a separate right of way or rail used exclusively for public transportation or high occupancy vehicles. This program will require local matching funds.

Legislation enacted July 2007
 Application Deadline – To be determined
 Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or lacollins@state.pa.us.

Rural Persons with Disabilities Program – This program provides reduced rates on shared-ride transportation services for persons with disabilities in selected counties in Pennsylvania. In those counties, shared-ride trips for persons with disabilities are discounted up to 85 percent if the trip is not eligible under any other funding program. The passenger pays at least 15 percent of the general public shared-ride fare on local shared-ride door-to-door advance reservation transportation service.

Application Deadline – May 1.
 Eligibility – Shared-ride transportation systems in all counties except Allegheny and Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for these funds.
 Contact – Eileen Ogan, (717) 787-1213 or eogan@state.pa.us.

To qualify for the reduced fare, persons with disabilities must present proof of disability to the local shared-ride provider in their county. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance and be willing to share the vehicle with other riders.

Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens – This program enables senior citizens 65 years of age and older to use shared-ride, demand-responsive (normally door-to-door) services and pay only a small percentage of the regular shared-ride fare. A senior citizen or a sponsoring agency pays 15 percent of

Application Deadline – May 1.
 Contact – Eileen Ogan, (717) 787-1213 or eogan@state.pa.us.

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the shared-ride fare and State Lottery proceeds administered by the Department are used to reimburse the participating service provider up to 85 percent of the fare. There are no restrictions on the hours of use other than the service hours of the transportation providers.

A person must be at least 65 years of age to qualify for reduced fare transportation on a participating transit system. Passengers must reserve their trip at least one day in advance and be willing to share the vehicle with other riders.

Transit Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles (section 5310 Program) –

Private, non-profit organizations and dedicated public bodies may apply to pay 80 percent of the purchase costs of new wheelchair accessible vehicles and other related transportation equipment. The remaining 20 percent must be provided by the local applicant. Private, non-profit agencies, some urban and rural transit systems and counties with public transportation are eligible for funding under this program.

Public bodies must be a Shared Ride Coordinator in PennDOT’s Senior Citizens’ Shared Ride program.

Application Deadline – Flexible, but usually January 31.

Contact – Ben Brosius, (717) 787-1211 or bbrosius@state.pa.us.

Transit Research and Demonstration Projects: Funding is available for technical assistance, research projects and short term demonstration projects. Local transportation organizations and municipalities/counties are eligible to apply for this funding. Local funds equal to at least 3.33 percent of the state grant must be provided.

Application Deadline – N/A

Contact – LaVerne Collins, (717) 787-1214 or lacollins@state.pa.us.

Welfare to work (w2w) – State funds are available annually for the purpose of creating programs which address transportation related barriers that prevent low income individuals (incomes less than 235 percent of the Federal Family Poverty Income Guidelines) from accessing employment and being dependable workers. Eligible applicants are county/municipal governments (except Allegheny and Philadelphia), and transportation organizations/authorities. Funding is also available to match federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

Application Deadline – March 30

Contact – John Levitsky, (717) 787-1206 or jlevitsky@state.pa.us.

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BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Agility Program – This innovative, streamlined program is designed to make the most of limited resources by exchanging services between PennDOT District and County maintenance offices and public procurement units such as municipalities, charitable hospitals, school districts, metropolitan and rural planning organizations, volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state and federal government agencies, community colleges, etc. Agility allows the exchange of services, instead of money, between PennDOT and eligible partners. For example, PennDOT may patch potholes along a township road in exchange for having the township’s crew mow along state roads. The program has enabled local governments to accomplish more than they could have with their own limited resources and increased our collective effectiveness and efficiencies for the general public.

Agility Agreements have a contract life of five years and may be renewed in additional five year increments.

An Agility Agreement must be adopted at a public, advertised meeting of the Agility Partner. Services to be exchanged should be of a reasonably equal value and detailed on a single-page Work Plan and approved by PennDOT, the partner and AFSCME.

Contact – Toni Crawford, (717) 705-1333, e-mail: tccrawford@state.pa.us.

Highway Transfer (Turnback) Program – Governor Rendell enacted Act70 in July 2006, amending Act 1983-32 authorizing an increase in the annual maintenance payment rate for all Turnback roads from \$2,500 per mile to \$4,000 per mile. This annual maintenance payment is made in perpetuity for the maintenance of the roadway and is released in April of each year. The objective is to transfer the ownership of state-owned roads that are better suited for local traffic purposes, such as roads that have a low average daily traffic count or would benefit the municipality socially and economically. PennDOT either rehabilitates the roadway before the transfer takes place or provides the municipality with funding to rehabilitate the roadway to improve its quality and service life. Local officials must adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Each PennDOT district office has a turnback coordinator who can assist local governments.

Contact – Bonnie Fields, (717) 214-8686, e-mail: bfields@state.pa.us.

Pilot Roadside Beautification Project – This pilot project is a collaboration between PennDOT’s Bureau of Municipal Services’ Agility Center and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to streamline the installation process of beautification sites on roads and highway right-of-ways. The \$1M pilot project is 100 percent funded by the FHWA. A Design/Build landscape contractor designs and installs each site in partnership with PennDOT and a volunteer Beautification Sponsor Group. To date, there are eight (8) completed beautification sites. The landscape

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contractor maintains each site for a one-year Period of Establishment (POE). At the end of the POE, the site is turned over to the volunteer Beautification Sponsor Group which maintains the site for a 3-year minimum with an option to renew. Since this is a pilot project, only Engineering Districts 1-0, 2-0, 9-0, 10-0, 11-0, and 12-0 are participating. Approval is being sought to expand this pilot project to the remaining Engineering Districts.

Highway beautification not only enhances communities, it helps improve the quality of life for residents by attracting new investments and businesses. Academic studies show that beautified highways reduce stress, frustration, and aggression.

Contact – Tammy McElfresh,
(717) 705-1333, e-mail:
tmcelfresh@state.pa.us.

BUREAU OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

PennDOT’s Local Technical Assistance Program –
PennDOT’s Local Technical Assistance Program offers local governments practical training in efficient maintenance, essential traffic safety, and sound management practices for their roadways and bridges. Training is supplemented by one-on-one technical assistance via phone, email, and site visits and through publications highlighting recent practical technological advances. Most LTAP services are available at little or no cost to municipalities to help them meet their transportation needs.

Contact – Kim Ferroni, (717) 214-8685 or
1 (800) FOR-LTAP, e-mail:
kferroni@state.pa.us or LTAP@state.pa.us.

PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Better Choice – This is a partnership between the Treasury Department, the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association and dozens of independent credit unions that offers consumers a fair and affordable alternative to predatory payday loans. Borrowers can apply for loans of up to \$500 with a fixed application fee of no more than \$25 and annual interest rates of no more than 18 percent. The term of the loans can be as long as 90 days, and borrowers can pay in installments during that period rather than having to make a single, lump sum payment. Better Choice loans are currently available from more than 150 credit union branch offices across the Commonwealth.

Additional information about the Better Choice program is available at: www.pacreditunions.com.

Bureau of Unclaimed Property – The Treasury Department is responsible for returning unclaimed property to its rightful owner(s). Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a “holder,” such as a bank, insurance company or other business or organization, without activity or contact for a period of about five years. The most common types of unclaimed property are savings or checking accounts, stocks, dividends, checks that have not been cashed, certificates of deposit, unclaimed insurance benefits, unused gift certificates, items abandoned in safe deposit boxes or held by police departments. By law, holders must transfer abandoned property to the Treasury Department. Treasury maintains custody of unclaimed property while working hard to return it to its rightful owner(s).

Individuals can search for unclaimed property on the department’s Web site at: www.patreasury.org or by calling 1 (800) 222-2046. Claimants may also use the Web site to check the status of an unclaimed property claim.

Holders needing information about reporting unclaimed property by April 15th of each year may call Treasury at: 1 (800) 379-3999 or visit the department’s Web site at: www.patreasury.org for a copy of the Unclaimed Property Act and to download reporting forms and/or reporting software.

INVEST Program – INVEST is a family of highly rated investment pools designed specifically for local government and nonprofit groups. INVEST is similar in concept to money market funds, offering two rated pools with short-term maturity as well as periodic custom investment opportunities for longer-term investment needs.

Local Governments – Call 1 (866) 300-4603 for the Local Government Investment Pool Application Form. Applications should be directed to The Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Rm. G-22 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Nonprofits – Call 1 (866) 300-4603 for the Community Investment Pool Application Packet. Applications should be directed to: The Pennsylvania Treasury, INVEST Program, Rm. G-22 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

PENNSYLVANIA TREASURY DEPARTMENT

<http://www.patreasury.org>

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KeystoneHELP – KeystoneHELP (Home Energy Loan Program) is a low-interest loan program that helps Pennsylvania homeowners reduce energy costs. Eligible homeowners can obtain unsecured loans of up to \$10,000 for as long as ten years to purchase ENERGY STAR heating or cooling units and other major appliances, or to make other improvements to their homes that will conserve energy and save money.

Information about applying for a KeystoneHELP loan is available at: www.KeystoneHELP.com or at: 1 (888) 232-3477.

*****Note***** KeystoneHELP differs from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides grants to help low-income families pay their heating bills. More information about LIHEAP and about determining eligibility is available from the toll-free Stay Warm PA hotline, 1 (866) 550-4355 or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at: 1 (866) 857-7095.

nowU Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan – The nowU Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) is a college savings plan that provides all of the benefits and advantages of a 529 plan and guarantees that account savings will keep up with the rising cost of tuition inflation. Anyone age 18 or older can open a GSP account, so long as the account owner or beneficiary is a resident of Pennsylvania, with as little as \$25. With a GSP account, families can save for college in a way that meets nearly every need and budget. Accounts can be used for most expenses at almost any college and many career schools.

More information about the GSP is available at: www.pa529gsp.com or by calling 1 (800) 440-4000. The GSP guarantee is a guarantee of the GSP fund and not the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Read the Disclosure Statement carefully for important information about the nowU Pennsylvania Guaranteed Savings Plan.

Pennsylvania taxpayers can deduct contributions to the GSP from their Pennsylvania taxable income up to \$12,000 per beneficiary per year. For married couples, contributions up to \$24,000 per beneficiary are deductible, provided each spouse has taxable income of \$12,000.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RURAL AFFAIRS

www.ruralpa.state.pa.us

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Electrotechnology Applications Center – Provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers to help them increase productivity, improve energy efficiency and achieve and maintain environmental compliance. Helps businesses gain a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and curing processes.

Contact – Electrotechnology Applications Center
 Phone – (610) 861-5081
 Web site – www.etctr.com

Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs – Promotes, coordinated efforts to expand economic and social opportunities for rural Pennsylvania. Council serves as an advocate for the equitable treatment of rural communities through a collaborative partnership of representatives from private and nonprofit sectors and local, state, federal government agencies.

Contact – Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs
 Phone – (717) 705-0431
 E-mail – ruralpa@state.pa.us
 Web site – www.ruralpa.state.pa.us

Rural Community Assistance Program – Resource for community leaders and others who need technical assistance services and training related to rural drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, solid waste programs, housing, economic development, comprehensive community assessment and planning, and compliance with environmental regulations. Staff are fluent in a number of languages and dialects.

Contact – PA Rural Community Assistance
 Phone – (814) 333-2706
 Web site – www.rcap.org

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

www.oa.state.pa.us/oac

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PA Open for Business – Web site offers entrepreneurs “one door” access to business information. Entrepreneurs can explore financial options, download important forms necessary to start and expand a business, and electronically register a business with the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry, Revenue, and State.

Contact – Office of Administration
 Web site – www.paopen4business.state.pa.us.

The following list is from www.paopen4business.state.pa.us under Financial Incentives.

Ben Franklin Technology Partners – Ben Franklin Technology Partners is a statewide network that fosters innovation to stimulate Pennsylvania’s economic growth and prosperity. Operating regionally with four centers strategically located throughout the Commonwealth, Ben Franklin Technology Partners brings together the best of Pennsylvania’s people, ideas, and technology to serve as a catalyst for advancing the state’s knowledge-based economy.

Web site – www.benfranklin.org.

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – DCED has a comprehensive toolbox of bond, grant, loan and tax credit programs to assist businesses and meet the needs of Pennsylvania’s employers by creating and retaining family-sustaining jobs.

Web site – www.newpa.com.

Employment Incentive Payment (EIP) Program – EIP is a Pennsylvania State tax credit in effect through December 31, 2009. By hiring workers who are qualified cash welfare recipient or vocational rehabilitation referrals, an employer can earn tax credits that can be applied to state business taxes.

Web site – <http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=129&Q=67294&landiPNavCtr=|1063|1300|&TNID=2647#2647>.

Incentive/Assistance Programs – Search the [funding & program finder](#) or the [Business Financing Programs Guide \(PDF\)](#) to see if there are any state financial assistance programs available to help your business succeed.

Web site – <http://www.newpa.com/programFinder.aspx>.

Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ) – The KOZ program represents the boldest, more forward-thinking economic development program in the nation because it empowers local communities and has fostered unique state/local and private/public partnerships. State and local taxes are reduced to almost zero through credits, waivers, and comprehensive deductions. The tax abatements, depending on the zone, could remain in effect until 2018. There are 12 regional zones that encompass more than 37,000 acres.

Web site – <http://www.newpa.com/default.aspx?id=345>.

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www.oa.state.pa.us/oac

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Financial Programs – The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture offers many different grants, loans, and other financial programs to promote and support agriculture within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Web site – www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127319&agricultureNav=.

Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC) – WOTC provides employers tax savings as an incentive to hire job seekers with barriers to employment. The WOTC applies to new employees hired before January 1, 2011.

Web site – <http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=129&Q=67287&landiPNavCtr=|1063|1300|&TNID=2646#2646>.

OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

www.budget.state.pa.us

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Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)

– The state’s RACP program is designed to aid community and economic development projects throughout the Commonwealth that demonstrate significant economic impacts to local and regional economies. The RACP program operates as a reimbursement program for eligible project costs including, but not limited to construction, land acquisition, permitting, and any interest costs accrued during construction. Capital projects eligible for RACP funding must have a total project cost of at least \$1 million, with a required 50 percent non-state match.

The process for securing RACP funds begins with the inclusion of a line item authorization for a specific project in the state’s Capital Budget, allocating a certain amount of funding to the project. Act 48 of 2008 amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, increasing the Commonwealth’s debt ceiling by \$800 million, allowing more than \$1.6 billion in development projects to advance through RACP. Upon enactment of Act 38A of 2008 and Act 48 of 2008, all projects listed in the state’s current Capital Budget are eligible to submit a letter to Governor Rendell requesting the release of funds allocated in the line item. If a funding release is granted, the project is then eligible to submit an application for the project, and when approved, trigger the drawdown of funds.

Contact – Office of the Budget, Phone:
(717) 787-2542

Web site – www.newPA.com.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us>

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<p>County Intermediate Punishment Program – Provides funds to support county restrictive intermediate punishment programs consistent with approved county intermediate punishment plans. Matching funds are not required.</p>	<p>Contact – Jeff Hubert, (717) 265-8501</p>
<p>D.A.R.E. Officer Training and Mentor Training – Provides state grants to train and certify law enforcement officers to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum in Pennsylvania’s elementary, middle and secondary schools.</p>	<p>Contact – Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8493</p>
<p>Drug & Alcohol Treatment-based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program – Provides funds to support drug and alcohol assessment, evaluation and treatment services related to county intermediate punishment activities. Matching funds are not required.</p>	<p>Contact – Jackie Weaknecht, (717) 265-8498</p>
<p>Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws – Provides funds to support activities to address the issue of underage drinking. Funds are used for law enforcement activities as well as education opportunities for youth, law enforcement agencies and licensed distributors of alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p>Enhancement of Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) – Provides funds to established CJABs to implement programs to address local needs, and improve information sharing within the county.</p>	<p>Contact – Bob Ardner, (717) 265-8456</p>
<p>Evidence Based Prevention and Intervention – Supports PA Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices. Provides training and technical assistance for programs and for communities to implement and sustain the Communities That Care community assessment and planning process. Matching fund requirements are: Program implementation grants require a 25 percent and 50 percent cash or in kind match in years three and four respectively. Technical Assistance grants are awarded match-free.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us>

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<p>Federal VOCA Program – Provides funds that are used to provide direct services, e.g., crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment, legal advocacy, shelter, etc., for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other serious crimes.</p> <p>Matching fund requirement is 20 percent in-kind.</p>	<p>Contact – Karen Thorne, (717) 265- 8734</p>
<p>Justice Assistance Grant Program – Provides assistance to state and local units of government in implementing projects that offer high probability of improving the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 25 percent the first year, 50 percent the second and 75 percent the third.</p>	<p>Contact – Tom D’Annunzio, (717) 265-8452</p>
<p>Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program – Provides funds to address the problem of juvenile crime by encouraging accountability-based reforms at the state and local level.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 10 percent cash match, 50 percent for construction costs of permanent juvenile corrections facilities</p>	<p>Contact — Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p>Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program – Funds are used to provide grants to units of local government and private non-profits for a broad range of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and JJDP Act Compliance Monitoring activities.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 50 percent for construction only.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Weed and Seed Program – Provides funds to support for research-based delinquency and violence prevention programs; innovative and proactive proposals to improve neighborhood quality of life by reducing juvenile crime and violence; and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and community-based organizations as a means of addressing the capital needs for local community and economic development. Grants serve the fifteen current PA Weed and Seed sites.</p>	<p>Contact – Nancy J. Chavez (717) 265-8462</p>
<p>Research Based Delinquency Prevention – Provides funds for the implementation of Research Based programs designed to reduce the risk factors associated with delinquency.</p> <p>Matching fund requirements are: 25 percent cash or in kind in year three and 50 percent cash or in kind in year four.</p>	<p>Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460</p>

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

<http://www.pccd.state.pa.us>

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Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities – Provides funds for programs/projects that (1) prevent school violence/drug use; and (2) helps schools and communities create safe, disciplined, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460

School Resource Officer (SRO)/ Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) – Provides funds to assist police departments and school districts willing to work cooperatively to promote enhanced school safety and security.

Contact – Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8493

State Rights and Services Act Program – Provides funds for system-based services for victims consistent with the Crime Victim’s Act and PCCD Standards (orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, sentences, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation). Funds made available through \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

Contact – Natalie Novotny-Goles, (717) 265-8735

Matching funds are not required.

State Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program – Provides funds through an allocation from the Commonwealth Budget to encourage system-based services for victims of juvenile offenders consistent with the Crime Victim’s Act and PCCD Standards (orientation/opportunities for input to and notice of pleas, diversions, dispositions, releases/assistance with restitution and compensation).

Contact – Vicki Wagner, (717) 265-8746

Matching funds are not required.

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) System – Provides funds to establish a statewide database to notify victims and law enforcement of offender status.

Contact – Tom D’Annunzio, (717) 265-8452

Matching fund requirement is 50 percent in-kind.

Stop Violence Against Women Program – Provides funds to improve the criminal justice system’s response to violence against women and to improve the services to women who are victims of violent criminal acts.

Contact – Debbie Rollo, (717) 265-8733

Matching fund requirement is 25 percent cash or in-kind.

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Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) – Provides funds for proven approaches to public awareness, prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse and implement statewide programs to assist families in accessing such services. Funds to support this program will be made available by Act 36 of 2006 that establishes the SAEDRF.

Contact – Jeff Hubert, (717) 265-8501

Matching funds are not required.

Title V Risk-Focused Prevention – Provides funds to support community-based risk focused prevention initiatives.

Contact – Derin Myers, (717) 265-8460

Matching fund requirements are: 50 percent cash or in-kind match

PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION (PFBC)

<http://www.fish.state.pa.us/grants.htm>

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The commission has a number of grant programs that provide funding in support of fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation. The information listed in the grant directory also appears on the commission's Web page: http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/grants.htm. Each grant has appropriate links for program description and grant details.

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Boating Facility Grant Program – Provides grants to county and municipal governments for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer.

Clean Vessel Act (Pumpout Grant Program) – Helps fund the construction, renovation and maintenance of pumpout and dump stations to service pleasure boats.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership – Provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

Cooperative Nursery Grants – Provides monies for new construction, and additions and improvements to existing hatcheries within the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery program.

Erie Access Improvement Grant Program – Funding to assist non-profit and government organizations in the acquisition and development of angler access in the Erie watershed.

Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) – Federal funds to assist private landowners with protecting habitats of species in Pennsylvania's State Wildlife Action Plan.

Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grants – Funds for organizations and local agencies involved in offering sportfishing and aquatic resource education programming.

State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program – Federal monies for high-priority conservation projects for endangered, threatened and at-risk species across Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

<http://www.pgc.state.pa.us>

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State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program – About \$40,000 is available for statewide competitive projects that provide multiple benefits to multiple fish and wildlife species. The funds will be used for agency-identified, high-priority, wildlife diversity efforts that implement the Wildlife Action Plan.

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Contact – Patti Barber, (717) 787-5529 ext. 3326.

Web site –

<http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/pgc/cwp/view.asp?a=496&q=174268>.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

<http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us>

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Local Law Enforcement Grant Program – Program provides grants to local law enforcement agencies (police departments and district attorneys) to enforce and prevent the unlawful operation of slot machines in the Commonwealth. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000 or 10 percent of the agency’s budget, whichever is less. \$5 million is available annually through the Gaming Fund.

Contact – (717) 346-8300, pgcb@state.pa.us or www.pgcb.state.pa.us.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

http://www.phmc.state.pa.us

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<p>Certified Local Government Grant Program – Provides funds in the areas of: cultural resource surveys, national register nominations, technical and planning assistance, educational and interpretive programs, and staffing and training.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – January 15 Eligibility – Funding is limited to Certified Local Governments. Contact – Janice E. Stramara, (717) 783-2838</p>
<p>Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program – Provides funding (in the categories of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation) to nonprofit organizations and local governments for capital improvements on historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – May 1 Eligibility – Private property owners are not eligible for funding under this program. Funding has been cut in half by Legislature. Contact – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012</p>
<p>PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY AND MUSEUM GRANT PROGRAM</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program – Funding is designed to support a variety of museum, history, archives and historic preservation projects, as well as local governments and nonprofit organizations. The 10 types of grants are:</p>	
<p>Archives and Records Management Grants – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Access and Preservation Programs, and County Records Improvement Programs. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. Applicants may apply for up to \$15,000.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – December 3 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds. Contact – Jerry Ellis, (717) 787-3384</p>
<p>Collections Management Project Grants – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Educational and Interpretive Programs, Exhibit Planning and Design, Management and Conservation. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – December 3 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds. Contact – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8646</p>
<p>Education, Public and Local History Grants – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Public Programs, Research and Writing, and Educational Programs. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.</p>	<p>Application Deadline – December 3 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds. Contact – Kenneth Wolensky, (717)772-0924</p>

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

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General Operating Support Grants for Museums – Grants that require no match and are restricted to museums with annual operating budgets exceeding \$100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services). Grant awards will not exceed \$150,000 or 10 percent of the museum’s most recently completed fiscal year operating budget if less than \$1,500,000. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – April 1
 All applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.
 Contact – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8649

General Operating Support Grants for Official County Historical Societies – Grants for historical organizations that are certified by their county governments as the official county historical societies for their respective counties. No more than one organization in each county may be so certified. The society must receive funds from the county government to assist in paying the operating expenses of the organization. The grant is noncompetitive and requires a 50/50 cash match.

Application Deadline – April 1
 Grants will not exceed the amount of money provided by the local county government in support of general operations; the maximum award will not exceed \$10,000.
 Applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.
 Contact – Edith Walsh, (717) 214-8649

Historic Preservation Grants – Grants available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of Cultural Resource Surveys, National Register Nominations, Planning and Development Assistance, Educational and Interpretive Programs, and Archaeology. The grants are awarded annually based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – December 3
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.
 Contact – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012

Historical Marker Grants – Grants requiring a cash match (generally 50/50) are available to support the manufacture of approved state historical markers. The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission approves historical marker nominations annually based upon the review of an independent panel of experts. Nomination forms can be obtained by writing the Historical Marker Program, Division of History, Commonwealth Keystone Building Plaza Level, 400 North S., Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093.

Application Deadline – January 5
 Grants are only available for approved historical markers. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.
 Contact – Karen Galle, (717) 705-4266

Organizational Planning and Development Project Grants – Grants are available in two different amounts to support projects in the categories of increased organizational effectiveness through organizational study, system improvement, planning, and analysis. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – December 3
 Grant amounts up to and including \$5,000 require no matching funds and amounts over \$5,000 and up to and including \$15,000 require 50/50 matching funds.
 Contact – Edith Walsh, (717)214-8649

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC)

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us>

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Statewide Conference Grants – Grants are awarded as “seed” money to organizations that plan and hold conferences relating to issues concerning the history, museum, historic preservation and cultural communities of Pennsylvania. Applications are accepted and awards are made throughout the year.

Application Deadline – Ongoing
Matching funds are not required.
Contact – Jean Cutler, (717)783-5321

Statewide Organization Grants – Grants are awarded to organizations that function in a statewide capacity to the history, museum, historic preservation and cultural communities of Pennsylvania. Funding is used for a variety of activities to benefit these communities.

Application Deadline – April 1
Matching funds are not required.
Applicants must complete an e-grant application accessed through the PHMC Web site.
Contact – Scott Doyle, (717)783-6012

Technical Assistance Grants – available to assist organizations in solving problems, increasing professionalism and building capacity funds. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made throughout the year based on a peer review process. The grants are administered on a competitive basis, and the awards are made annually based on a peer review process.

Application Deadline – Ongoing
Matching funds are not required.
Contact – Janet McGrefor, (717) 909-3995

PENNSYLVANIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

<http://www.pahumanities.org/>

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Humanities Grants – Fund public programs that promote lifelong learning among Pennsylvanians from all walks of life. Categories range from Quick Grants (max \$500) to Small Grants (max \$3,000) to Large Grants (max \$20,000). Quick and Small Grants have rolling deadlines; Large Grants have a deadline for an Intent to Apply form (July 1) and an application deadline (September 1) for invited applications.

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Contact – Pennsylvania Humanities Council

Phone – 1 (800) 462-0442

Web site – www.pahumanities.org