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PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

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PRE APPLICATION

Planning

Most successful applications are part of a plan

- Not necessarily project specific
- Community engagement
- Highlights community impact
- Helps define need

FUNDING TYPES

- GRANTS
- TAX CREDITS
- LOAN
- LOAN GUARANTEE
- BONDS

GUIDELINES

Know the Rules

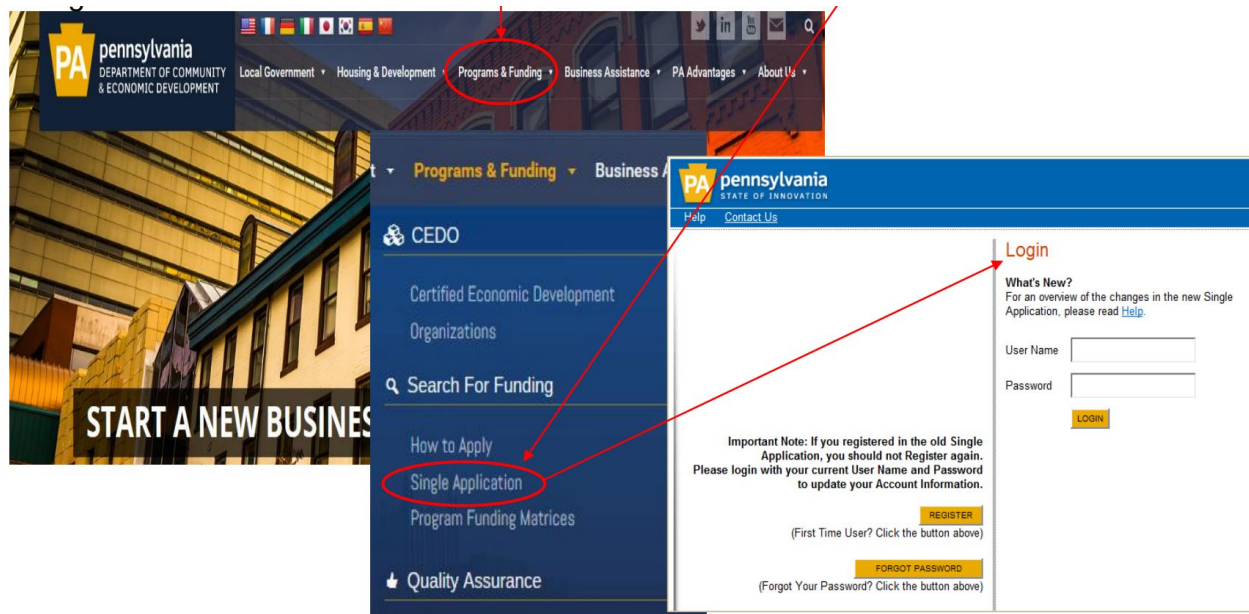
- Each program has separate guidelines which define:
 - Eligibility
 - Uses
 - Program requirements
 - Funding limits
 - Reporting-Community Impact
 - Application process and window (if applicable)

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Where to begin:

- Access ESA, the web application, from DCED's website dced.pa.gov

- Login using PA Powerport Login
 - Page includes a link to register or request a forgotten password.
 - For login assistance, contact DCED's Customer Service Center at 1-866-466-3972



ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS – ELECTRONIC SINGLE APPLICATION (ESA) TIPS

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS -

- 1** **User Settings** determine the applicant's eligibility to apply for programs and can be imported into each application saving time.
- 2** **Blank applications** can be printed at any time **after** a program has been selected.
- 3** All required fields (♦) must be satisfied in the application in order to view the "Submit Application" button.
- 4** Applicant cannot make changes to the web application once it has been submitted.

APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- **Project Description** — This is the detailed description of your project and the time to “sell” it.
- **Cost Estimates** — Signed, dated estimates, bids, quotes, etc.
- **Matching Funds** — Commitment letter from all other project funding sources
- **Resolution/Notification Letters** — Public sector applicants, provide a resolution duly adopted by the applicant’s governing board formally requesting the grant, designating an official to execute all documents, describing briefly the project scope, and identifying the grant amount (samples available in guidelines)

Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)

COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA)

Who Decides?

- The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) was established in 2004 as an independent agency of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
- Unique among state agencies in structure and scope, the CFA consists of seven Board members: four legislative appointees and the secretaries of DCED, the Office of the Budget and Department of Banking and Securities. Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees.

CFA PROGRAMS

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>APPLICATION PERIOD</u>
Act 13 Programs (7 Programs)	2/1 – 5/31 Annually
Alternative Clean Energy (ACE)	Closed*
Building PA	Always Open*
Business in Our Sites	1/1/24 – 3/31/24
H2O PA Programs	Closed
LSA Category 4 Facilities - Berks, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and York Counties	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Luzerne	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Monroe & Contiguous Counties	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
LSA Northampton & Lehigh	7/1 – 9/30 Annually
Multimodal Transportation Fund	3/1 – 7/31 Annually
New PA Venture Capital Investment	Always Open*
PA Small Water and Sewer	Closed
Pipeline Investment	Always Open*
Public School Facility Improvement Program	TBD
Renewable Energy Program	Closed
Second Stage Loan Guarantee	Always Open**
Solar Energy Program	Closed
Statewide LSA	9/1 – 11/30
Tax Increment Financing Guarantee	Always Open*

* Applications must be received 60 days prior to the scheduled board meeting
 ** Applications must be received 30 days prior to a the scheduled board meeting

COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA)

Act 13 Programs (Open February 1 – May 31)

Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment (AMDAT)

Baseline

Greenways, Trails, & Recreation

Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging (OAWP)

Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRP)

Flood Mitigation

Sewage Facilities Program (SFP)

CFA - ACT 13 PROGRAMS

Eligible Applicants

- **Municipality** – Any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or home rule municipality.

- **Councils of Governments**

- **Authorized Organization** – An entity involved in research, restoration, rehabilitation, planning, acquisition, development, education or other activities, which furthers the protection, enhancement, conservation, preservation or enjoyment of this Commonwealth's environmental, conservation, recreation or similar resources. The organization must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c) (3)) and registered with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations or an educational institution involved in these authorized activities or a municipal authority.

- **Institution of Higher Education** – An entity that is an accredited university, college, seminary college, community college or two-year college.

- **Watershed Organization** – An entity recognized by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Environmental Protection that was established to promote local watershed conservation efforts in an identified watershed.

- **For Profit Businesses** – other than “producers” of natural gas as defined in Act 13.

BASELINE WATER QUALITY DATA PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Collection, monitoring sampling water quality data on private water supplies.
- Evaluation, interpretation and analysis of collected data and the preparation of final reports.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$250,000 for any project (85% total eligible project cost)

- Eligible costs incurred up to one year prior to grant submittal are eligible as match

FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements necessary to construct an eligible project. For Authorized Organizations who are using grant funds for acquisition, provide copies of written consent from the county and municipality in which the land is situated.
- Construction, improvement, expansion, debris removal, repair, or rehabilitation of flood control projects.
- Engineering and construction oversight, inspection, installation of security measures and permit fees.
- Costs to secure appropriate bonds and insurance.
- Administrative costs of the applicant necessary to administer the grant. Administrative costs will include advertising, legal, and audit costs as well as documented staff expenses. Administrative costs shall not exceed 2% of the grant.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$500,000 for any project (85% of total eligible project cost)

- **Unimproved land value is eligible as match**
- **Eligible costs incurred up to one year prior to grant submittal are eligible as match**

GREENWAYS, TRAILS & RECREATION PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Development, Rehabilitation and Improvement of public parks, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, trails, greenways and watershed implementation projects to include:
 1. Construction activities
 2. Fixed equipment
 3. Clearing and preparation of land
 4. Environmental site assessment
 5. Related engineering, design and inspection costs not to exceed 10%
 6. Professional services such as surveying, appraisals, etc.
 7. Settlement costs, acquisition projects only
 8. Administrative costs up to 2%
- Planning Projects that “lay the groundwork” for future land acquisition, development and/or management of parks, recreation facilities, natural areas, greenways, motorized and non-motorized trails, river/watershed corridors. Planning projects also include development of business plans for expansion or establish of outdoor recreation businesses.
- Acquisition of land, easements or rights of way for park and recreation areas, natural areas, greenways, trails, river/watershed conservation and/or open space.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$250,000 for any project (85% of total eligible project cost)

•Unimproved land value is eligible as match

ORPHAN OR ABANDONED WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Construction of a stray gas mitigation system; re-plugging improperly plugged and abandoned pre-Act wells; cleaning out and plugging abandoned oil and gas wells.
- Site preparation and site restoration costs.
- Mobilization/demobilization costs.
- Installation of security measures, if needed.
- Engineering/inspection costs.
- Permit fees.
- Costs to secure appropriate bonds and insurance.
- Administrative costs of the applicant necessary to administer the grant. Administrative costs will include advertising, legal, and audit costs as well as documented staff expenses. Administrative costs shall not exceed 2% of the grant.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$1,000,000 for any project (NO MATCH REQUIREMENT)

SEWAGE FACILITIES PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Costs associated with the planning work required under the PA Sewage Facilities Act
- Administrative costs of the applicant necessary to administer the grant; not to exceed 2% of the grant.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$100,000 for any project (50% of total eligible project cost)

WATER RESTORATION & PROTECTION PROGRAM

Eligible Use of Funds

- Construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMP)
- Engineering and construction oversight, inspection and performance monitoring costs
- Technical assistance necessary to carry out the project
- Stream channel and stream bank stabilization activities including the establishment of riparian vegetation to allow for long term stability of the stream
- Trust funds for operations and maintenance costs associated with implemented urban and stream restoration BMP's (Limited to 25% of grant award)
- In stream monitoring to assess stream restoration status
- Administrative costs of the applicant necessary to administer the grant. Costs will include advertising, legal, and audit as well as documented staff expenses, limited to 2% of the grant award.

Grant awards cannot exceed \$300,000 for any project (85% of total eligible project cost)

- **Unimproved land value is eligible as match**
- **Eligible costs incurred up to one year prior to grant submittal are eligible as match**

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

Eligible Applicants: **Municipalities**, Councils of Governments,
Businesses, Economic Development
Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies,
Ports-Rail/Freight

Project Cost: \$100,000+

Maximum Award: \$3,000,000

Accepting applications **March 1st – July 31st**

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

Matching Funds Requirement

MTF Requires a local cash match in an amount not less than 30% of the non-federal share of the project costs

Matching funds from a county or municipality, shall only consist of cash contributions provided by one or more counties or municipalities

Matching funds from a government council, business, economic development organization, or other public transportation agency shall only consist of cash contributions or cash equivalents for the appraised value of the real estate necessary to construct an eligible project.

NOTE: The fiscal codes enacted in 2017 through 2023 provides that a municipality receiving financial assistance through the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund may not be required to provide a local match. The term “municipality” shall mean a county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or local, regional, or metropolitan transportation authority. This provision shall expire December 31, 2024.

STATEWIDE LSA

Uses

- Projects in the public interest.
- Projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.
- Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization.

See program guidelines for specific eligible uses of funds.

STATEWIDE LSA

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

- Pennsylvania Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal Authorities
- Economic Development Agencies
- Redevelopment Authorities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)
- Keystone Communities Program (KC)
- Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

- Provides funding to assist local governments to plan for and efficiently implement a variety of services and improvements, and soundly manage development with an emphasis on intergovernmental approaches.
- Funding is available for three groups of activities: shared services, community planning and floodplain management.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (CONT)

Keystone Communities

The Keystone Communities (KC) program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as:

KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES (CONT)

A flexible tool for use in community and economic development for a variety of uses including:

- planning activities
- façade grants
- accessible housing programs
- development grants.

KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES (CONT)

- **Eligibility**

- Units of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, towns, and home rule municipalities)
- Redevelopment and/or housing authorities
- Nonprofit organizations to include economic development organizations, housing corporations, etc.
- Community development corporations
- Business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, downtown improvement districts, and similar organizations incorporated as authorities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)

- Tax credit program to encourage businesses to invest in projects which improve distressed areas.
- Available to Non-Profit organizations for neighborhood revitalization
- Recently added Rural Initiatives means all of Wyoming and the Northern Tier is eligible regardless of other criteria.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS

Neighborhood Assistance Program

- Contributions must be to 501c3 Non-Profit Organizations
- Contributions from For-Profit businesses with PA Tax obligation.
- 4 P's (Place, Problem, Project, Proposed Outcomes)
- Underutilized in the NE. (\$36 million in TC available)
- Credits between 55%-80%

USEFUL PRACTICES

- Reach out to legislators
- Contact DCED in advance of application
- Plan, Plan, Plan
- Build community support where possible
- Research what works

QUESTIONS

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