

COUNTY OF LEHIGH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CATEGORY	GRANT PROGRAM	CRITERIA	TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE (Varies)	AMOUNT(s) AWARDED	SOURCE OF FUNDS	TIME FRAME
		ELIGIBLE ENTITIES			CONTACT	
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Capital projects in Lehigh County that will benefit the Low-to-Moderate Income.	\$600,000 - \$700,000/year	Varies Based on Project.	PA DCED	Applications issued mid-August, Due Early November, Awarded the following October - Money available January of the following year.
		Available to all Lehigh County municipalities except Allentown, Bethlehem, and Slatington (they receive their own CDBG funds. Also available to local non-profits.			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
	Community and Economic Development Fund	Community and Economic Development Projects	\$250,000/year	Com Dev \$10,000 - \$100,000	LCGPA Fees	Applications accepted year round - to be reviewed 1 or 2 times per year.
		Capital projects in Lehigh County.		Econ Dev No Limit	Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT	County-Owned Regional Tourism Venues	Capital projects that will develop county owned regional tourism venues.	\$100,000/year	Varies Based on Project.	Lehigh County Hotel Tax.	An invitation to apply will be sent in May
		County Owned Regional Tourism Venues.			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
	Regional Event or Venue Enhancement	Large one-time events, first year events, or Capital Projects.	\$100,000/year	\$10,000 - \$25,000/year	Lehigh County Hotel Tax.	Applications due in June. Awarded in December. Funding is available the following year.
		Regional Tourism Venues that are: *Non-profit 501(c) Organizations *Government Entities			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED	Educational Enhancement of Regional Tourism Venues	Children's field trips to regional tourism venues.	\$100,000/year	Formula based on percent of children enrolled.	Lehigh County Hotel Tax.	Funding to be used during 2002-03 school year. Money will be paid directly to venues.
		Lehigh County Public and Parochial Schools.			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
RECREATION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT	Parks 2005	Acquisition of open space property for parks.	\$2,600,000	50% of the acquisition costs.	Lehigh County.	Applications accepted year round - to be reviewed 1 or 2 times per year.
		Available to all Lehigh County municipalities.			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
	Recreation Reinvestment	Support and encourage recreational reinvestment within urban communities.	\$250,000	\$10,000 - \$100,000	Lehigh County.	Applications accepted year round - to be reviewed 1 or 2 times per year.
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CIVIC AND CULTURAL	Quality of Life	Civic, Cultural, or Recreational: Operations, Programs, Events, or Capital Projects.	\$265,000/year	\$1,000 - \$66,250	Lehigh County.	Applications due in June. Awarded in December. Funding is available July of the following year.
		*Non-profit 501(c) Organizations *Government Entities			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
	Small Arts	Fine and Performing Art events/projects that are regional in nature, focus on traditional arts or commission or create new or original work. (No capital projects.)	\$8,600/year	\$100 - \$1,000	Lehigh County / PA Council on the Arts.	Due in April. Awarded in June. Available in July.
		*Non-profit 501(c) Organizations *Government Entities			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	Affordable Housing Fund	Funding to local housing development agencies to be leveraged with HOME funds to provide affordable housing to income eligible residents and improve the housing stock in Lehigh County.	\$300,000/year	Allocated by % formula to the Allentown Redevelopment Authority, Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, and Lehigh County Housing Authority.	Lehigh County	Residents should call for application information and timelines.
		Available to Community Housing Development Organizations.			Allentown Redev Auth. - 610-437-7733 Bethlehem Redev Auth. - 610-865-7055 Lehigh County Housing Auth. - 610-433-2312	

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE - Continued	Housing Assistance - CDBG	Funding for Housing Rehabilitation and Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance for Income Eligible Residents	Varies	Maximum grant=\$15,000	PA DCED	Residents should call for application information and timelines.
		Residents in Lehigh County not located in Allentown, Bethlehem, and Slatington that meet the Section 8 Income Limits.			Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development 610-782-3565.	