



# Green Future Fund (GFF)

## Grant Guidelines

### Goal:

Encourage the development and/or support of open spaces, urban parks, and farmland throughout Lehigh County.

### Who's Eligible:

- Government Entities with:
- An adopted park/recreation plan
- A zoning ordinance consistent with its comprehensive plan
- A comprehensive plan consistent with the County's comprehensive plan

### Eligible Projects:

- For all – Fee simple land acquisitions, perpetual easements – with deed restrictions/covenants ensuring recreational use/public access.
- For cities/boroughs – acquisitions and or expansion/creation of recreational amenities (fields, trails) on municipally owned/controlled property with deed restrictions/covenants.
- Non-purchase, non-construction soft costs are **NOT** eligible.

### General Information:

- Each municipality receives a non-competitive population-based target allocation for project-by-project draw down.
- Funds for the real property and physical assets that preserve open space or increase recreation opportunities are distributed as reimbursement grants.
- 1:1 local match required, except as reduced through incentives.
- State/Federal monies come off the top.
- Non-governmental monies may be used as a local match.
- Municipal cash must be 25% of the total project cost.
- Non-profits and recreation associations can participate by partnering with the County and its municipalities to provide technical assistance, guidance, and/or additional financial resources.
- The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission typically determines whether a municipality's zoning ordinance is consistent with that municipality's comprehensive plan and the County's comprehensive plan.

### To Apply:

- If you have a potential project, please call Jan Creedon, Director of the Department of General Services, 610-782-3608 to discuss it in more detail and request an application.

