

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMISSIONERS BILL 2014-22
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER SCHWARE
REQUESTED DATE: AUGUST 5, 2014
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-

**SETTING FORTH FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE LEHIGH COUNTY
GAMING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES IMPACTED BY THE
SOUTH BETHLEHEM CASINO**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Gaming Act), the County of Lehigh receives a portion of revenues derived from the Sands Casino in South Bethlehem for the purpose of making municipal grants within the County (*See 4 Pa.C.S. §1403*); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2009-178, the County of Lehigh has created the Gaming Grant Program (Program) for Municipalities impacted by the South Bethlehem Casino which has as its purpose the provision of monetary support for municipalities impacted by the Sands Casino in South Bethlehem which will not otherwise receive any gaming revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act provides that money designated for municipal grants should be used to fund the costs of human services, infrastructure improvements, facilities, emergency services, and health and public safety expenses associated with licensed gaming operations; and

WHEREAS, various municipalities have made requests of Lehigh County for funding from the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, as established through Ordinance No. 2009-178, has made recommendations regarding the municipalities which should receive assistance; and

WHEREAS, the following municipalities would receive funding in the total amounts indicated below:

Municipality	Awarded	Fund	Purpose
Coopersburg	\$23,258.00	Slots	To replace four (4) mobile computers and to purchase two (2) mobile speed devices.
Fountain Hill	\$37,000.00	Table Games	For training and outfitting three (3) new part-time police officers.
Fountain Hill	\$43,000.00	Table Games	To purchase a new utility patrol vehicle (Interceptor).
Fountain Hill	\$97,325.00	Table Games	To purchase one (1) industrial emergency generator, ten (10) sets of turnout gear, twenty-six (26) sections of 3" x 50' hose, twenty (20) sections of 1 3/4" x 50' hose, one (1) XXC-52 Blitzfire Package and fourteen (14) voice amplifiers for the volunteer fire department.
Township of Salisbury	\$130,305.00	Table Games	Funding for overtime for officers; for purchasing eleven (11) mobile data terminals and eleven (11) vehicle digital video cameras with secure video download and storage systems.
Upper Saucon	\$81,400.00	Slots	To purchase new police vehicles and speed display devices.

; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance approval for these grants is required pursuant to the Gaming Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:

1. The foregoing WHEREAS clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
2. The grants to Coopersburg, Fountain Hill, Township of Salisbury and Upper Saucon set forth herein, are hereby approved. Disbursal of the funds shall be contingent upon execution of the grant agreements.
3. The proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action, including any necessary transfers of funds, and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.
4. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.
5. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby released insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.
6. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days after enactment.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014 by the following

vote:

Commissioners

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Geoff Brace
Thomas C. Creighton, III
Percy H. Dougherty
Amanda Holt
David S. Jones, Sr.
Vic Mazziotti
Brad Osborne
Lisa Scheller
Michael P. Schware

ATTEST: _____
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Thomas S. Muller
Lehigh County Executive

ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.