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Lehigh County Awarded $305,004 through the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act
Funding will provide homelessness aid and prevention to residents affected by COVID-19

Lehigh County, PA- On July 10th, Governor Tom Wolf announced $19 million in funding awards for Pennsylvania counties seeking aid through the Emergency Solution Grant CARES Act. Through this grant, Lehigh County was awarded $305,004 for homeless families and individuals affected by the COVID-19 virus. The balance of these awarded funds will be used to address the needs of Lehigh County’s homeless community.

Lehigh County Executive Phillips M. Armstrong and the Board of Commissioners approved the application and funding allocations. Lehigh County’s Department of Community and Economy Development will handle the distribution of the funds.

The Emergency Solution Grants CARE Act is distributed as follows:

- 63% to address homelessness prevention
- 22% to rapidly house those who are homeless
- 8.4% to provide emergency shelter services and street outreach

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed on March 27th, 2020 in order to provide funding for communities directly impacted by COVID-19. This targeted funding will assist Lehigh County families and individuals who are homeless or are at-risk for homelessness as a result of the pandemic. Local programs that work towards mitigating the impact of COVID-19 will also be supported.

For more information on the grant and its resources, please visit https://dced.pa.gov/programs/emergency-solutions-grant-cares-act-esg-cv/.

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