



Executive Director's Report – July 2021

CDBG Year 47 Grant Awards – The following projects were awarded funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for CD Year 47 totaling **\$173,125.00**:

- Bellevue Borough Bayne Park Retaining Wall - **\$50,392.00**
- Bellevue Borough Dakota Avenue Blight Remediation - **\$33,033.00**
- Leetsdale Borough Kohlmeyer Park ADA Parking Project - **\$28,700.00**
- Leet Township Eckert, Willow, & Neely Street ADA Sidewalk Project – **\$61,000.00**

* Please note, Avalon Borough withdrew their grant award for a proposed sanitary sewer outfall repair along Locust Street and Ohio River Boulevard. The project was completed in-house as an emergency repair during the Spring of 2021.

CDBG Year 48 Pre-Application Process – Every QVCOG member community is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for “non-income based” projects such as ADA accessibility improvement projects and blight remediation. The Pre-Application deadline for CD year 48 (2022) is projected to occur between August-September, 2021. I encourage all COG members to consider potential projects with their municipal engineers. I am open meet with Staff, elected officials, and municipal engineers to discuss the pre-application process. Project requests must total at least \$20,000. Municipalities may submit multiple applications each year for consideration. Projects that do not receive funding for CD 48 may be reconsidered the following year.

5-Year Refuse and Recycling Contract – On July 2nd the COG’s Refuse and Recycling Committee conducted a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders regarding the 5-year waste and recycling contract. Representatives from Waste Management and Noble Environmental were in attendance. After fielding questions from the participants, a revised bid specification document with addendum was sent to the prospective bidders on July 9th. A comprehensive summary of the process including the updated bid specifications can be found at qvcog.org. Final bids are due and will be read aloud at the Kilbuck Township Municipal Building (343 Eicher Road) on Thursday, July 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

Traveling Glass Dumpster (Aleppo Township) – From June 26th – July 1st Aleppo Township sponsored a traveling glass dumpster which was provided in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). This series of events will continue with Haysville and Glenfield Boroughs sponsoring the next event which will take place at the Quaker Valley High School from July 31st through August 5st.

Hard to Recycle Event – On July 10, 2021 from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) hosted a Hard to Recycle Collection Event at the Quaker Valley High School (625 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Electronics such as televisions, computer monitors, printers and other items such as tires were accepted at the event. A comprehensive breakdown of participants and collected items is anticipated shortly.

Potential Quaker Valley High School Site Tour – On July 13, 2021 several residents and officials within QVCOG member municipalities attended a site tour of the potential Quaker Valley High School along Camp Meeting Road in Leet Township. Interested parties who were unable to attend the event are encouraged to contact the COG via email (pconners@qvcog.org). An additional tour has been offered by the QVSD (date TBD).

Site Visits – In order to better understand the challenges and opportunities that each member communities faces, Executive Director Connors has worked to visit the staff and officials within each COG municipality. It is anticipated that these site visits and appearances at meetings will continue throughout the summer.