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Executive Director's Report – August 2024

QVCOG Intergovernmental Reception - In place of the traditional “Annual Dinner” event, the QVCOG will be hosting a more interactive and engaging reception to recognize the value of intergovernmental collaboration and those who make it all possible. The event will take place outdoors at the Edgeworth Club on August 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All public officials and staff from member communities are encouraged to register to attend! Further details regarding the event and information on how to register can be found by visiting qvcog.org.

Seeking Nominations for Intergovernmental Reception – As a part of the Annual Dinner's proceedings, the QVCOG is seeking to recognize a public servant(s) within a member community. To nominate a candidate please forward their name, background, and an example of their exemplary public service to Executive Director Connors via email (pconnors@qvcog.org). Nominations will be accepted through August 19th.

HTR Event Postponed – Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) made the determination that the Hard to Recycle Event slated to occur on July 27th needed to be postponed. Due to circumstances outside of PRC's control at the venue, the host location was not suitable for the public to use. No alternative sites were available or logistically feasible. All event registrants should have been notified through PRC regarding the event's postponement. As of this time, an alternative date for the event has not been identified, but PRC is working with their vendors and community partners to assess future availability. When a new date is secured PRC will notify all previous registrants and an advertising campaign will follow. Please stay tuned for further details!

CDBG Year 51 Pre-Applications – Beginning August 12, 2024, through September 13, 2024, Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) will be soliciting pre-applications for construction related projects for its 2025-26 (Year 51 cycle) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Every QVCOG member community is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for “non-income based” projects exceeding \$20,000 in cost such as ADA accessibility improvement projects and blight remediation. Additionally, member communities may submit pre-applications for general recreation, road reconstruction, and sewer and water projects with the completion of a concentrated household income survey. All are encouraged to consider potential projects with their municipal engineers & staff. The QVCOG is happy to facilitate meetings with municipalities to discuss the pre-application process. Pre-applications will be due to the QVCOG by end of business on Friday, September 6th.

2024 GEDTF Application Timeline Announced – The QVCOG has been notified that the 2024 Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund Grant application window will be open from August 19th through August 30, 2024. Any member community that wishes to utilize the QVCOG for the application and administration of a project must submit necessary application materials no later than the end of business on August 23rd. Interested parties may access the Google Form to submit an application by visiting QVCOG.org. This Grant allows municipalities, nonprofits, and COGs to carry out important economic development projects for current and future use. Administered by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, these grants provide financial assistance to entities to facilitate economic development projects within the County. This Grant opportunity has no local match requirement. Eligible projects include Economic Development Projects; Infrastructure Development Projects; Job Training; Community Improvement Projects; Public Safety Projects; and Public Interest Projects.

Local Share Account (LSA) Application Details Announced - The statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Program application window will be open from September 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024, for grants up to \$1 million. Please note, there is no local match required. Interested parties may access the updated guidelines by visiting qvcog.org. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization and include a Project in the Public Interest (i.e. a projects that improve the quality of life in the impacted community). Eligible uses of funds may be used for: Acquisition, Construction, & Demolition; Infrastructure; Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment; Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects; and Engineering, design and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award. Please note, member communities can utilize the QVCOG for the submission of an application and the overall facilitation of the grant, etc. This may be a particularly effective route for multi-municipal applications or projects.