



Executive Director's Report – December 2024

2024 GEDTF Application Awards – The QVCOG was notified of Gaming Economic Development and Tourism (GEDTF) Grant awards for the 2024 application cycle. For the 2024 application cycle the QVCOG submitted 11 applications requesting \$3,815,488.00 in finding with a total of \$510,709.00 being awarded. The projects selected by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) can be found below:

- Leet Township - Public Works Garage Improvement Project - \$220,800 (requested \$220,800);
- Glen Osborne Borough - Sanitary Sewer Lining & Storm Sewer Repair Project - \$100K (requested \$208,609);
- Edgeworth Water Authority (on behalf of customers within Leet Twp.) Big Sewickley Creek Road Water Line Replacement Project - Phase II - \$19,909 (requested \$500,000);
- Bellevue Borough - Bayne Park ADA Restroom Project - \$70K (\$328,500); and
- Aleppo Township - Rhodes Avenue Landslide Rehabilitation Project - \$100K (requested \$500,000)

SPC Regional Listening Sessions & Survey – The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is updating their Active Transportation Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania and is seeking input from the public. Active transportation refers to any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or biking, and includes other modes like wheelchairs or other mobility devices, scooters, and skateboards. These modes may be used as the primary means of transportation, or to access other modes like public transit. Active transportation focuses on using active travel for daily commutes, errands, or leisure, promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing traffic congestion, and minimizing environmental impact. In addition to the public comment sessions, PRC is seeking input through a survey. The survey as well as dates, locations, and additional details regarding the listening sessions can be found by visiting qvcog.org.

CONNECT Wellbeing Symposium – On January 10th CONNECT will be hosting an in-person event at Phipps Conservatory for municipal staff. The event aims to bring together individuals passionate about holistic wellbeing and personal growth. The event will include insightful discussions, interactive workshops, demonstrations from wellbeing vendors and networking opportunities. The event seeks to encourage municipal staff to learn about new wellness techniques for stress management and self-care; will allow them to network meaningfully with peers and improve interpersonal skills; invites them to enjoy engaging speakers and live entertainment; and allow attendees to unwind with wellness vendors in every sector of health & wellbeing. Additional details can be found by visiting connectgovs.org.

2025 Fuel Cost Adjustment – Per the current Waste & Recycling Agreement, a fuel cost adjustment must be calculated for the fourth year of the contract which will go into effect on January 1, 2025. The fuel price variance shall be based upon a 52-week period (September 2023 - September 2024) as reported by the U.S. Department of Energy Weekly Retail for the price of On-Highway Diesel Price. After conducting the specified calculation and confirming with the WM team, a calculation for the 2025 Fuel Cost Adjustment was conducted with **no increase** being slated for the new year. This adjustment will impact the following QVCOG member communities: Aleppo Township, Avalon Borough, Bellevue Borough, Ben Avon Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Emsworth Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Glenfield Borough, Kilbuck Township, Leet Township, and Sewickley Borough.