



### **Executive Director's Report – October 2021**

**Annual Dinner** - The QVCOG Annual Dinner will occur on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Edgeworth Club (511 East Drive, Edgeworth, PA 15143). The QVCOG would like to thank Mr. Kevin Flannery for sponsoring the event. The keynote speakers for the event will be Senator Devlin Robinson (PA-37) & Representative Anita Kulik (PA-45). Two raffles will occur with generated proceeds going towards 412 Food Rescue. Additional information concerning the event including registration details can be found at [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org) or by emailing [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org).

**QVCOG Police Chiefs Training** – On October 7<sup>th</sup> the Allegheny County Police Department conducted a presentation for QVCOG Police Chiefs and departmental representatives concerning critical incident response and procedures. The event occurred at the Bellevue Borough Building. The event was a success with nearly every QVCOG municipality being represented. It is anticipated that quarterly meetings for QVCOG Police Chiefs will occur moving forward.

**Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant Application** - The Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) application period is now open and will run **through October 22, 2021**. This Grant allows municipalities and councils of government (COGs) to carry out important economic development projects for current and future use. Administered by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC), these grants provide financial assistance to entities to facilitate economic development projects within Allegheny County. This Grant stream has no income requirement and all QVCOG member communities can apply! Eligible projects can be found below.

- A. Economic Development Projects: Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs;
- B. Infrastructure Development Projects: Projects that improve or create infrastructure;
- C. Job Training: Workforce development projects;
- D. Community Improvement Projects: Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities;
- E. Public Safety Projects: Projects that promote the safety of affected communities;
- F. Public Interest Projects: Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities; and
- G. Projects with a \$150,000.00 project budget or greater.

**Traveling Glass Dumpster (Avalon Borough)** – From October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup> Avalon Borough has partnered in sponsoring a traveling glass dumpster provided by the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The dumpster will be located at Avalon's Public Works Garage (between Frederick Street & New Brighton Road Avalon, PA 15202).

**2022-26 Waste & Recycling Contract** – The new Waste & Recycling Contract is set to commence on January 1, 2022. For those municipalities participating within the aforementioned contract, a Resolution outlining the desired service package and a executed Agreement with Waste Management are due by the end of this month. Should you have any questions concerning the Contract or required approval documents please reach out to Executive Director Connors ASAP.

**COG-Wide GIS Zoning Map** – An accessible GIS map is available for all QVCOG member municipalities. This **free** resource provides a “one stop shop” for residents, staff, and business owners to identify designated zoning classifications for any parcel within any participating community. Additionally, users can access the zoning regulations (if available), County Parcel info, Google Street View, and more! To date, 8 municipalities have contributed their zoning information. In effort to build upon this tool please speak with your municipal Staff to ensure all available Zoning Info has been provided to the COG. More info can be found at [qvcog.org/cog-wide-gis](http://qvcog.org/cog-wide-gis).