

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – September 2021

CDBG Year 48 Pre-Applications Received – On September 9th a total of 8 pre-applications for CD Year 48 were submitted to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for review. 6 QVCOG member municipalities submitted applications. A list of projects can be found below. Thank you to all who participated!

- Bellevue Borough - Glaser & Meade Avenue Blight Remediation
- Sewickley Borough - Centennial Avenue ADA Ramps
- Leetsdale Borough - Beaver Street Hillside Drainage Project
- Leetsdale Borough - Henle Park ADA Parking & Sidewalk Project
- Leet Township - Orchard, Beech & Plum Street ADA Sidewalk Replacement
- Bell Acres Borough - Park ADA Parking
- Avalon Borough - Jackman Avenue Road Rehabilitation
- Avalon Borough - California Avenue Park Rehabilitation

Traveling Glass Dumpster (Sewickley Borough) – From September 25th – 30th Sewickley Borough will be partnering in sponsoring a traveling glass dumpster provided by the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The dumpster will be located in Sewickley's Riverfront Park (357 Chadwick Street, Sewickley, PA 15143).

Haysville Traffic Signal Discussion - On August 23rd at Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. (2 South Ave, Sewickley, PA 15143) representatives from PennDOT, Haysville Borough, Glenfield Borough, and other COG communities were in attendance to discuss the left hand turn off of Ohio River Boulevard (across the railroad tracks) within Haysville Borough. This forum allowed community stakeholders to discuss their concerns with PennDOT and other local elected officials. A main point of discussion included the need for enhanced traffic enforcement along the aforementioned portion of State Route 65. On September 7th Executive Director Conners along with representatives from Haysville Borough, Glenfield Borough, and Senator Develin Robinson met with the Township Manager and Police Chief from Ohio Township to discuss the possibility of soliciting a quote for shared police services. A similar meeting is anticipated to occur with officials of Sewickley Borough on September 23rd.

Annual Dinner - The QVCOG Annual Dinner is scheduled to 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. Additional details concerning the event are anticipated to be announced and distributed in the coming week.

Return of GIS Roundtable - On September 7th the QVCOG hosted its first GIS roundtable since 2019. The hybrid-event included representatives from 7 COG member communities. Participants had an opportunity to discuss past/present use of the technology as well as their vision for the program moving forward. The demonstration/discussion was facilitated by Matt Mercurio of Civic Mapper. This event will be returning on a quarterly basis with all being welcomed to attend!

EDA American Rescue Plan Grant Webinar - On September 8th the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission hosted a webinar on the topic of Federal Grant Dollars through the American Rescue Plan which will be available through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Over 3 billion dollars in grant funding will be made available through the program. Applications are anticipated to flow through the Southwestern PA Commission and must have a "Regional" focus. Project possibilities that were highlighted during the webinar included water and sewer system improvements. Further direction from the Southwestern PA Commission is anticipated to be announced in the coming weeks. A recording of the webinar is available upon request.

Request for 2022 Projects - The office of Senator Devlin Robinson (PA 37th District) is requesting a list of viable projects for the 2022 calendar year. Items such as infrastructure related projects, police/fire department needs, park and rec initiatives, etc. will be considered. Please relay any ideas along with a comprehensive budget for the project(s) to District Director Alicia McGhee via email at amcghee@pasen.gov. Suggestions are due by September 30, 2021.

Act 152 Awards - On August 31, 2021 two QVCOG member municipalities were awarded \$72,940 in funding to remove blighted structures within their communities. The Act 152 Allegheny County Blight Removal Program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. Below you will find the projects and grant award amounts. The next funding round will open in Spring 2022 and will be announced via press release by the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development. [Avalon Borough](#) - 933 McKinley Avenue - \$42,250 & [Sewickley Borough](#) - 929 & 932 Crescent Avenue - \$30,690.