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**Executive Director's Report – October 2024**

**2025 Municipal Intern Program Application Details Announced** – Are you considering hiring a summer intern for 2025? Local Government Academy (LGA) is excited to announce that the Municipal Intern Program (MIP) application period will be a little earlier this year. This timing change aims to better align with academic calendars and seeks to enhance student recruitment efforts. MIP project applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Eligible placement sites include municipalities, COGs, and municipal authorities throughout the southwestern region of Pennsylvania. To learn more about the program changes and receive tips for a successful project application, please join LGA for an informational webinar on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Registration details are available on their website, [localgovernmentacademy.org](http://localgovernmentacademy.org). Interested applicants are encouraged to propose innovative and engaging projects and should be sure to review the program's updated guidelines.

**Re-Scheduled Hard to Recycled Event** – In partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) the QVCOG has financially supported the return of a “Hard to Recycle” event to the region. The event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is set to take place at the Leetsdale Industrial Park, (380 Industrial Drive, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Hard to Recycle events provide responsible and convenient disposal for items that are not eligible for curbside recycling. At these events, individuals have been able to recycle items such as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. These events require all participants to register in advance. Additional details of the event, including disposal fees and registration details can be found at [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

**Volunteers Needed!** – PRC is in need of volunteers for the October 26<sup>th</sup> HTR event. Being able to provide volunteers at this event will help the QVCOG in securing a future HTR date in 2025 and beyond. Volunteers may dispose of **up to \$60 worth of hard to recycle material** for free. Volunteers will be asked to direct traffic, check trunks, write receipts, or check in registrants. Anyone interested in volunteering are asked to send an email to [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org).

**Police Set to Tour of FBI's Criminal Justice Information Service Center** – QVCOG Police Departments have been invited to an exclusive one-day free event set to take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> beginning from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is open to **all law enforcement personnel** and will provide those attending with an opportunity to learn about the CJIS Division and its services, as well as the valuable resources the FBI offers to the law enforcement community. Additionally, attendees will delve deeper into the operations of the National Threat Operations Center, which serves as a central intake point for tips. The FBI's Biometric Services Section will also provide an overview of the latest biometric capabilities used by law enforcement partners, as well as the newest enhancements to the FBI's biometric capabilities. Personnel from the National Crime Information Center and National Instant Criminal Background Check System will be on hand to provide attendees with an overview of their respective services and highlight the many capabilities that can potentially help save the lives of law enforcement partners. Lastly, the event will include a bus tour of the CJIS campus and a rare opportunity to tour the area where all CJIS data is housed, including the National Crime Information Center system. Law enforcement personnel interested in attending the event should send an email to Ms. Kimberly Spellman at [kspellman@fbi.gov](mailto:kspellman@fbi.gov) no later than October 14, 2024.

**Active Allegheny Application Details Announced** – The application window for the 7<sup>th</sup> round of the Active Allegheny Grant Program is now open through **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. This initiative provides financial support to local communities to help them plan and design transportation projects that enhance bicycle and pedestrian access to key destinations and transportation systems, promoting physical activity and increasing mobility among residents. Applicants may request up to \$50,000.00 for planning and engineering projects. Multi-municipal applications are highly encouraged, though each municipality may submit only one application. Program guidelines, recently awarded projects, and other details can be found at [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).