



Executive Director's Report – June 2023

WM Recycling Center Tour – All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. This site visit will provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process and will serve to highlight proper recycling techniques specific to the curbside recycling program. Those who are interested in attending the tour are asked to rsvp via email (pconners@qvcog.org).

Act 152 Grant Applications Now Being Accepted – Municipalities may now begin to submit applications for the 2023 Act 152 Allegheny County Blight Removal Program. This program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. Allegheny County Economic Development encourages communities to utilize their COGs for the submission of an Act 152 application(s). These applications and associated paperwork are identical to CDBG and GEDTF projects for which COGs are uniquely qualified to process and facilitate. The Act 152 program uses established blight conditions and focuses on the demolition of hazardous structures, site preparation for development projects, and multi-phase planning efforts. Applications are evaluated on several criteria including inclusion on existing demolition lists, community impact, and potential re-use of the property. While no local match is required for the program, it is encouraged. Individual awards will be capped at \$250,000. All applications should be submitted by June 16, 2023. More information can be found by visiting qvcog.org.

Keystone Communities Grant - Due to the advocacy from Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA-44) the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has been allocated \$100,000.00 through the Keystone Communities Program for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of traffic cameras and associated license plate identification technology. Per DCED's website, "The Keystone Communities Program (KCP) program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort." The QVCOG will be responsible for submitting a formal application through the DCED in order to receive the allocated funds. A part of the required paperwork is a resolution approved by the governing Board of the awarded organization (attached). In the coming weeks the QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee will be convening on June 1st to discuss the specific locations and specifications of the cameras to be procured with the aforementioned funds. This information is also needed in advance of the application's submission.

CDBG Year 49 Awards - During the week of May 22nd the QVCOG was notified by Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) who announced all CDBG Year 49 project awards. The QVCOG received funding totaling \$361,092 for four projects. Each project along with the award amount can be found below.

MSW027 – Sewickley Borough Water Authority (Haysville and Glen Osborne Boroughs) - Center-South Waterline Replacement Project - \$185,000.00

MPD016 – Leetsdale Borough - 189 & 300 Beaver Street Blight Remediation Project - \$36,000.00

MRB024 - Sewickley Borough ADA Sidewalk Ramp Project - \$110,670.00

MRB022 - Leetsdale Borough Building ADA Parking Pad Project - \$29,422.00

2023 QVCOG Annual Dinner Date Announced - The QVCOG is pleased to announce that the 2023 Annual Dinner will be returning to the Edgeworth Club (511 East Dr, Sewickley, PA 15143). This location is available due to the generosity of Mr. Kevin Flannery's sponsorship of the QVCOG. This year's event will take place on Thursday, October 5th. Additional details regarding the event will be announced in the coming months.