



Executive Director's Report – September 2022

CD Year 49 Pre-Applications - September 16, 2022 is the deadline set by Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for the submission of pre-applications for Public Improvement Projects for the 2023 cycle (Year 49) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Every QVCOG member community is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for “non-income based” projects exceeding \$20,000 in cost such as ADA accessibility improvement projects and blight remediation. All are encouraged to consider potential projects with their municipal engineers & staff. The QVCOG is happy to facilitate meetings with municipalities to discuss the pre-application process. To ensure ample time for submission and edits, pre-applications will be due to the QVCOG by end of business on Wednesday, September 14th.

2022 Annual Dinner – The 2022 “Annual Dinner” will take place at the Edgeworth Club on Wednesday, October 5th. Marie Pelloni of the Pittsburgh Technology Council will be serving as the event’s keynote speaker. Additional details including the dinner menu and registration information can be found by visiting qvcog.org.

Seeking Nominations - As a part of the Annual Dinner's proceedings, the QVCOG is seeking to recognize a public servant(s) within a member community. To nominate a candidate please forward their name, background, and an example of their exemplary public service to Executive Director Connors via email (pconnors@qvcog.org). Nominations will be accepted through September 28th.

Property Assessment Educational Forum - Allegheny County Controller Corey O’Connor has organized several educational Forums which will be held in the next several weeks and welcomes residents of Quaker Valley Council of Government member communities to attend an event scheduled for Monday, October 3rd (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.). The event will take place at the Northland Public Library (300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). County Controller O'Connor will share resources and general information with residents on the property appeals process. Additionally, the Forum will feature remarks, a brief educational program, and time for a question-and-answer component around the appeals process, residents’ rights, and how to navigate the appeals process when necessary. No registration is required and all are invited to attend. The Forum is intended to be a resource and not legal advice.

2022 GEDTF Applications - The Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) application period is now open and will run **through September 23, 2022**. 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.

Any member community which wishes to utilize the QVCOG for the application and administration of a project must submit necessary application materials no later than the end of business on September 21st.