



Executive Director's Report – September 2023

2023 GEDTF Applications - The Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund application period is open and will run **through September 22, 2023**. This Grant allows municipalities, nonprofits, and COGs to carry out important economic development projects for current and future use. Administered by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, these grants provide financial assistance to entities to facilitate economic development projects within the County. This Grant opportunity has no income requirement and all member communities can apply through the QVCOG! Eligible projects are cited 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 20th.

Annual Dinner Updates – The QVCOG's Annual Dinner is set to take place on Thursday, October 5th at the Edgeworth Club (511 East Dr, Sewickley, PA 15143). The event's Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Tom Baker, current Executive Director for North Hills Community Outreach. For 8 years (2013-2021) Mr. Baker served as a Councilperson for Allegheny County Council District 1 which includes seven QVCOG member communities. Mr. Baker has also been heavily involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. As a part of the event donations will be raised through multiple raffles with proceeds benefiting Animal Friends of Pittsburgh. For additional details including registration and sponsorship information please visit qvcog.org.

Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan Update - Allegheny County is seeking input from municipal officials (i.e. staff, elected officials, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, etc.) for their initiative to update the existing comprehensive plan. The current plan establishes a vision for the County's future and provides a framework for decision making and cross-collaboration. It is a tool for finding solutions to problems and needs, pursuing opportunities, and enhancing the lives of residents. The updated plan will seek to answer questions like: What are the County's priorities? What can the County affect directly? What can the County affect indirectly? What should the County spend money on? Interested parties can access the survey by visiting qvcog.org.

Glass Program Update - Due to the resounding success of the drop-off glass recycling program and the exponential growth of the joint-recycling fund, at its August 16th meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates voted unanimously to take over all financial costs associated with the program utilizing the joint recycling fund. All 15 member communities are encouraged to continue the use and advertisement of the glass dumpsters at **Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park** (300 Chadwick St, Sewickley, PA 15143) and **across from Avalon Borough's Public Works Facility** (629 New Brighton Road, Avalon, PA 15202).