



Executive Director's Report – September 2024

CDBG Year 50 Project Awards Announced – On August 14, 2024 the QVCOG was notified by Allegheny County Economic Development that the following projects were selected for funding in CDBG year 50 (2024-25):

- Emsworth Borough ADA Sidewalk Ramp Replacement Project - Award Amount \$41,000.00
- Edgeworth Borough Municipal Building ADA Parking Project - Award Amount \$39,092.00
- Bellevue Borough Bayne Park Retaining Wall Repair Project Phase II - Award Amount \$40,000.00
- Leetsdale Borough Henle Park Parking Pad Project Phase II - Award Amount \$20,000.00
- Avalon Borough - 525 Spruce Run Blight Remediation Project - \$60,600.00 (will be administered through the Act 152 emergency demolition program)

GEDTF Grant Submissions – In advance of the September 6th deadline, the QVCOG has submitted 11 applications on behalf of 8 member communities and affiliated authorities for consideration. When combining the 11 grant requests, the QVCOG sought **\$3,815,488.00** in funding for the region. Award announcements for GEDTF projects are expected by January 2025.

Local Share Account (LSA) Application Details Announced - The statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Program application window will be open from September 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024, for grants up to \$1 million. Please note, there is no local match required. Interested parties may access the updated guidelines by visiting qvcog.org. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization and include a Project in the Public Interest (i.e. a projects that improve the quality of life in the impacted community). Eligible uses of funds may be used for: Acquisition, Construction, & Demolition; Infrastructure; Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment; Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects; and Engineering, design and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award. Please note, member communities can utilize the QVCOG for the submission of an application and the overall facilitation of the grant, etc. This may be a particularly effective route for multi-municipal applications or projects. **Please note, 2023 LSA Application Awards should be announced no later than September 17th.**

Intergovernmental Reception Recap – The QVCOG hosted an intergovernmental reception on August 29th at the Edgeworth Club to celebrate the region's public servants and elected officials. Over sixty guests were in attendance and the event was sponsored by fourteen vendors, a new record! Ms. Barbara Carrier, Mayor of Glen Osborne Borough and President of the QVCOG Board of Delegates was recognized for her many years of service to her community and many of the non-profit organizations within the region. Additionally, \$500 was raised via a 50/50 raffle with all proceeds going towards Animal Friends.

2025 Membership Dues Rate Established – At its August 21, 2024 meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved a resolution establishing the dues rates for member communities during 2025. Please note, the 2025 rates will remain at current levels. This marks three years without an increase to membership dues!