

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Program	Private Foundations
Types of Assistance	Grants
Project Type	Varies
Who is Eligible	Varies
Program Use	Private foundations provide support for a wide variety of public benefit projects. Some foundations provide funding for environmental infrastructure projects, or studies which lead to improvements in public health, public safety and environmental protection.
Application Procedure	Varies by foundations. Contact the individual foundation to determine eligibility and application procedures.
Where to Obtain More Information	There are several sources for information on foundations and their programs including the Foundation Reported published by The Taft Group, and the Directory of Pennsylvania Foundations, published by Triadvocates Press in cooperation with the Free Library of Philadelphia. Many libraries have these publications.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR)

Program Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund, Community Grants Program, Land Trust Grant Program, Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program

Types of Assistance Grants

Project Type Park rehabilitation/development. Land acquisition for public recreation/conservation, indoor recreation facilities renovation, recreation/parks/open space needs and feasibility studies.

Who is Eligible Any County, Borough, Incorporated Town, Township, home rule municipality, or any official agency created by units of government under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania i.e. Authorities, Recreation boards or commissions, community service action agencies and other non-profit groups or organizations, and school districts are not directly eligible for grant assistance, but may cooperate with local municipalities on a voluntary basis to benefit from a grant.

Program Use Park Rehabilitation and Development Projects; acquisition of land for new areas; inholdings or preservation of natural areas and open space resources such as wetlands, flood plains and greenways; rehabilitation and development of basic outdoor park and recreation facilities and minor indoor recreation facility renovations; studies of recreation, park and open space resources and needs; feasibility studies; natural areas inventories; master site development plans; greenways, rails-to-trails, river corridor management studies, and the like.

Where to Apply Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Bureau of Recreation and Conservation
555 Forum Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Program	First time home buyers
Types of Assistance	Reduced interest and down payment
Project Type	New construction and existing homes
Who is Eligible	First time home buyers
Program Use	Privately funded and administered by local lending institutions
Where to Apply	Individuals should contact local banks for more information. This program varies with each lending institution.

ELK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (ECHA)

Program	Rental Assistance
Types of Assistance	Rent subsidy based on income
Project Type	Very low income housing and elderly housing
Who is Eligible	Very low income persons and elderly
Program Use	Federal Program administered by ECHA for housing to benefit very low income and elderly persons.

Where to Apply Contact: Ms. Yolanda Jeselnick
Elk County Housing Authority
424 Water Street Extention
P.O. Box 100
Johnsonburg, PA 15845
(814) 965-2532

INTERNET SITES USEFUL FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING

Subject Matter	Organization	Internet Address (preceded by //www. unless otherwise noted)
Agricult. - U.S.	U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	.usda.gov/news/howto/howto.htm
Agriculture - PA	PA Dept. of Agriculture	.state.pa.us/PA-Exec/Agriculture/
Antennae/Communications Towers	SUNY Buffalo	.arch.buffalo.edu/cgi-bin/pairc/land_wrl
Army Corps of Engineers	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	.usace.army.mil/
Data - PA	PA State Data Center	.hbg.psu.edu/psdc/
Data - U.S. Economic	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	.bls.gov/
Data - U.S.	U.S. Bureau of the Census	.census.gov/
Data - U.S. Statistical Abstract	U.S. Bureau of the Census	.census.gov:80/stat_abstract/
Economic Development - Enterprise Zones	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	.ezec.gov/
Economic Development - PA	Dept. of Community & Economic Dev. - with links to Chambers of Commerce & regional development organs.	.state.pa.us/Economic_Development/
Economic Development - PA	PA Chamber of Commerce	.pachamber.org/
Environment - U.S.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	.epa.gov For Brownsfields Redevelopment: .epa.gov/swerosps/bf/index/html#other
Environment - PA	PA Dept. of Environmental Protection	.dep.state.pa.us/
Environment - PA	PA Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species - PNCI	.tnc.org/infield/State/Pennsylvania/Science/pndi.html
Fire Protection	U.S. Fire Administration	.fema.gov/netc/usfal.shtml
Fish and Boat Comm. PA	PA Fish and Boat Commission	.fish.state.pa.us/

Subject Matter	Organization	Internet Address (preceded by //www. unless otherwise noted)
Fish and Wildlife Service	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	.fws.gov/
Forestry	U.S. Forest Service	.fs.fed.us/recreation
Forestry	Forest Stewardship Council	.together.net/~fscus.
Forestry	Forestworld	.forestworld.com
Forestry	Good Wood Alliance	.web.apc.org/goodwood/menu.html
Floodplains	Federal Emer. Management Agency	.fema.gov/home/msc
Game Commission PA	PA Game Commission	pgc.state.pa.us/
Gas and Oil Wells in PA	PA Geologic Survey	.dcnr.state.pa.us/topogen/WIS/wis.htm
Government	PA Association of Townships	.psats.org/
Grant and Loan Programs	Grants Web	(no www) //web.fie.com/cws/sra/resource.htm
Grant and Loan Programs	Sewage and Water in Rural Areas - Rural Utilities Service	.usda.gov/rus/regs/regs.htm#W&WRegs/
Historic Preservation	National Trust for Historic Preservation	.nthp.org/
Historic Preser. PA	PA Historical and Museum Commission	.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Historical_Museum/overall.html
Housing and Community Development US	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	.hud.gov/ Or for publications: .huduser.org/pubs.html
Housing and Community Development US	Rural Housing Service (former Farmers Home)	.rurdev.usda.gov/agency/rhs/rhs.html
Law - Disabilities & ADA	U.S. Dept. of Justice	.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm
Mapping - PA	Penn State University - Envir. Resources Research Institute	.maproom.psu.edu/erri and .pasda.psu.edu/site/home.shtml (can download scanned USGS quad maps and view statewide environmental maps)

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Mapping - PA	Penn State Geography Dept. - links	(no www) //gis.psu.edu/
Mapping - PA	PA State Data Center	.hbg.psu.edu/psdc/directories/datamaps/
National Park Service	National Park Service	.nps.gov/
Natural Features - Wetlands	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	.nwi.fws.gov/
Parks and Recreation - PA	PA Dept. of Conser. And Natural Res. - includes inventory of public lands & facilities	.dncr.state.pa.us/recreation
Parks and Recreation - PA	Keystone Trails Assoc.	.reston.com/kta/ktalinks.html
Parks and Recreation - Rails to Trails maps & info.	PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	.dncr.state.pa.us/rails/maps.htm
Parks and Recreation	National Recreation and Parks Assn.	.nrpa.org/nrpa
PA - Commun. Development	PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development	.dced.state.pa.us/
Planning	American Planning Association	.planning.org/
Planning	U.S. HUD - Community Planning and Development Info.	.hud.gov/cpd/home/homereg.html
Sewage & Water Funding	U.S. Rural Utilities Service	.usda.gov/rus/home/home.htm
Sewage & Water Funding	PA Dept. Enviro. Protection	.dep.state.pa.us/
Twp. Assn. PA	PA Township Assn.	.psats.org/
Transportation Grants	U.S. Dept. of Transportation	.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/
Transportation PA	PennDOT	.ppt.psu.edu/
U.S. Rural Utilities Service	U.S. Rural Utilities Service	.usda.gov/rus/