

Press Release

2008 Southern Alleghenies Pennsylvania Small Towns Environment Program (PennSTEP) Grants Awarded

Altoona, February 19, 2008 - The Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission is pleased to announce its financial support for a number of infrastructure projects designed to improve the quality of life for many of the region's residents. The Southern Alleghenies PennSTEP Program, supported by the region's state legislators, and in partnership with the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and the region's six County Planning Commissions, will provide nine municipalities in Bedford, Huntingdon and Somerset counties with grants totaling \$75,000 that will enable them to ensure that their residents have access to safe drinking water, adequate sewer facilities, storm water protection and promote economic development.

The grant recipients are:

- **Hopewell Borough, Bedford County**, will receive \$9,000 to purchase a yard hydrant, aeration system, and sewage delivery system for the sewage treatment plant as well as 20 feet of storm water pipe. (Total project cost: \$14,300)
- **West St. Clair Township/Pleasantville Municipal Authority, Bedford County**, will receive \$4,457 to purchase new water meters. (Total project cost: \$10,000)
- **Alexandria Borough – Porter Township Joint Sewer Authority, Huntingdon County**, will receive \$9,300 to purchase an inflow and infiltration monitoring system. (Total project cost: \$9,300)
- **Gray Area Water Authority, Somerset County**, will receive \$8,763 to purchase filter media for the water plant and new meter pits along the water supply line. (Total project cost: \$9,923)

- **Jenner Area Joint Sewer Authority, Somerset County**, will receive \$9,074 to purchase equipment and supplies to complete repairs to the chlorine contact tank at the waste water treatment plant. (Total project cost: \$9,074)
- **Jenner Township Water Authority, Somerset County**, will receive \$4,406 to purchase new water meters. (Total project cost: \$9,895)
- **Rockwood Borough, Somerset County**, will receive \$10,000 to purchase sewer line to replace 110 linear feet of fractured sanitary sewer line in the Leora Avenue section of the borough. (Total project cost: \$25,000)
- **Shade – Central City Joint Authority, Somerset County**, will receive \$10,000 to purchase new pumps for the rehabilitation of Rockingham Pump Station Number 3. (Total project cost: \$30,000)
- **Windber Borough, Somerset County**, will receive \$10,000 to purchase a surge box to be installed at 13th Street. (Total project cost: \$42,000)